



## Workshop 3 – Round 1 of the Irish Rallycross Championship – Mondello Park

By Jack Murray

On a cold frosty Sunday morning on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February, I got up 7 am so I could travel to Enniscorthy. I was going to catch the bus to Mondello Park for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Workshop for the Wexford Motor Club Youth Academy, and also see our Peugeot 106 rally cross car in action for the first time driven by Eoin Kinsella

When we got to Mondello we went straight to the garage. Here we saw the Peugeot 106 in all its glory. We then went to our suite which was really nice and big and was a good spot to watch all the races. After we had a look around, Gary told us what to do. We had little tasks like drawing some of the corners which was really fun and helped me to get used to the track and the race line. Everyone had a job on the day and I had a job in the pits where I had to change the car's front right wheel and tighten all the nuts which was really fun.

After I finished all my jobs I decided to go and watch some races. They were all really good Eoin did really good for his first time in the car, he got three fourths and a third place.

After a couple of races, we went to the museum where we had a quiz to complete. In the museum, there was a BMW m1, two Nasar's a couple of old Formula 1 cars a couple Indy cars and a Mercedes sls AMG. I completed the quiz then I went to the restaurant and got my dinner.

After I got my dinner I watched the grand finale which had all the winners in one race which was brilliant. After that all the winners from their class started doing donuts which was very cool and then we got on the bus to go home

Overall it was an amazing day and a brilliant experience and would recommend the Wexford Motor Club Youth Academy to anyone. Can't wait for the next workshop!

*Jack Murray*

**MORE BELOW (PICS BY UAV MEDIA)**

By Deane Browne

On Sunday 5th of February, the Wexford Motor Club Youth Academy went to Mondello Park. One of the students, Eoin Kinsella, was going to drive our Peugeot 106 Rallycross car. We had a garage and a suite in Mondello for the day. We all had our jobs to do in the garage as part of the pit crew for the 106. I was so **excited!!!**

One of our first jobs was to draw the track including corners and the race lines i really enjoyed this. Another job was going around talking to the other drivers and asking them if we could put our Motor Club stickers on their cars which most drivers did not have a problem with. We also had photos taken with the drivers and their cars this was really fun.

We also visited the museum and there we saw some **FABULOUS** racing cars from the past. There were cars in there that you would only dream about seeing! **IT WAS BRILLIANT!**

Now the time came for the most important part of the day. Eoin Kinsella was going to drive our Peugeot 106. The excitement was unbelievable when he took to the track in the final race and after a couple of heart stopping moments he had made it over the finish line. **OMG MY HEART!**

Well now it was time to say good-bye to Mondello what can i say only that we learned so much on the day from being part of the pit crew to speaking to other drivers to learning history in the museum cannot wait for our next outing.

*WHAT A DAY!!! - Deane*

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By Aaron Bradley - Age 7

It was fun, I liked the bus journey and the cars were cool. The Youth Academy was held in Mondello Park. There was loads and loads of cars in the Mondello museum, even some Formula 1 cars and we got a hard quiz about the cars. It was supposed to be a quiz for kids but it was even hard for adults. Eoin was racing in our Peugeot 106, we were cheering him on from our classroom which was at the side of the race track. Buggys and loud Fiestas were racing as well.

I was a mechanic for our car it was quite fun. My job was at the engine. This is a warning, never touch the engine when the cars come off the track because it will burn you, you have been warned!

Eoin did very well and he came 3<sup>rd</sup> in one race and we all cheered for him.

At the end of the last race the winners did donuts in their race cars to celebrate. It took a long time to get there and I was very tired when I got home.

*Aaron Bradley*

