

# Local boxing club in need of funding

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LIMERICK'S newest boxing club is in bad need of funding for new equipment to keep their young members off the ropes.



Our Lady of Lourdes Boxing Club, currently based at the parish hall in Ballinacurra Weston, relies on their own fundraising efforts to buy equipment for the children. And the club has now been nominated for the Limerick Leader



William Donovan, Ennis and John O'Donoghue, Ballysimon Road at Our Lady of Lourdes Boxing Club (LL)

Combined Insurance €20,000 Giveaway, by boxing coach Shane Daly.

A former St Francis boxer, Mr Daly said the club was funded by a parish lottery.

"Otherwise we don't get a penny in funding from anywhere. We ran a lotto draw last year, which raised €2,000 for the club, but that's well gone now," Mr Daly said.

"The insurance alone costs us €1,000. We need

money to buy gym mats, speed balls, floor-to-wall balls, specialist bags, pads and weights, among other things. It's important to have the right equipment to make the club attractive to encourage young lads to keep coming," he added.

"The boxing club is so important. It helps to take the young lads off the streets. The training burns off a lot of energy and it really makes them fit." Mr Daly concluded.

Our Lady of Lourdes Boxing Club is also looking at putting up sign on the outside of the hall for the boxing club.

The club are hosting a tournament this Thursday Clubs from Clonmel, Ennis, Cork, Galway and Limerick will be taking part. The closing date for receipt of applications for the Make it Happen Community Giveaway is December 5. See page 12 for application form.