



JKA WF Northern Ireland Course and Dan Grading with Sensei Kawasoe Bangor Northern Ireland

On the 1st and 2nd June 2024

What an amazing weekend.

Wasn't quite stress free at start but Sensei Kawasoe made it to Bangor in Northern Ireland via Dublin.

Thank you, Sensei Neville, and JKA Shotokan Ireland. This was our 1st course with Sensei Kawasoe since covid. And our 1st JKA Dan grading in Northern Ireland.

We had over 60 karateka over the 2 days people coming from England, Scotland and Ireland, North and South. A great turnout for Sensei.



Day 1.

Sensei John Richardson warmed us up very intensely then Sensei Kawasoe worked on correct kihon, continuation, and downward pressure using the floor and hips. Quick look at kata Bassai Dai and Hangetsu for those who were grading on Saturday. The 3 hours class split into 2 parts.

A short break and 3 students start doing their Dan grading in front of Sensei. 2 going for Shodan and one for Nidan. After the grading they were called to the table and given their results.

Pass Shodan

Pass Shodan

Pass Nidan

A successful end to Day 1

Day 2

Sensei Liam Murphy from JKA Shotokan Ireland took the warm-up getting us ready for Sensei Kawasoe.

Sensei took us through our kihon once more and Gohan kumite for the 1st part and Kihon kata as well as Heian Sandan. In the 2nd part of the class, we looked Bassai Dai and kata Sochin in depth. Great again lots picked up from everyone.

The class ended with photos and cake for all.

We thank Sensei Kawasoe for his training and knowledge and the JKA HQ for allowing this to happen.

We look forward to the next one.

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John Richardson

JKA WF Northern Ireland

Chairman

