

# DRAGON PARK

THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL  
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE



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Welcome to Dragon Park the exciting new home for Welsh football where future generations of talented players and top coaches will be developed and inspired to support Wales achieving greater success on the international stage.



Jonathan Ford,  
Chief Executive  
FA Wales

# elite facility

"The facility will also be a destination of choice for many others, where people develop new skills, leadership and team work within a high performance environment."



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Welcome to Dragon Park the new state of the art purpose built training facility based in Newport, South Wales. This fantastic facility will offer world-class training, playing and education facilities as well as a headquarters for the Welsh Football Trust.

With a fibre sand premium grade grass pitch, treatment rooms, plunge pool and numerous meeting rooms Dragon Park will be the new home for Welsh Football. It will help to communicate our vision for the future development of football in

Wales and drive further success for all eight international teams.

The key aim of the Centre is to improve the standard of football at all levels across Wales. It will host a broad range of training courses including UEFA Licence courses. This will further enhance coaching standards, vital to the development and success of football in Wales.

Image left: John Hartson,  
National Assistant Coach

**"The new development centre in Newport is one of the most important advances in the history of Welsh football.**

**The best footballing countries like France and Spain have their own centres for development and have enjoyed huge international success.**

**As a country we have seen some great players emerge from Wales and now we have the likes of Gareth Bale, Aaron Ramsey and Joe Allen. With this first class facility we will see more top quality players come through the system. We had nothing like this in my day so this is a massive boost."**

Chris Coleman, National Team Manager.

**"Dragon Park, will provide a top quality base from which we can deliver our coach education and player development programmes. Such facilities are important to attain the level of training and technical work that we aspire to achieve to support our ultimate aim of producing better players and better coaches for the future."**

Osian Roberts, Technical Director.





The message is clearly written on our badge, Gorau Chwarae Cyd Chwarae, Best Play is Team Play.

Our messages are clear; greater team work, better communication, a longer term perspective through evolution and winning more.

Our vision for the Centre is for it to become the home of Welsh Football. We hope to instil passion into those that attend and enhance their personal development both on and off the field. It will provide a one stop coaching environment where those involved will

be supported and encouraged to pass on their skills and passion to the football communities around Wales.

Dragon Park will become a training destination of choice for both home and travelling teams alike. The centre will look to bring together not only those involved in football but also the business community.

'Grow the game and raise standards across Wales'.

# our vision



"Having a home where players can say 'I'm part of Welsh football, part of the future of Welsh football' can only help the younger Welsh players, and likewise the coaches"

Chris Coleman, National Team Manager.



Top right: Joe Allen  
Above: Senior men's team training

## Purpose

- An inspirational environment for players and coaches to excel
- A complete training facility for the eight international teams
- The Centre will deliver career enhancing opportunities (both coaching & training)
- A venue at which UEFA accredited courses and training will be delivered
- The Centre will look to educate and reward success
- Dragon Park will become symbolic to Welsh Football creating a better future for the game
- Facilities are available for use beyond sport which will help bridge the gap between the sport and business sector

From this facility the next generation of top players and coaches will be developed

## Facilities

- Board room that can seat up to 100 delegates. Flexible, multi-purpose meeting room (1500 sq ft)
- 2 smaller meeting rooms for 6-12 people (166 sq feet and 330 sq feet)
- Player Zone – Flexible space which acts as a fantastic learning zone or a place to relax and unwind. (smart board, monitors and tv available)
- Free Wi-Fi
- Smart board technology
- Changing rooms
- Plunge pool in each changing room
- Treatment room (3 treatment tables)
- Fibre sand premium grade grass pitch (floodlit)
- Second grass pitch
- Synthetic warm up and goalkeeping area

## Also available on site\*

- Swimming Pool (Main Pool 25m x 17m and teaching pool 20m x 7m)
- Velodrome (indoor space ideal for Futsal)
- 3G artificial FIFA 2-star pitch
- Large gym with free weights room at the velodrome
- Further grass pitch located in Stadium
- 8 lane athletics track
- 3 outdoor (floodlit) tennis courts
- Small gym at swimming pool
- Indoor tennis centre with 4 courts
- 4 site meeting rooms

\*subject to availability



Top right: Osian Roberts, Technical Director  
Above: Members of the Women's International team training



## Dragon Park offers versatile facilities that are ideal for meetings and events of all kinds and sizes

The meeting rooms have been equipped with state-of-the-art technology. This will enhance the experience of delegates attending your meeting or event.

The facility provides comfortable space to accommodate a board room style suitable for 100 delegates. There are alternative rooms that can be used for smaller meetings of six to twelve people. Packages can be tailor-made to suit individual business needs. The centre, with its new facilities, is a great venue to impress your guests. Catering for events is also available on request.



Business networking opportunities

Dragon Park is a great opportunity for organisations to associate themselves with the national game, and the high performance environment that has been created.

Your business will have a direct association with a venture that will aim to inspire everyone that visits. It will provide excellent promotion and branding opportunity whilst helping to shape football in Wales. Our partnership agreements will offer a wide range of marketing opportunities as well as contractual rights.

Dragon Park provides an excellent platform on which to base a CSR programme through its association with the Welsh Football Trust. For further details email [dragonpark@faw.co.uk](mailto:dragonpark@faw.co.uk)

# business

## Supporting partners



State-of-the-art business and conference facilities



### DRAGON PARK

Newport International Sports Village  
Newport NP19 4RA

Free parking onsite for 200 cars and 4 coaches.



### By road

From M4 motorway, Junction 24 (the Coldra). At the roundabout take 4th exit (from Cardiff and West) or take 1st exit (from London and East) sign posted A48 Newport City Centre and Newport International Sports Village (NISV).

Continue along the distributor road (dual carriageway) for about 2 miles passing Tesco's and Citroen garage on left hand side. (Follow brown tourist Sports Council signs for the NISV)

Turn left at Carcraft and take next left into Newport International Sports Village.

### By bus

Newport International Sport Village (NISV) has a number of transport buses (services 42 and 43) that travel past the northern perimeter of the site via the A48. Walking time from bus stops on the A48 to NISV is approximately 10 minutes.

### By rail

Take the Great Western Service to Newport Gwent, which is on the main South Wales to London Paddington Line. Travelling times to Newport train station:

- From London 90 minutes
- From Swansea 1 hour
- From Cardiff 20 minutes
- From Bristol Parkway 30 minutes

There are regular taxis directly outside the station which will cost about £5 each way to N.I.S.V.

### Travel time by car\*

Bangor	4 hours
Birmingham	2 hours
Bristol	1 hour
Cambridge	3.5 hours
Exeter	2 hours
Glasgow	6 hours
Leicester	2.5 hours
Liverpool	3.5 hours
London	2.5 hours
Manchester	3 hours
Newcastle	5 hours
Swansea	1 hour

\* Source: RAC Route Planner. Times are approximate.



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