

# Derby win for coach

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**A**N EXPERIENCED football coach is hoping to put the methods he learnt at an English Championship side to good use at his current coaching clinics.

The T.W. Sports Mini Soccer Centres are available at a number of locations throughout the Greater Belfast and Newtownabbey areas to girls and boys aged five-13 years.

The weekly programmes are organised by Tim Wareing, who holds his UEFA European A Licence and is the youth development officer at Carnegie Premier League club Lisburn Distillery.

Children of all abilities are welcome. They will have the opportunity to earn basic skills through

fun games, finishing off with mini soccer games.

"I have developed a programme that is suitable for kids who have never played football before, but develops to meet the needs of those who have," Tim told the *Community Telegraph*.

"The training sessions change every week — we never repeat the same session during the year.

"Our main aim is for children to learn and improve their techniques, while falling in love with the game."

Tim has just returned from a trip to Derby County Football Club. He said they currently have one of the best youth set-ups in Eng-

land and that he hopes to use the experience to benefit the kids at his centres.

"I travelled with another member of the team to see the set-up at Derby County and I was very impressed with their facilities and youth structure," he explained.

"We were made to feel very welcome and watched training sessions from Under nines through to their Under 18s.

"We were also lucky enough to see their first team train and prepare for their Championship game against Leeds United.

"It does show you how far we are behind in Northern Ireland when you witness the academies in England.

"The trip was an important one as I am setting up development squads at Lisburn Distillery. Children that show good technique and attitude at the mini soccer will be invited to the youth set-up at Distillery.

"I will also be travelling to Barcelona soon as I have been invited by representatives to share ideas and see the youth set-up at this fantastic European side."

Tim's clinics take place at Cregagh Community Centre, Ardnally Scout Centre in Belvoir, Avoniel Leisure Centre, Ballyoran Community Centre, Civil Service, Clonduff, Lough Moss Leisure Centre, Ormeau Park and the Valley Leisure Centre.

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● Young footballers who took part in one of the recent T.W. Sports Mini Soccer Centres, run by Tim Wareing.