



2026 European Sport For All Games LIMERICK, IRELAND

 **Friday 7th August 2026**

 **10:00am – 4:00pm**

 **Mary Immaculate College,
Limerick**

European Conference

*Shaping **Europe** Through Sport & Physical Activity – How Engagement in Sport & Physical Activity Impacts Culture*

Bringing together European and international leaders in sport, health, education, and community development to explore how active lifestyles strengthen culture, inclusion, wellbeing, and social connection.

With contributions from:



SPÓRT ÉIREANN
SPORT IRELAND



TUS



10:00 –
11:40

Morning Programme

10:00

Welcome & Introduction

Welcome – Mayor/ TAFISA Board Member

Mayor of Limerick – John Moran
Jacqueline Kronenburg, TAFISA Board of Directors

10:20

UNESCO

From Policy Commitments to Implementation Gaps, to Transformative Change

Catherine Carty, UNESCO Chair, MTU
Alexis Saillar, UNESCO

11:00

Beyond the Game

The Cultural Power of Sport + Physical Activity

Geraldine McTavish, Disability in Sport Lead, Sport Ireland
Filippo Capatti, TAFISA Board Member
Natalia Lavin, TAFISA Board Member

11:40

Coffee Break



2026 European
Sport For All Games
LIMERICK, IRELAND

12:00 –
13:30

Midday Programme

12:00



Sport 4 Empowerment

Utilising Sport for Social Change

Dr Karl Thomas PhD

Padraigh Reale, Sport4Empowerment Officer

12:40



Strengthening social cohesion through sport and physical activity

Mary Van Lieshout,

Director of Participation, Ethics, Integrity & Research

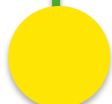
13:10



Embracing Culture Through Active Cities

Maurice O'Sullivan, Cork Sports Partnership

13:30



Lunch Break



2026 European
Sport For All Games
LIMERICK, IRELAND

14:15 –
16:00

Afternoon Programme

14:15

Fireside Discussion – The 3rd Level Perspective

Dr Ian Sherwin – UL PESS | Dr Marion Geary – TUS | Dr Niamh Kitching – MIC

**Moderator: Prof. Fiona Chambers,
University College Cork**

14:45

A Council of Europe Perspective

Celine Guth,

15:00

TAFISA & Give Sport a Say

Gaëtan Garcia + Frigga Franke, TAFISA

15:25

The Power & Impact of the GAA

From Local to International

Amy Coll & Charlie Harrison, GAA

15:45

'Cultural and sporting links between Ireland and Brittany - Melting Pots

Eamon O' Cosáin, NUI Maynooth

16:00

Closing Comments

Phelim Macken



2026 European
Sport For All Games
LIMERICK, IRELAND