Super Silver for Sophie @ European U18 T&F Championships



The European U/18 Track & Field Championships took place in Gyor, Hungary from 5th to 8th July 2018. <u>6</u> athletes represented Munster on the Irish team – Ciara Kennelly, Killarney Valley A.C. (High Jump), Sophie Meredith, St. Mary's A.C. Limerick (Long Jump), Miriam Daly, Carrick-On-Suir A.C. (400mH), Sophie O'Sullivan, Ballymore Cobh A.C. (800m), Brian Lynch, Old Abbey A.C. (Decathlon) & Conor Morey, Leevale A.C. (100m).

Our only medal winner was **Sophie O'Sullivan** who won a super silver medal in the 800m. Having easily progressed through her heat in 2.12.33 and Semi-Final in 2.07.95, O'Sullivan went on to win silver in 2.06.05 behind GB athlete Keely Hodgkinson who won in a new CR of 2.04.84. **Miriam Daly, Carrick-On-Suir A.C.** placed 4th in her 400mH heat in a time of 1.01.66 and placed 6th in the Semi-Final in a personal best of 1.01.35 finishing 10th overall. In the Boys Decathlon, **Brian Lynch, Old Abbey A.C.** finished in 26th place overall scoring a personal best of 6,306 points and posting 3 new personal bests in the 100m (11.61), Long Jump (6.74m) & Pole Vault (3.60m). **Conor Morey, Leevale A.C.** finished 4th in his heat in 11.05 advancing as the fastest qualifier to the Semi-Final. There was a false start in his SF but a late recall gun saw him and some of the others run a full race. It was subsequently rerun 10 minutes later where he placed 6th in 11.17, evidently tired having run two 100m races in quick succession. In the field events, **Sophie Meredith, St. Mary's Limerick** finished in 15th place in the Long Jump qualification round with a best of 5.79m which unfortunately was just 9 cm short of the mark of progress to the Final. **Ciara Kennelly, Killarney Valley A.C.** jumped 1.68m in the qualification round of the High Jump to finish joint 10th and short

of the 1.77m qualification mark. Congratulations to all on competing so well at such a high level.



Irish U/18 Team who participated at the European U/18 T&F Championships



Ireland's European U/18 medal winners – Sophie O'Sullivan, Sarah Healy & Rhasidat Adeleke