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The much-anticipated event is finally here.

The FRS Recruitment GAA World Games allows players and teams from around the globe to participate in a shared enjoyment of Gaelic games.

A special thank you to Derry GAA, GAA World Council, the organising committee, and the mammoth work from all our volunteers - all of whom made this event possible.

Enjoy a historical week of everything GAA!

**Charles Harrison**  
**GAA International Manager**



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# TEACHTAIREACHT AN UACHTARÁIN



**Tá an-áthas orm fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir chuig Doire ar an ócáid speisialta seo, le haghaidh Chraobhchomórtais Chluichí Domhanda Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.**

It is my privilege to extend a warm welcome to all the players, officials and supporters from across the globe to the beautiful city of Derry for the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games. Nothing celebrates the GAA more than the playing of games and over the course of this week in the Walled City of the Oak Leaf County we will celebrate all that is great about Gaelic Games.

This takes on an added dimension when it is a World Games setting. For members of the Irish Diaspora this is an opportunity to come back to Ireland thanks to their involvement in Gaelic sport. They have undoubtedly found that being part of the GAA in their new lives gives them a sense of community and pride just like that which exists in our clubs in this country.

This is also a big occasion for the new converts to Ireland's national games who may not have been born into a GAA culture, but who have discovered football, hurling and camogie and have embraced them and love them as much as we do. Of the 1,500 players on view this week, 1,000 of them are new to Gaelic games and we extend a special céad míle fáilte to them.

Being the 40th Uachtarán in GAA history, but the first to be elected representing an overseas unit, I am very proud to represent the thousands of GAA members who are part of the near 500 clubs which are thriving outside of Ireland.

The numbers don't lie, since the inaugural

GAA World Games in Abu Dhabi in 2015 its growth is evident with new records of participation set over the Games which followed in 2016 in Dublin and 2019 in Waterford.

Derry GAA's magnificent Centre of Excellence in Owenbeg and Celtic Park in Derry city will host the activities over a busy week. The planning involved has been happening for more than 12 months as teams from Cambodia to Catalunya are being catered for.

I want to pay tribute to Niall Erskine who has been Chair of World GAA and to our International Manager Charles Harrison in Croke Park for their planning of this enormous logistical challenge and to John Keenan and Stephen Barker in Derry GAA for their assistance. Likewise, FRS recruitment are on the eve of what will be the 140th anniversary of the founding of the GAA, these FRS GAA Recruitment World Games are in their own right an important celebration of how far the GAA has come and the extent to which Gaelic Games are now played and enjoyed in virtually every part of this pale blue dot.

**Thar ceann Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Comhghairdeas agus míle buíochas.**

**Guím gach rath ar gach duine atá bainteach leis na foirne, ar na réiteoirí agus ar a gcuid foirne.**

**Beirigí bua agus beannacht,**

**Lábhrás MacCárthaigh / Larry McCarthy  
Uachtarán CLG / GAA President**



# DIRECTOR OF COACHING & GAMES DEVELOPMENT MESSAGE



**Welcome everyone to the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games – we are looking forward to five days of a festival of Gaelic Games, with the opening Parade taking place on Monday 24th July. The streets of Derry will be filled with colour and vibrancy from teams from all nations, a fantastic opening to this event.**

The competition first began in 2015 in Abu Dhabi, it was played over 2 days with 28 teams across 7. In 2016, the first GAA World Games on Irish soil highlighted the extraordinary international growth of Gaelic games in every corner of the globe. 7 years on, we are delighted to have the fourth instalment of this fantastic event hosted by Owenbeg, Centre of Excellence in Derry. Our teams, our players, our volunteers have all grown substantially since 2016 in Dublin and further again since 2019 in Waterford.

The notable trend this year is the remarkable growth of Native-Born participation – over 70% of players at this year's games were not born in Ireland, and this is something that the International Units affiliated to the Association – in Argentina, Asia, Australia & New Zealand, Britain, Canada, Europe, Middle East, New York, North America & South Africa – should be truly proud of. This growth is no surprise as we can boast having over 500 GAA clubs worldwide and this can be attributed to our enthusiastic volunteers and to the empathy of GAA values – community identity, inclusivity, amateur status, player welfare, respect, teamwork, and the love of our Gaelic Games. We see the purpose of the GAA World Games as essential for short- and long-term legacy. We want the experience to be a catalyst for further growth and development, it is about friendship and culture. We are looking forward to welcoming the entire GAA Family to

this event, with Rounders and Handball exhibition games taking place across the week.

The Finals Day, due to take place on July 28th in Celtic Park, promises to be just as exhilarating and tense as in 2016 and 2019, with nine finals played across the day, the culmination of five days packed with GAA action. Teams will have to earn the right to compete in the finals, with our clubs growing so too is the standard and coaching of our games on an international level.

The Twinning Clubs Initiative with Derry Clubs and visiting teams was introduced back in 2019 to provide an added cultural dimension to the Games this year. We were delighted to meet with Derry GAA, LGFA & Camogie and Handball clubs on several occasions to help facilitate as many as possible hosting a visiting team for an evening of entertainment, socializing, and learning.

Thank you to the DFA for their overall support. Thanks to our sponsors who we would have been lost without, FRS Recruitment, O'Neill's, GAAGO. Thanks to Charlie Harrison, Niall Erskine, Derry GAA and the organising committee for their hard work and efforts over the last number of many months.

**Ni neart go cur le chéile.**

**Shane Flanagan**  
**Director of Coaching &**  
**Games Development**

# MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIASPORA



**In my capacity as Minister of State for International Development and Diaspora, I am delighted to have the opportunity of wishing all involved with the GAA World Games 2023 every success.**

As Minister for Diaspora in the Department of Foreign Affairs, I am tasked with overseeing and implementing the Government's commitment to support Irish communities abroad. In that work, I could have no better partner than the GAA, with its commitment to the global development of our Gaelic games through its unsurpassed international network of GAA clubs. The GAA is, as we all know, much more than a sporting organisation, and as it grows on the world stage so too does the sense of Irish identity and community which is the heartbeat of the Association.

The presence here in Derry this week of so many teams and players from all over the world is testament to the success of the GAA's international games development programme and the hard work of officials in Croke Park and of volunteers in all parts of the world. The Department of Foreign Affairs is very

pleased to have played its part as well through its Global Games Development Fund, administered by the Irish Abroad Unit in my department. This fund has, for well over a decade, provided match funding for GAA clubs in Europe, the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, Asia, the Middle East, Africa and South America.

The Government looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with the GAA in the years ahead. In my current role, I personally look forward to continuing to meet with local GAA clubs in the course of my overseas Irish community visits and to seeing all of the great work that is being done on the ground. This week's competitions are the ultimate fruits of all of that work and I know that, win or lose, every player will do his or her region, club and community proud.

I wish you all well.

**Seán Fleming TD**  
**Minister for International**  
**Development and Diaspora**

# GAA WORLD COUNCIL MESSAGE



**On behalf of the World GAA, I want to thank all the international players and officials for representing your units and for your continued efforts on behalf of the GAA worldwide. Remember without you, quite simply there would be no GAA worldwide.**

The GAA provides a chance to play our wonderful games while also providing social and cultural aspects for Irish born people who have emigrated. Crucially though, it is also a chance for people native to the various world regions to experience our games.

The GAA is continuing to grow internationally with new clubs forming rapidly, mainly within the Asia, Middle East and Europe Board areas. Two new regions, South Africa and Argentina, have affiliated recently and India are also poised to affiliate. In the other, longer-established boards of Canada, USA, New York, Australia and Britain, there is a significant increase in activity at youth level, which augurs well for the future sustainability of the existing clubs.

It is sometimes said that variety is the spice of life, and these games certainly offer that with all four codes being represented, and over 70 per cent of players being native-born. It is hugely encouraging that the number of teams participating, 93 in total, has increased to the level that we have now. Given the logistical and financial challenges that the teams and players face in relation to their participation in the World GAA Games, their journeys demonstrate,

more than any words could, the pride and passion that all the international players and officials have for our games.

To the Games Development Department staff at Croke Park, led by Shane Flanagan and Charlie Harrison, and for the efforts of all local liaison officers, the World GAA Committee owes you all a sincere thank you.

The success of the GAA internationally would not be as remarkable without the continued support of the Department of Foreign Affairs, while the World Games themselves are very much dependent on the contribution sponsors FRS Recruitment, and teamwear supplier O'Neills.

I would very much like to thank and acknowledge Owenbeg and the GAA Board and clubs in Derry for hosting the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games in your lovely county of Derry. To give a welcome to strangers is to be admired, but that's what the Irish people and the GAA do best.

Lastly, I want to wish good luck to all the teams taking part in these games. I wish you every success but most importantly I hope you enjoy the games in Derry and your time in Ireland.

**Niall Erskine**  
**GAA World Chairperson**



# UACHTARÁN AN CUMANN CAMÓGAÍOCHTA



We are looking forward greatly to welcoming all of the teams who will take part in this year's FRS Recruitment GAA World Games. The tremendous success in both 2016 and 2019 contributed greatly to a growth in Camogie across the world - we now see Camogie played in so many new and exciting locations. It is particularly wonderful to see the huge rise in the number of native Camogie teams taking part in this year's event. We are very proud of our game and to see the joy that it brings to new audiences and players reinforces this pride. I know from personal experience that all of the teams can expect a very warm welcome to Derry in July. This year's Games promises to be very special, creating new bonds and friendships as we showcase our unique games.

I am heartened enormously by the standard and skill levels of the players, the quality of coaching and the level of interest in Gaelic Games around the world, which is phenomenal.

I hope that all this week's participants and attendees enjoy the occasion and come away with lasting memories from a shared sporting experience of being part of the Camogie and GAA Family.

I would like to thank our colleagues in the GAA, the referees, officials and all the many volunteers for all of their hard work in making this year's competition possible. Your work in promoting Camogie and all Gaelic Games is very much appreciated.

**Míle buíochas,  
Le meas,**

**Hilda Breslin  
Uachtarán  
An Cumann Camógaíochta**



# TEACHTAIREACHT ÓN UACHTARÁN CUMANN PEIL GAEL NA mBAN



**It is my great privilege to welcome you all to Derry for the 2023 FRS Recruitment GAA World Games, with the Finals to be played at the magnificent Celtic Park. Group games will take place at the fantastic Owenbeg Centre of Excellence and we are relishing the prospect of a real festival of Gaelic Games and with that unique international flavour.**

We are delighted to fly the flag for Ladies Gaelic Football once again and yet another strong representation from our sport is great to see.

With new sponsors in the form of FRS Recruitment, the GAA World Games continue to thrive and grow in stature. We, in the LGFA, are thrilled to play our part and it's incredible to note that some 1400 players from ten regions around the globe will be present. This will undoubtedly make the 2023 FRS Recruitment World Games the biggest and best yet.

I'm told that 79 teams were present in 2019 and that number has now risen to 93, which is a marked and impressive increase. The increasingly popularity of Gaelic Games around the world is also reflected in the fact that 60 per cent of representatives were native born in 2019 and that figure has now risen to roughly 72 per cent. What a ringing endorsement that is for our games and how they can be learned and enjoyed by people of various nationalities.

We recently visited Austin, Texas, for our TG4 All Star tour, where the Celtic Cowboys were the perfect hosts. It never ceases to amaze how well treated and received we are when we venture

abroad on tours such as this – and we should never take our international units for granted. The work that they do is incredible and we are in constant contact with our international units and immensely proud of how they continue to spread the Gaelic Games gospel.

We are expecting many visitors to Derry for the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games and I expect that they will be welcomed as warmly as we are when we travel abroad. As Irish people, we are renowned for our unique hospitality and I extend a “céad míle fáilte” to all visiting teams and their representatives. I sincerely hope that you leave with memories to last a lifetime.

It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge and pay tribute to the numerous volunteers on the ground who will go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure the smooth running of the Games. I wish to pay tribute, also, to the match officials and their colleagues who will oversee the action and a huge thanks also to our colleagues in the GAA and the Camogie Association for their assistance in organising what will be a truly phenomenal event.

This is a celebration of Gaelic Games and all that is good about them and I wish each of the players involved across all codes the very best of good luck.

**Bain taitneamh as na cluichí!**

**Mícheál Naughton**  
**Uachtarán Cumann Peil Gael na mBan**

# MAYOR OF DERRY & STRABANE



**Mayor of Derry and Strabane, Councillor Patricia Logue, said she was delighted to welcome the event to the City. "I am so looking forward to welcoming teams from around the world to our beautiful city for this prestigious celebration of Gaelic Games. Celtic Park is the perfect venue to host the final of the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games 2023, with top class facilities located right in the heart of Derry.**

"It will also be fabulous to see the showing of sporting talent from home and abroad as they parade through the city, and I know there will be a

fantastic turnout from our local clubs to support the event. Derry has a proud and thriving GAA community, which is just going from strength to strength. This event will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase our own sporting talent and to inspire and motivate young players to carry that momentum forwards for many generations to come. Good luck to all involved in the event, a warm welcome awaits all the players when they arrive here in July."

***Mayor of Derry & Strabane***



# DEPUTY MAYOR OF CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS

**Deputy Mayor of Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Councillor Margaret-Anne McKillop commented; "It's fantastic to see so many teams from around the world arrive for this week-long tournament of Gaelic games and we're delighted to welcome them to the Borough.**

We're looking forward to an excellent week of competition with all events taking place in the fabulous Owenbeg Centre of Excellence in Dungiven in the lead up to the finals hosted in Celtic Park.

"I look forward to watching these exciting games and I hope that all the players, team officials, administrators, families and supporters travelling to the local area will return home with cherished memories of their time spent here.

"I would like to wish everyone involved in the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games 2023 the very best of luck."

***Deputy Mayor of Causeway Coast & Glens***

# DERRY GAA CHAIRMAN MESSAGE



**Derry GAA are delighted to host the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games. The GAA has a special place in the history and culture of Ireland, linking parishes to counties and provinces. The GAA World Games are a celebration of the new multicultural Ireland, extending the link across Europe, the US, Argentina, Canada, Britain, Australasia, India, Asia and the Middle East.**

I want to acknowledge the work and spirit of Dennis Orsi and his family and their role in bringing these games to Derry.

Lisa Orsi was a young woman from our city who sadly passed away from illness in 2015 during a trip to Indonesia. A few months earlier, she had been a member of the Singapore Lions Ladies Gaelic Football team that won the senior cup at the Asian Gaelic Games in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

When Lisa Orsi first travelled to Singapore to work as a physiotherapist she found a home from home among the local GAA club. Singapore Lions, with whom she played, became a family for Lisa. It's a feeling and a story that resonates with every person here today and with everyone involved with the GAA.

The Global GAA community welcomed Lisa Orsi and now we in Derry GAA have the honour

of returning that favour and welcome the Global GAA to Lisa's own county. It is a chance for all of us to demonstrate the 'Live Life' philosophy of the Lisa Orsi Foundation and celebrate the diversity and community values on which our Association is based.

The games provide an opportunity for many to come home, and for others to experience Ireland for the first time. It will no doubt be a carnival of sport with Owenbeg and Derry GAA at the heart of proceedings. We are very proud to be involved in such an event, and look forward to giving players, mentors, officials and of course supporters a great Oakleaf welcome.

To further enhance local involvement, all GAA clubs in Derry have been twinned with visiting teams and will host their respective teams on the Tuesday evening of the event 25 July.

This is one of the largest sporting events to be hosted in the facility to date. It has ensured that bed spaces in the city are at capacity for the duration in what is guaranteed to be a unique occasion that will capture the imagination of the people of Derry.

**John Keenan**  
**Derry GAA Chairman**

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# FRS RECRUITMENT CEO MESSAGE



**The GAA has always been about bringing people together. At its most fundamental level it exists as a community organisation, one that encourages people to engage in sporting activity with their friends and neighbours.**

That has always been a key driving force behind the GAA and a major reason for its success.

It stands to reason that as people from Ireland have voyaged to the four corners of the globe, they have brought this principle with them. And so many people have made that journey.

It is estimated that approximately 1 million people born on this island now live overseas, while the size of the Irish diaspora worldwide could be anything up to 100 million.

As these global Irish have built successful lives abroad and become more embedded in new locations, they have still had an eye gazing towards Ireland. They may be hundreds or even thousands of miles away from this island, but the allure of home and of the GAA persists.

An ideal that works will always travel, and that GAA ethos hasn't stopped at Irish shores. That is why we have seen new GAA teams sprouting up in so many countries. An estimated 500 GAA clubs are now operating outside of Ireland.

Building on that principle and bringing these clubs, teams and players together is what lies behind the GAA World Games. Hundreds of clubs from all around the world will be participating in this year's tournament in Derry, coming from Britain and the US, Europe and the Middle East, Asia, Canada, Australasia, and South America. Over 4,000 people are expected to attend.

Everyone taking part or attending this tournament is here for the same purpose, the same ideal. To mark that spirit of kinship with other players and supporters from all around the world, their sporting counterparts from different lands.

That is why the GAA World Games is the ultimate expression of the global GAA community and why this tournament is a unique celebration of the power of Gaelic Games to bring people together.

We are honoured to be part of this community, partnering with the GAA on the 2023 FRS Recruitment GAA World Games and supporting the GAA's delivery of the finest Gaelic Games action to people located all around Ireland and the rest of the world via GAAGO.

Enjoy the Games!

**Colin Donnery**  
**FRS Recruitment CEO**

# WORLD GAMES TO SHOWCASE INCREASE IN GAELIC GAMES' PARTICIPATION AMONG NATIVE POPULATIONS



**T**his year's FRS Recruitment GAA World Games is set to be the biggest and best yet. It will be the first time the event is held in Derry; the previous games having taken place in Dublin in 2016 and Waterford in 2019. The numbers involved, including teams, players, volunteers, staff and spectators is expected to rise significantly from the last tournament.

The numbers of teams outside of Ireland has risen to 500+ and this is reflected in teams registering for this year's FRS Recruitment GAA World Games with the majority of players coming being non-Irish born. It's an incredible testament to the people that initially set up GAA clubs in widespread regions across the globe, and to the people who continue to

nurture them and ensure their development, that this is the case. It's really encouraging to see Gaelic Games not only exist in pockets where Irish communities gather, but they are thriving, becoming popular with locals, and becoming significant as sporting and recreational hubs and also places for social and community-based activities.

The Games will open with a parade through Derry city on the evening of July 24th, in what is certain to be an incredible visual spectacle, with 93 clubs from 10 regions set to be represented. The diversity in competitors will add hugely to the event in terms of its cultural and social aspects and will contribute handsomely to the already guaranteed action-packed fare on the pitch. Naturally, the return of hundreds of our



Irish expats is something that we look forward to hugely, especially as this competition graces them with the opportunity of taking to Celtic Park in their respective finals.

The combination of Irish players coming home to represent the regions where they now reside, coupled with local people coming to the birthplace of the games they have adopted as their own makes for a truly unique sporting event, and one that we are exceptionally looking forward to!

There are 93 teams confirmed for FRS Recruitment GAA World Games across the four codes, a 17% increase from the last GAA World Games held in Waterford in 2019 with 79 teams. Of the 93 teams 74% of them

are international born, 69 in total - the highest number of international teams we've ever had, compared to 60% of teams back in 2019.

The twinning initiative, which was piloted in 2019 will continue this year, seeing international teams twinned with Derry GAA, LGFA and Camogie across the week. Lastly there is an added flavour in the Open Hurling and Camogie sections, where on Monday 24th July teams will play against Derry club teams in Hurling and Camogie as warm-up games.

Planning and arrangements are coming together well to ensure everyone attending the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games have the best experience to date – with the Derry Launch set to take place on Thursday 29th June in Owenbeg.



# 2023 WORLD GAMES BUS TIMETABLE (DERRY CITY)

**Monday 24th to Thursday 27th July**

**Players/Officials Bus Timetable**

**Derry City to Owenbeg Centre of Excellence**

Location	Departure Time	Approximate arrival time at Owenbeg
<b>Guildhall Bus Stop</b> Pick up: Bus Stop outside Guildhall Building at Shipquay Place. Postcode: BT48 7BB	7.25am	8.10am
	7.55am	8.40am
	8.30am	9.30am
	9.00am	9.45am
	9.30am	10.15am

Location	Departure Time	Approximate arrival time at Owenbeg
<b>Magee University Area</b> Pick up: Bus Stop Outside Longs Supervalu, Strand Road (Opposite Smyths Toy Store) Postcode: BT48 7PW	7.25am	8.10am
	7.55am	8.40am
	8.30am	9.30am
	9.00am	9.45am
	9.30am	10.15am

Location	Departure Time	Approximate arrival time at Owenbeg
<b>Ebrington Area</b> Pick up: Ebrington Bus Stop, BT47 6GZ  <b>Stopping at, Waterfoot Hotel, Premier Inn (Crescent Link) and Belfray Hotel)</b>	7.30am	8.10am
	8.00am	8.40am
	8.30am	9.15am
	9.00am	9.40am
	9.30am	10.15am

## Buses Departing Owenbeg

Location	Departure Time	Approximate arrival time in Derry City
<b>Leaving from Owenbeg Centre of Excellence to Derry City.</b>	3.00pm	3.30pm
	3.30pm	4.00pm
	4.00pm	4.30pm
	4.30pm	5.00pm
	5.00pm	5.30pm
	5.30pm	6.00pm
	6.00pm	6.30pm

*\*this bus service is free for players / officials. Accreditation is required to access*

## Bus Pick-Up times for Players / Officials outside of main Derry City Route

Venue Name	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Termonbecca/ Brandywell Area	8.30am	8.30am	8.00am	7.30am
White Horse Hotel	7.30am	9.30am	7.30am	7.30am
Limavady (Roe Park) / Gortnaghy / Drumsurn	7.30am	9.30am	7.30am	7.30am
Dungiven	Pick up time to be confirmed with team liaison officer			
Coleraine (Ballyrogan Rd)	Pick up time to be confirmed with team liaison officer			

Any transport queries, please contact [worldgames@gaa.ie](mailto:worldgames@gaa.ie)

Please note, bus timetables are subject to change.

***On the evening of the opening ceremony, buses will be provided to players staying outside Derry City. Details will be communicated with all team liaison officers.***

***On Final Day (28th July), buses will be provided for teams participating in the finals. Information will be provided via the team liaison officer.***

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS / OFFICIALS

- This is a free service provided to players by the GAA
- All players / officials must have their accreditation to access the bus
- The bus will be available in the morning to take teams to Owenbeg and afternoon to provide a return journey.
- We recommend players get on a bus 1 hour 30 minutes before their first game
- The schedule is strict to ensure all games occur, if teams are not ready on time, the game will be forfeited as per World Games charter.

### Derry City Bus Route (Guildhall and Magee)

The Derry City Bus Route in Guildhall and Magee will start at 7.25 each morning and run every 30 minutes until 9.30am. The 9.30am bus will be the last bus to Owenbeg Centre of Excellence each day on this route.

Derry Players should aim to get a bus a minimum of 1hr 30 minutes before their first game. The bus will take approximately 30 minutes to reach Owenbeg from Derry City. The bus scheduled has been designed to accommodate teams on this basis. As the shuttle bus service will make stops on the way, please allow time for your journey to Owenbeg.

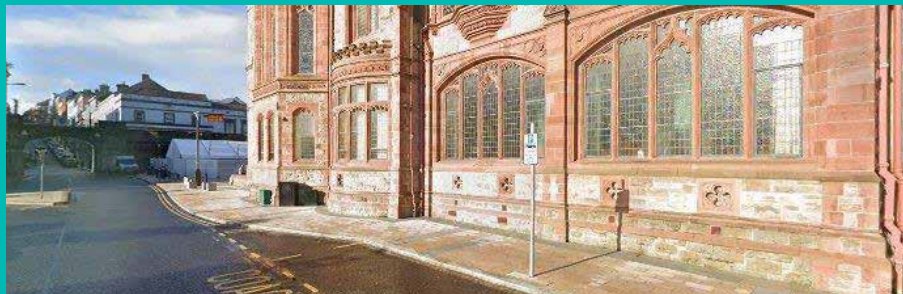
### Derry City Route (Ebrington)

The Ebrington Bus Stop will start at 7.30 am and have pick-up points in the Waterfoot Hotel, Premier Inn and Belfry Hotel.

### GUILDHALL BUS STOP

Pick up: Bus Stop outside Guildhall Building at Shipquay Place.

Postcode: BT48 7BB



### MAGEE UNIVERSITY AREA

Pick up: Bus Stop Outside Longs Supervalu, Strand Road (Opposite Smyths Toy Store)

Postcode: BT48 7PW



### EBRINGTON AREA (PICK UP POINT)

Pick up: Ebrington Bus Stop, BT47 6GZ.

Stopping at, **Waterfoot Hotel, Premier Inn (Crescent Link) and Belfray Hotel)**



# 2023 WORLD GAMES – CONFERENCE ROOM SCHEDULE

The Conference Centre will provide short presentations and information sessions throughout the week of the World GAA Games. The conference Centre is located opposite the tented village and can be accessed via the administration building at Owenbeg Centre of Excellence.

	Monday (24th)	Tuesday (25th)	Wednesday (26th)	Thursday (27th)	Friday (28th)
10am			GAA Community & Health <b>Green Clubs program - Sustainable Tournaments</b>		
11am	Live Life Lisa Orsi Foundation Dennis Orsi and Sharon Orsi <b>Lisa Orsi Foundation</b>	<b>GAA Safeguarding</b> Kayleen Iwasaki, Safeguarding compliance officer	<b>FRS Recruitment</b> Recruitment advice / Opportunities	Ulster GAA Diarmaid Marsden, Head of Club & Community Development <b>Cross Community Initiative</b>	
12noon		GAA Games Development Tracy Bunyan, Operations manager	Margaret Edwards (Programme Manager (DNA) , Derry City & Strabane District Council) <b>Plans for the Derry ~ Londonderry on the North Atlantic (DNA) Museum in Ebrington</b>	GAA Games Development Seamus Kenny, Participation & Programs Manager	<b>FINALS DAY IN CELTIC PARK</b>
1pm					
2pm	<b>Archive &amp; Genealogy collections – Discover Your Roots</b> Join us for some tips on researching your family's history with the Archivist & Genealogist from the Tower Museum. Bernadette Walsh & Brian Mitchell	GAA Community & Health <b>Critical Incident Response – Who What When</b>	GAA Games Development Dr Peter Horgan, Strategy and Innovation.	GAA Club Twinning Presentation delivered by Ulster, Leinster and Munster GAA. • Jamie Queeney (Leinster) • Dr Eugene Young (Ulster) • Pat O'Shea (Minster) <b>World GAA Twinning</b>	
3pm		GAA Games Development Martin Kennedy, Player Coach & Development Lead		GAA Community & Health <b>Healthy Club Philosophy with Q&amp;A with International Healthy Club</b>	
4pm					

# PETER HORGAN

**P**eter Horgan is the Strategy, Insights, and Innovation Manager for the GAA, with responsibility to lead, develop, and implement a systematic approach to policy development and research within the Association. He leads a team responsible for the management of strategic information on performance and business intelligence, thereby increasing the capacity for decision-making and organisational planning across the Association. In that time, he has led the development of the GAA Data Hub project, as well as the production of significant research projects on Coaching and Coach Development in Gaelic games, Gaelic Games in Primary Schools, The Female Coach in Gaelic games, and the Youth Participation Study.

He first joined the GAA staff as Games Development Project Coordinator in 2004. From 2008 - 2020 he was the Education Officer, where he had responsibility for the development, implementation, and evaluation of the GAA coach development programmes, involving a detailed process of research, curriculum design, review and evaluation in collaboration with internal and



external partners, incorporating the various disciplines of sports science, pedagogy, and innovative coach development delivery mechanisms.

Originally from Midleton, Co Cork, he has a significant interest in coaching, having coached at club, university, and Inter County academy level across Hurling/Camogie, Gaelic football, and Ladies Gaelic football.

# DIARMAID MARSDEN

**D**iarmaid Marsden is Head of Community Development for Ulster GAA. The Department is responsible for a broad range of areas including club and volunteer support, promotion of Irish Language and Culture, Health and Wellbeing and Community Outreach. The Department works closely with all GAA units, stakeholders, community groups, statutory bodies, external agencies and other relevant stakeholders to promote Gaelic Games.

Ulster GAA have been involved in outreach initiatives for many years working with various sports organisations, educational sectors and Government Departments.

The Cúchulainn Initiative is Ulster GAA's flagship outreach programme which brings young people from different community backgrounds to play Gaelic Games, and the Game of Three Halves programme is delivered by Ulster GAA in partnership with Ulster Rugby and the Irish FA.

Diarmaid joined Ulster GAA as Regional Development Officer in 2006 and has also worked as Provincial Club Coaching



Development Officer before taking on the Community Department role in 2016.

He is from the Clan na Gael club in county Armagh and has represented his club, county, province and country on the field of play.

# COMMUNITY AND HEALTH

**The GAA Community & Health Department aims to ensure that the health and wellbeing of members, clubs, and communities is at the core of all GAA activity. We assist all GAA units in achieving this aim through the development of effective planning, beneficial partnerships, and impactful activities.**

The GAA Irish Life Healthy Club programme has been the flagship initiative for the last decade with, currently, 450 Clubs engaged. The Healthy Club programme empowers Clubs and Communities to build and nurture health enhancing environments for members and non-members alike. Clubs are encouraged to work towards a foundation, silver, or gold award through undertaking activities in the areas including physical activity, diversity and inclusion, community development, mental fitness, substance use and gambling and healthy eating over a two-year period. A leading initiative is Ireland

Lights Up, a community-focused walking initiative held during the dark winter evenings, undertaken by over 1,000 GAA Clubs in early 2023.

The GAA Community and Health Department are, also, leading the way in youth leadership with GAA TY Future Leaders and the Dermot Early Youth Leadership initiatives and in sustainability through the GAA Green Club Programme.

Overall, it is the mission of the GAA Community and Health Department to enrich the lives of members and communities that we serve. We work alongside a strong and diverse selection of volunteer committees and project teams who are all a lived expression of this mission.

The GAA Community and Health Team are:

Name	Role
Colin Regan	Community and Health Manager
Collette Coady	Community and Health Administrator
Jimmy D'Arcy	Youth Leadership and Sustainability Manager
Geraldine McTavish	National Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator
Brid O Dwyer	National Healthy Club Coordinator
Stephen Quinn	National Community and Health Coordinator
Maura McMenamin	Ulster GAA Health and Community Manager
Stuart Moloney	GAA Community and Health Coordinator – Munster/Connacht
Aideen Howlin	GAA Community and Health Coordinator – Leinster
Christian Phillips	ASPIRE Graduate – Community and Health



# TRACY BUNYAN

**T**racy Bunyan is the GAA's Coaching & Games Development Operations Manager. She is responsible for the development, implementation, and management of all operational aspects of the National GAA Coaching & Games Development function. Tracy leads a team with responsibility for conducting and supporting Coaching & Games Development planning, monitoring, and reporting across thirty-two counties and four provinces. In 2021, she was responsible for introducing a new planning, monitoring, and reporting framework to support the delivery and implementation of Coaching & Games Development programmes and initiatives in each county. More recently this new planning and reporting framework has been adopted by three International Units, the Provincial Council of Britain, New York GAA and USGAA. In addition to this she also acts as secretary to the GAA's Standing Committee on the Playing Rules..

Tracy joined the GAA in 2012, in the role of Deputy Head of Stadium Operations, Croke Park. In 2016, she moved to the National Coaching & Games Development Department where she oversaw the GAA Super Games programme and acted as Deputy Event Controller for the 2016 & 2019 GAA World Games. Prior to joining the GAA, Tracy was the



Sports Coordinator with Wicklow Local Sports Partnership.

Tracy holds a B.A. in Recreation and Leisure Management from Waterford Institute of Technology and a Postgrad in Innovation through Design Thinking from University College Cork. She has played Ladies Gaelic Football at all levels with club, college and county and is currently a juvenile coach with St Vincents GAA Club in Dublin.

# EUGENE YOUNG

**E**ugene Young is currently employed as Director with Ulster GAA since 2003. Prior to this he was High Performance Director for GAA at the Sports Institute and lecturer in sports management and sport development at Ulster University. During his time, Ulster GAA has modernised and grown from three staff to over seventy. It has been leading the development of coaching and games and has created systems to support and implement best practice in coaching, governance and volunteer and facility management, working with 250,000 volunteers across nine counties and across two jurisdictions across all codes.

Eugene provides the strategic direction for coaching and games in Ulster, engaging in partnerships and providing opportunities that have a positive impact on health, wellness and performance. Programme development has been in line with the Long-Term Player Development Model and more recently the FTEM framework for development.

Eugene has sat on the National Coaching and Games Development Committee and the National Player welfare Medical Committee in Croke Park and has been part of the Ulster Management Committee for over 20 years. He works closely with Coaching Ireland in the delivery of GAA Accredited courses and is an accredited Coach Developer Trainer. He has set up strategic relationships with Sport Northern Ireland, Irish Football Association and Third Level Institutions and developed accredited courses through Open College Network. He also works with overseas units in Canada and Britain overseeing the delivery of courses for referees and coaches.



He has played and coached across several codes including Gaelic Football, Basketball and Soccer in several contexts including schools, further and higher education, club, county, provincial and international levels. He received a High-Performance Coach Award from Sports Institute Northern Ireland and spent four weeks on an individual Coach Development Programme in Australia. During this time, he worked with coaches in Australia at the Institutes of sport and within professional sports clubs in Australian Rules and Rugby League.

He has facilitated seminars with the UK Sports Practitioner Group at SINI, showing how sports science and other services can be integrated into coaching and how coaches use this information to inform coaching practice and he has presented at Coaching Conferences in South Africa, Scotland, with key notes in Canada and the UK Coaching Summit and at the World Congress for Science and Football in Turkey.

# JAMIE QUEENEY

**J**amie Queeney is the Learning and Development Lead for Leinster GAA. He is responsible for the delivery and implementation of a learning and coach development strategy, and related programmes, linked to the Gaelic Games Player Pathway within the Province of Leinster. Jamie has responsibility for the recruitment, training, and support of a team of coach developers to ensure best practice is provided to volunteer coaches and coach developers within the Association, including the provision of coach development supports and resources in club and school settings. In addition to this, he has the additional responsibility of providing a bespoke staff training programme, while supporting the delivery of refereeing and officer training programmes in the province.

Jamie joined the Association in 2012 as a Games Development Administrator with Meath GAA. In 2018 he became Games Development Manager, leading a team of 22 full time Games Development Personnel and collaborating with many other stakeholders in the County. He represented Meath in Football at every age grade from Under 14 to Senior (2007-2013), and was part of the Leinster Inter Provincial Series in 2009. Jamie currently plays senior Football with his club Na Fianna CLG, and coaches his two young boys in the clubs Academy.



Jamie holds a BSc in Strength and Conditioning from Setanta College, an MSc in Coaching Science from University College Dublin, and is currently completing an MSc in Applied Sport and Exercise Psychology at SETU Waterford. He has published a paper in the Journal Science and Medicine in Football titled; *The relative age effect in the Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA): a mixed methods approach*.

# KAYLEEN IWASAKI

**K**ayleen Iwasaki is the GAA Safeguarding Officer and plays a key role in promoting the safeguarding and protection of children and young people within the association.

Kayleen began working with the GAA on a part time basis as Cúl Camp Coordinator Assistant while completing her degree.

After graduating, Kayleen began working full time in the Games Development & Research Department as a Project Administrative Assistant which led to her achieving the role of Logistics Officer at the World Games 2019 event. Although visiting the World Games event in a different capacity this year, Kayleen hopes to remind International Units of Safeguarding policies, guidance and procedures that are available and looks forward to a week celebrating our games and culture.



# JACK COONEY

**J**ack Cooney is National Player Development Lead for the GAA. He took up his role in August 2022. He has responsibility for overseeing and implementing the Gaelic Games Player Pathway within the GAA. Jack works with Coaching and Games Team supporting and developing coaches across the country.

Following his playing career, Jack has accumulated over 20 years' experience as a coach with his own county Westmeath, Donegal, and several senior adult clubs. He has coached extensively with Westmeath Academies, Westmeath Ladies, third level college teams, club female underage and senior adult teams. Qualified with a BSc in Strength and Conditioning and MSc in Sports Performance, he is currently in year 3 of his Professional Doctorate at Dublin City University. His research area is in Player Development and Player Transitions.



# MARTIN KENNEDY

**M**artin Kennedy is the Head of Coach & Player Development for the GAA joining the Association in September 2021. He has responsibility for the strategic and operational leadership for coach and player development within the GAA, leading the promotion of a culture of high-quality coaching to support the needs of players and club volunteers in addition to leading the management and integration of Sports Science supports across the player pathway. In May 2023 he was part of the Gaelic Games Sport Science Working group that launch the Sports Science Guide for Practice.

He started his career in Gaelic Games as a Games Promotion Officer (GPO) with St. Brigid's GAA Club in Dublin in 2004 before moving to Australia and then London to work in Australian Rules Football (AFL) and complete a Masters. He returned to Ireland in 2007 and launched his own coaching and sports performance business (the National Athlete Development Academy) where he and the team supported players and teams across sports. During this time he was coach with the Dublin GAA Ladies Gaelic Footballers who won an All-Ireland in 2010. He also worked with the Dublin GAA Hurling squad from 2010 to 2012, winning their first National Hurling League title in 75 years in 2011 and was Head of Athletic Development with the Dublin GAA Mens Footballers winning two All-Ireland championships in 2013 and 2015. From 2015 until 2021 he was the National Athletic Development Lead at Irish Rugby where he oversaw the athletic development of identified players across the country including the Irish Under 20s side who reached the 2016 U20



World Championships Final and the Grand Slam winning squad of 2019.

Originally from Portmarnock in North County Dublin he now lives in Castleknock, West Dublin where he and his family are active members of St. Brigid's GAA Club. Martin has been on the coaching committee in the club for the last 5 years and currently assists in the coaching of players at the F2 stage (U7, U10 and U12). He is also in his third year of a Professional Doctorate at Dublin City University, focusing on Coaching and Coach Development.

# GENEALOGY AND DERRY HISTORY

24 July, 2pm – ‘Archive & Genealogy collections:  
Discover Your Roots’

Bernadette Walsh (Archivist) &  
Brian Mitchell (Genealogist), Tower Museum

**T**his joint talk will focus on the archive collections of the Tower Museum with an emphasis on family history and uncovering local stories. Brian will guide you through a journey of discovery with many tips to help in your family history research.

Bernadette has worked in the archive and museum sector for over 20 years. She has extensive experience in the development and access of archive collections, exhibition planning and development and the interpretation of archive and museum collections. [www.towermuseumcollections.com](http://www.towermuseumcollections.com)

Brian has been involved in local, family and emigration research in Derry and North-West Ireland since 1982. The database whose construction he supervised, containing one million records (dating from 1628 to 1930) extracted from the major civil and church registers of County Derry, can be accessed at [www.derry.rootsireland.ie](http://www.derry.rootsireland.ie) Brian is a Member of Accredited Genealogists Ireland (MAGI) and the author of a number of books. He currently offers a free genealogy advisory service, by email at [genealogy@derrystrabane.com](mailto:genealogy@derrystrabane.com), to anyone tracing their roots in North-West Ireland.



25 July, 2pm: ‘The DNA Museum – A Journey  
of Discovery’



# MARGARET EDWARDS

**D**erry City and Strabane District Council (DCSDC) are leading on the development of the “Derry ~ Londonderry on the North Atlantic” (DNA) museum project. Come along to hear more about the exciting plans for this interactive museum which will be located on the former Ebrington Barracks. DNA will tell the story of the city and wider region through a maritime lens. Anchored around the city’s strategic location, it will showcase how the city and it’s wider hinterland has played a key role in a range of globally significant events.

Margaret has been working for Derry City & Strabane District Council for more than 20 years and has extensive experience in project management, strategic planning, managing budgets, stakeholder engagement, managing staff, whilst maintaining high levels of visitor engagement with heritage. In her role as Tourism Manager Margaret’s focus is on how we can develop the Council’s rich and varied tourism product in order to realise its economic and social potential. She is committed to promoting the Walled City as a destination and gateway to the wider North West Region. She is also working with a range of partners and funders to deliver the new Derry ~ Londonderry on the North Atlantic (DNA) museum project for the city.



# DENIS ORSI

**T**he Foundation engages young adults from the ages of 16-21 through module-based education and raising awareness of Organ Donation and Altitude Mountain Sickness and embracing other cultures and religions. This is achieved through a programme with a duration between 6-12 months during which the young people/ young adults participate in community events, recreational activities, and sports. They also take part in seminars surrounding embracing other cultures, organ donation and altitude awareness.



LIVE | LIFE  
LISA ORSI  
FOUNDATION



# TRAVELLING EXHIBITIONS

‘Sporting Heritage’ from the Tower Museum

**T**hese exhibition panels tell some of the stories of the city’s rich sporting heritage. From GAA to boxing, athletics to cricket and rowing. Do you know who was Derry’s first Olympic Hero?

Pop into the Tower Museum to visit the ‘Story of Derry’ exhibition and learn more about the history and heritage of the city. Check out [www.towermuseumcollections.com](http://www.towermuseumcollections.com) to learn more about our exhibitions and programme.

“Derry ~ Londonderry on the North Atlantic” (DNA) Museum

DNA will tell the story of the city and the wider region through a maritime lens. Anchored around the city’s strategic location, it will showcase how the city and it’s wider hinterland has played a key role in a range of globally significant events. The new development, set in the historic Ebrington site, will include a range of interactive galleries, engaging exhibitions and interpretation alongside an Archive Discovery Zone.







**First Aid & Marquee**



**Teams Food Zone**



**Conference Room and  
Female Changing Rooms**



**Stage and Big Screen**



**Shops**



**Mobile Kitchen**



**Handball Wall**



**Bus Pick Up**



**Bus Drop Off**



**Ambulance**



**Toilets**



**Bins**



**Parking**







# THE RULES MADE SIMPLE



1. The World Games will be played under the full Playing Rules of Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies Gaelic Football as applicable bar exceptions as provided below;
2. All matches will be played on a 9-a-side basis;
3. At the Group Stages each game will consist of two halves – 9 minutes per half with a 2-minute half-time break.
4. At the Knock-out Stages each game will consist of two halves – 12 minutes per half with a 2-minute half-time break.
5. The Finals of the competition will consist of two halves – 15 minutes per half with a 5-minute half-time break.
6. A Kick-Out or Puck-Out can be taken either from the hands or off the ground. The ball shall be kicked or pucked out from within the small rectangle and all players, other than the player taking the kick-out or puck-out, shall be outside of the 13m line until the ball is played.  
Hurling & Camogie – A player cannot score from a puck out.
7. The Rules governing substitution are replaced by interchange:  
A team may make an unlimited number of interchanges per half, but only from the 'Interchange Area'. The Interchange Area is constituted of an area - 5m Wide - marked adjacent to and either side of the Centre Line – on one side of the Field - through which players may enter and leave the field of play. A player coming off must have interchanged a baton with the oncoming player and stepped into the Interchange Area before a substitute can step on the pitch to replace the player.



The baton must be physically exchanged from the player coming on to the player going off, i.e. the baton must be passed from hand-to-hand rather than thrown.

In the event of a breach of procedure - player enters pitch before player being replaced (unless injured) has exited the Interchange Area or a player enters the field from anywhere other than the Interchange Area – a team will be subject to the following penalties:

First infraction by a team will result in a 45 metre free being awarded to the opposing team

Second infraction by a team will result in a Penalty Kick being awarded to the opposing team and the Player committing the infraction will receive a Black Card.

8. The following exception to the normal Playing Rules apply specifically to Gaelic Football/Ladies Gaelic Football: In Gaelic Football International Division 2/Ladies Gaelic Football a player may lift the ball from the ground with the hands provided the person concerned has at least one foot on the ground at the time of lifting.

#### 9. Extra Time

There shall be no Extra-Time for games played during the Group Stages.

In the case of drawn games at the Knock-out Stages or Finals, there will be Extra-time, which will consist of two three-minute periods with a half-time interval for 1 minute. If the game remains tied after Extra-Time, a further indefinite period of Extra-Time will be played until one of the teams scores – either a point or a goal – at which stage they will be declared the winner.

In the case of Extra-time a team may start nine players on the field of play. This applies even if at the end of normal time the team had a reduced amount of players due to a player/s receiving a Black, or Red Card but subject to the condition that the player/s who received a Black or Red Card cannot take part in any Extra-time periods. Sin-Bin infractions – where appropriate - are dealt with in 10. For the avoidance of any doubt, Black Card or Sin Bin infractions do not carry over one game to another game.

#### 10. Sin Bin

In GAA, a player who commits a cynical behaviour infraction, as per rule, shall be ordered off for 3 minutes in the Sin Bin.

In LGFA, a player committing a yellow card offence as per Rule 425 of the LGFA Official Guide shall be ordered off for 3 minutes playing time in the Sin Bin.

In Camogie, a player committing a yellow card offence as per Rule 10.1/2 of the Camogie Association's Official Guide (Cuid a do - 2021-24) shall be ordered off for 3 minutes in the Sin Bin. The time period in the Sin Bin shall be of three minutes duration irrespective of delays. The three minutes shall transverse normal time (which includes additional time) and Extra-Time if played.

# OPENING CEREMONY & PARADE

**On Monday 24th July 2023** - Parade will leave from Bishop Street Carpark and finish in Guildhall Square via Bishop Street, The Diamond, Shipquay Street, The Embankment, Custom House Street and into Guildhall Square for the Opening Ceremony & Open-Air concert.

**5.15pm** Teams arrive and take up their Parade places at Bishop Street Carpark

**6.30pm** Start of parade.

**7.00pm** Parade Ends

**7.01pm** Ceremony begins

**9.15pm** Ceremony ends



## Parade Order

Please find your unit within the table below, to find out the order you will be placed within the parade. Route numbers can be found in Bishop Street Carpark.

Europe		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
1	Catalonia	Men's Int
2	Galicia White	LGFA Int
3	Galicia White	Men's Int
4	Europe Wolves	Men's Int
5	Europe	Cam Int
6	European Lions	Men's Int
7	Germany	LGFA Int
8	Gascohnna	LGFA Int
9	Alsace	Men's Int
10	Europe	LGFA Int
11	Brittany	Men's Int
12	Germany	Men's Int
13	Neustrie	Men's Int

Canada		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
14	Canada	Men's Int
15	Quebec	LGFA Int
16	Canada	Hurl Int
17	Canada	Cam Int
18	Canada	LGFA Int
19	Ottawa	Men's Int
20	Quebec	Men's Int

Middle East		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
21	Middle East	Men's Int
22	Middle East	LGFA Int
23	Middle East	Cam Int
24	Middle East	Hurl Open

Argentina		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
25	Argentina	Men's Int

New York		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
26	New York Liberty	LGFA Int
27	New York	Hurl Int

USGAA		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
28	Pearse Óg	Hurl Int
29	South East	Cam Int
30	Coastal Virginia	Cam Int
31	St Louis	Cam Int
32	Milwaukee	Cam Int
33	Milwaukee	Hurl Int
34	US Warriors	Cam Int
35	Coastal Virginia	Hurl Int

Asia		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
36	Asia	LGFA Open
37	Asia	Cam Open
38	Asia	Men's Open

Asia		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
39	Asia	Hurl Open
40	Asia	LGFA Int
41	Cairde Khmer Cambodia	Men's Int
42	Cairde Khmer Cambodia	LGFA Int

Europe		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
43	Italy Blue	Men's Int
44	Italy TransAlp	Men's Int
45	Europe	Cam Open
46	Iberia	Men's Int
47	Germany	Cam Int
48	Galicia Blue	Men's Int
49	France Red Development	Men's Int
50	France Blue	LGFA Int
51	France Blue	Men's Int
52	Germany White	Hurl Int

Britain		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
54	Round Towers	LGFA Open
55	Britain 2	Cam Open
56	Fr Murphy's	Hurl Int
57	Sean McDermott's	Men's Int
58	Britain 1	Cam Open
59	Parnells	LGFA Open

Australasia		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
60	Australasia	LGFA Open
61	Australasia	Cam Open
62	Australasia	Men's Open
63	Australasia	Men's Int
64	Australasia	Hurl Open
65	Australasia	LGFA Int

Europe		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
66	Central & East Europe	Hurl Int
67	Galicía Blue	LGFA Int
68	Siroc	LGFA Int
69	Benelux	Hurl Open
70	Italy	Men's Open
71	Iberia	LGFA Int
72	Brittany	LGFA Int
73	Central & East Europe	LGFA Int
74	Gascohna	Men's Int

USGAA		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
75	St Louis	Hurl Int
76	South East 1	Hurl Int
77	Heartland	LGFA Int
78	Éire Óg San Fran	Men's Int
79	Charlotte James Connollys	Men's Int
80	Heartland	LGFA Int
81	Philadelphia	Hurl Int
82	South East 2	Hurl Int

Europe		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
83	France	Hurl Int
84	France Red Development	LGFA Int
85	Iberia	Men's Open
86	Benelux	Men's Open
87	Benelux	LGFA Int
88	Germany Red	Hurl Int
87	Central & East Europe	LGFA Open
88	Iberia	LGFA Open
89	Siroc	Men's Int
90	Europe Bears	Men's Int
91	Benelux	Men's Int

Argentina		
Route Number	Team Name	Code
92	Cuenca Del Plata	Men's Int

**Gemma Bradley** is the go-to for the best new music coming out of the UK and Ireland. She currently hosts Radio 1's BBC Introducing show on Sundays and Radio Ulster's ATL Introducing show on Mondays.

Gemma champions the best new artists and bands emerging from the UK and Ireland, spanning a vast array of genres. She is known for her warm and fun energy on air and has rapidly become one of the most exciting young broadcasters in the country.

As a broadcaster Gemma has attended festivals such as Radio 1's Big Weekend, Reading Festival, AVA, SXSW in Austin Texas, to name a few. She is well versed in live event hosting, having carried out hosting duties at the Northern Irish Music Prize, Radio Academy festival, AIM Awards, Ditto X and more. She has also sat on juries for the Choice Music Prize Ireland and the Music Moves Europe Awards.

Gemma has interviewed seasoned performers in the music industry such as Gary Lightbody, Craig Charles and Tom Grennan and also an array of fresh new and upcoming artists.

Gemma has also made TV appearances on BBC Three's Fast-Food Face Off and The Fast and Farmerish. She has also hosted Sounds New Extra and Pots, Paints and Plays with Gemma Bradley for BBC2 NI.

When not on-air Gemma curates and hosts one of London's most exciting monthly new music nights in the Courtyard Theatre, Hoxton – '**Whiplash**' which features the very best new and upcoming artists performing their music live on stage.

Gemma is a songwriter and artist in her own right. She embraces her favourite aspects of Pop music and meshes them with the finest, hand-picked sounds from R&B and Soul to create her own distinctive brand of sweet and delicious Pop – RnB.



**Four Men & a Dog** made a name for themselves with their eclectic and vivacious blend of traditional Irish music with a wide spectrum of other genres, including rap, Southern rock, jazz, blues, bluegrass, polka, country swing, and even salsa.

Four Men and a Dog made their debut performance as a band in 'Murphy's Bar', Dungiven, County Derry, in 1991 before going on to steal the show at the Belfast Folk Festival later that year, with a high-energy approach that combines furious traditional dance tunes with irreverent new music and inimitable covers. They are made up of Cathal Hayden (Tyrone), Stephen Hayden (Tyrone), Kevin Doherty (Donegal), Gino Lupari (Derry) and Dónal Murphy (Limerick).

Barking Mad, their debut album from Cross Border Media, swooped an award for Album of the Year from Folk Roots magazine in 1991, marking the first time that an Irish group had ever won the prize. Four Men & a Dog's music is enthusiastic and infectious. The band have headlined some of the largest music festivals around the globe!

Four Men and a Dog have recorded 7 albums to date, their recent album entitled "And the band played on" was launched in May 2016 to celebrate 25 years touring around the world!





**Brosna** hailing from the Counties of Derry, Donegal, Down, Monaghan and Fermanagh respectively, Mairéad Comer (Harp and Vocals), Shannon Duggan (Banjo and Mandolin), Josh Owens (Bodhrán and Fiddle), Áine McKiverigan (Whistle), Orla Ní Chorrágáin (Fiddle) and Damian McCabe (Banjo) make up Brosna.

With each musician already being a member of the Ulster University Magee TradSoc, they were familiar with each other's styles. After playing a few sessions in the local Argyle Bar, the spontaneous decision was made to form Brosna.

Within the last few months, Brosna has performed many gigs, including at Brooke Park, multiple wedding receptions, in bars and pubs across Ulster, for Keir Starmer during his visit to Ulster University, opening for Daorí Farrell in Dún Uladh, at the prestigious Molloy Award competition at Birmingham TradFest in 2022 as well as launching Fleadh Uladh 2023 in Dromore, Co Tyrone.

**Colmcille pipe band** is a 2-time World Champion band, founded in 1978 and is led by brothers Pipe Major Mark Hasson and Drum Sergeant Brian Hasson Jr

The band won their first World title in Grade 4a in 2008 and in 2015, the band had its most successful year ever in competition, winning the All Ireland, Scottish and World Championships in Grade 3b, also winning Supreme Champion of Champions, with the band finishing in 1st or 2nd place in the 14 contests that they competed in throughout the 2015 season.

The band currently compete in Grade 3a and will travel to Glasgow in August for the World Pipe Band Championships.

Outside the competition circuit, the band plays at local carnivals and parades such as the St Patrick's Day parade and the Halloween Carnival. We recently played at the Junior, Senior and Intermediate finals in Owenbeg & Celtic Park. We also play with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland which is a cross border organisation. We have performed in venues such as City West and the RDS, Dublin and the SSE Arena in Belfast. Our drummers are also part of the 'Titanic Drums' group, they have performed at the centenary Titanic programme, and at the opening of the new exhibition centre in the Waterfront, Belfast and at the home of Ulster Rugby. Our members travel the world performing in tattoos – mainly throughout Europe, but they have travelled as far as Qatar!







**The north west Carnival Samba Band** is only up and running in the last few years and growing from strength to strength...the first major outing for the Samba band, who made their festival debut to the delight of the crowds in Derry's world famous Halloween Carnival parade only in last couple of years.

There are up to 20 musicians, depending on the event, and the group includes people with a broad range of ages, abilities and cultural backgrounds. "The Samba Band has really grown from strength to strength since it first started, and now they have members from Italy and Malaysia, they even have an entire family involved. They practice semi-regularly every Tuesday evening with additional practices before events. A special thanks has to go to North West Carnival Initiative for sharing their space with them for practices and for bringing them to life. As they say around these parts music is for you feet your soul and your mind...

They also take part in the annual St Patrick's Day Spring Carnival Parade which also provides another opportunity for the group to showcase their skills and spread some Samba vibes to the tens of thousands expected to turn out for the celebrations. They all love the samba party feeling that comes with taking part in community events.

## GUILDHALL SQUARE OPENING CEREMONY CONCERT-GAA WORLD GAMES DERRY 2023

18:10 Soft Opening with Gemma Bradley Welcomes

18:12 University Group "Brosna"

18:20 Start Music & Fun at the Diamond DJ location

18:30 Start The Main GAA World Games Parade

18:50 End - University Group "Brosna"

18:50 Gemma Bradley DJ Set & Welcome

## THE GAA WORLD GAMES PARADE ARRIVALS

19:00 Colmcille Pipe Band Guildhall Performance Stage

19:10 Gemma Bradley DJ Set & the Welcome continues

19:35 Opening Ceremony Formalities Start  
Larry McCarthy -  
Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael

Patricia Logue -  
The Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council

19:45 Gemma Bradley Welcomes Four Men And A Dog

20:45 End of performance & Opening Ceremony

# UGANDA GAA



*Growth of Gaelic Games in Uganda. On 12th March, 2023, the Uganda GAA held its very first Blitz at the Kyadondo Rugby Grounds in Lugogo, Kampala. Four schools took part in this blitz including Bondeko School, Mercy Christian Primary School, Morning Star Primary School and Kikaaya College. In total, over 120 School children took part in this event.*

On the day, Uganda GAA was honoured to have 8-All Ireland Hurling winner Aidan Fogarty and Sineád Brennan from Newpark Kilkenny who took kids through several Hurling and Football Skill Clinics.

The participants received jerseys that were donated to the Uganda GAA by clubs from Ireland. The event was graced by members of the Irish Community in Uganda led by their President Meabh Gilbert. They were also very honoured to have the Irish Ambassador of Uganda HE, Kevin Colgan present at the blitz, he handed over medals and trophies to winners in both categories and gave vouchers for scholastic materials to the heads of each of the participating schools.

The kids were provided with breakfast upon arrival and later lunch. In the history of the Uganda GAA, this was a very colorful day for the kids, and

they were extremely happy to meet kids from other schools to play and have fun and a meal together.

Uganda GAA has been able to establish more GAA clubs outside Wakiso, as new club Kikandwa GAA has been set up in Mityana District, Central Uganda. With these new GAA clubs, they will be able to have national leagues running in both Hurling and Football.



# ASIA GAA



*The first official GAA competition (Asian Gaelic Games) started in 1996 and was composed of 6 teams, in 2023 we will be holding our official 25th Asian Gaelic Games anniversary with 22 clubs participating and over 65+ teams across all codes for both men and women.*

Our clubs come from over 10 countries with each doing amazing work in promoting Gaelic Games across Asia. Over the past 24 years, Gaelic Games in Asia has played an integral role in developing a community, not only for the Irish, but also for other expats and locals to engage in Irish cultural activities. Asia is, at times, much more transient than other international boards and Gaelic Games allows a much-needed connection to home and at the same time allow new immigrants to assimilate into the local culture with a feeling of a safety net.

Clubs around the region are hosting invitational tournaments to augment the official ACB tournaments, we are encouraging and supporting these mini tournaments and hope that they will further increase our footprint in Asia.

We are also extremely happy to finally host an in person Asian Youth Championship (AYC) after 3 years of minimal international competition for our youth players. The first AYC was hosted by the Viet Celts in Hanoi in 2015 and we are proud to take it back to

Hanoi this year. Youth Clubs and players are the heart and soul of the GAA and a bridge into making Gaelic Games sustainable in Asia. As such, it is fantastic to see clubs such as the Viet Celts, Orang Eire, Seoul, Shanghai, Singapore, Thailand, Inis Jeju and other clubs who are starting to promote Gaelic Games at the youth level, GAA in Asia is certainly entering an exciting time!

Therefore, the 2023 FRS Recruitment GAA World Games is a prime example of community that is exemplified in Asia. We will be sending seven teams consisting of women's and men's football and Hurling and Camogie. We are once again privileged to be sending three international teams with a men's and women's teams from Cambodia that are all local Cambodians. The opportunity to play Gaelic Games and visiting Ireland is an amazing experience for the players and their management team. We also have our third international team consisting of players from Japan, Korea and other players based around Asia. We are extremely proud of having three teams from the local population! We will hopefully be challenging on all fronts to win silverware and of course enjoy the tournament and create new friendships and new memories.



# NEW YORK GAA



***Following on from a very successful 2015, 2016 and 2019 GAA World Games, New York GAA will be sending three teams to the 2023 FRS Recruitment GAA World Games. This year we have two Native Born Teams participating. The New York teams will consist of one Native Born Ladies Gaelic Football team and one Native Born Hurling. In total 26 players will travel with New York GAA, representing many of our youth board and adult board clubs.***

New York GAA has a long history of participating in Hurling, Camogie and Gaelic Football in Ireland and our most notable achievements were winning the National Football League in 1950, 1964 and 1967. New York have participated in the Connacht Senior Football Championship since 1999, and we were delighted to get our first win in the competition this year when we defeated Leitrim in Gaelic Park on April 8th. New York have also competed in the Ulster Hurling Championship with success in the 2000's. This year, New York re-established their senior hurling team and were delighted to win the 2023 Connacht Hurling League Shield. Our Ladies Senior Footballers competed in the 1999, 2011 and 2014 All-Ireland Junior Ladies Gaelic Football Final. At underage level, we competed in the All Ireland Minor Championship in the 1970's and 1980's and again in the 2000's. New York GAA have competed in Féile Peile Na nÓg since 1991 and currently compete in the Division 1 for both boys Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football, while we compete at Division 4 level for Féile Hurling. In fact, New York Féile Ladies Gaelic Football team are the current Division 1 Féile champions after winning the competition in 2022. The New York Collegiate team participates annually in the Higher Education GAA Corn Na Mac Léinn Gaelic Football competition and back in February they made us all very proud when they won the 2023 competition.

Gaelic Games in New York are going from strength to strength and on a facility level we are midway through our redevelopment at Gaelic Park. The facilities at Rockland GAA Club, Frank Golden

Park (Shannon Gaels GAA Club) and Paddy's Field (St. Barnabas GAA Club) have been hugely beneficial to New York GAA. We also have many other clubs in the outlying areas of the New York GAA who are doing great work in maintaining fields to play GAA in the tri-state area. Currently, we have an active playing population of approximately 3,500 - 4,000 participants in all four codes and will send club teams from U8-U18 to the Continental Youth Championships in San Francisco later this year.

We would like to wish all the teams participating in the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games the very best of luck. Great credit must go to the organizers and the volunteers in Derry who made this event possible. We are thrilled to see the take up of Gaelic Games around the World and would encourage all participating units to continue to build their clubs at youth and adult level to ensure the future success of the GAA World Games.





# MIDDLE EAST



*Gaelic Games in the Middle East have been a key feature in the lives of Irish people and other communities across the Gulf Region for the past 30 years. The Middle East Board oversees over 120 competitive teams and 2,000 members in the region and is part of what is arguably the largest worldwide amateur sports association and voluntary organisation on the planet.*

Between August and April, the Middle East GAA County Board co-ordinates and facilitates competitive League and Championship competitions across the Gulf region in Men's Gaelic Football & Hurling, Ladies Gaelic Football & Camogie, with a fast-growing Juvenile and Handball programme also.

There is something for everyone with social, junior, intermediate & senior divisions offering something for all ability levels, Irish and non-Irish nationals alike. In the most recent season, the Arab-Irish Chamber of Commerce League tournaments were hosted by designated clubs throughout the Middle East on Fridays and Saturdays, with final positions determining seeding for the season-ending P4ML Championship competition.

Following a trial process, the Middle East panels for the World Games is comprised of the top players from these competitions. The Middle East have four Irish-born teams represented at the World Games: Men's and Ladies Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie. The Middle East will be out to compete at the top level, having been successful at every iteration of the GAA World Games to date. Our teams are delighted to come back to their roots and display their sporting talents while representing a different club from the other side of the world.

The Middle East GAA board currently consists of 16 clubs in the region - Abu Dhabi Na Fianna, Arabian Celts GAA, Al Ain GAA, Al Reem Shamrocks, Clann na hOman, Dubai Celts, Dubai Éire Óg, Jumeirah Gaels,

Kuwait Harps, Laochra Gaels, Naomh Alee Riyadh, Kerry Middle East, Sharjah Gaels, Qatar GAA, RAK Ropairí and Ruwais Gaels.

Significant growth has taken place across juvenile units in the region, culminating in Cúl Camps and stand-alone juvenile tournaments becoming the norm. With these areas looking set to blossom further over the coming years, the future is bright for Middle East GAA. Elsewhere, handball has steadily grown in the region, becoming a common feature at



*Since its affiliation as a County Board in 1959, USGAA has grown to over 160 Adult and 40 Youth clubs in more than 60 cities across the country. 20 years ago, there were 63 Adult clubs and growth since then has been at an exponential rate, due in no small part to the success of Development programmes supported by the GAA, Munster Council and Department of Foreign Affairs.*

This year, there are 16 USGAA teams travelling to Derry for the World Games, competing in all 4 International codes.

USGAA is committed to promoting and developing Gaelic games in the US, with the goal of continuing the growth we have seen over the last decade. Technology has helped us reach and recruit new audiences and, as of 2023, we officially have a membership base that is approximately 60% US-Born.

All over the USA, dedicated people are working hard to keep their clubs growing, by expanding their reach into the wider community. The spirit of the GAA in building a community around a sports club has proven a very successful model in the US. This is best seen at the tournaments where teams travel to take part in competition.

In 2022, there were over 40 USGAA-sanctioned, but locally organised, tournaments in 37 cities, ranging from New England to Southern California, and Florida to the Pacific Northwest. Additionally, many clubs are running successful 'Local-League' style competitions, opening participation to new audiences.

Competitive summer games continue to take place at the highest level, with Championships in six of our Divisions. This year, our showcase event, the USGAA Finals will be hosted by the Southwest Division and the Denver Gaels Club and will see 120 teams play approximately 100 championship

knock-out games in 22 grades across 4 codes.

This is not to mention the work that is going on with youth programmes, coaching and refereeing all over the US. Games Development Officers are introducing Gaelic games to brand new audiences of children and their families in schools, suburbs and small towns all over the country.

Gaelic Games in America has never been in a healthier state than it is today. The foundations for the future have been laid by countless volunteers who have put in thousands of hours to get us where we are. Currently, USGAA is working on a new Strategic Plan to build on these foundations and ensure the future of GAA in the US continues on a successful path.

We wish all the competing teams the very best of luck on what will no doubt be a fantastic competition, and we thank the organizers, hosts and sponsors for all their hard work.



# CANADA GAA



*Like Shania Twain said, “Canada GAA is going Up, Up Up!”*

Canada GAA has been making steady strides over the years with the formation of new Clubs in all codes across the country. In 2022 Canada had over 2500 registered members with 28 affiliated Clubs spread across this vast country of Canada. Divisional Sub-Committees are strategically placed in Vancouver, Western Canada, Eastern Canada, and Toronto with the primary role of organising competitions and ensuring the interests of Divisional affiliated Clubs and members are maintained. The huge geographical distances, incorporating five time zones, present a huge challenge for both Divisional and County committees.

Significant efforts have been made and continue to be made to attract non-Irish born players to our games. In Toronto, the Western Division and the Eastern Division, a huge percentage of the members playing all codes are Canadian born and/or of non-Irish background with many of the registered members in the Vancouver Division coming from Ireland.

Canada has seven teams competing at the 2023 World Games, with all of those teams competing in the Native-Born Division – a testament to the

investment Clubs are making in getting non-Irish born players to play. There are 3 Men’s Football teams, 2 Ladies’ Football teams, 1 Camogie team and 1 Hurling team.

This will be the fourth time that Canada has sent teams to participate at the World Games, in 2016 Canada sent four Gaelic Football teams to UCD. The Eastern Division was represented by a native Ladies Football team and a native Men’s Football team, while the Western Division showcased the football skills of the Irish-Canadian men and women living in Alberta and BC. The Eastern ladies made it to the finals in Croke Park falling just short to New York in the final. In 2019 Canada GAA was represented at the World Games in Waterford where Toronto had a strong showing in the native Men’s and Ladies football categories.

The World Games gives new players the opportunity to witness firsthand the passion, commitment and sense of community found across the GAA network in Ireland. It is a truly remarkable event and one that Canada GAA looks forward to attending. Canada GAA extends thanks to the GAA in Ireland for their support.





# AUSTRALASIA



*In the early 1840's there was a newspaper report of a form of Gaelic football played in South Australia and it is acknowledged that similar games were played on the goldfields of Victoria in the 1850's. There is a lack of documentation of many challenge games of Gaelic football and hurling which were played between the Irish of Melbourne and Sydney in the 1920's and 1930's*

Fast forward to 2023 and the Australasian association now comprises of affiliated Australian units in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Hobart plus Wellington and Christchurch in New Zealand. There are now more than 120 teams playing weekly in men's and women's football, hurling and camogie. Almost 3,000 Registered players made up of 60% males and 40% females participate.

Underage football and hurling in the last five years has taken giant steps with "Go Games" taking place in every city for 5 to 14 year olds. Added to that are Minor Boards that cater for the 15 to 17 age group. The minor Boards ready their teams for many to take part in the annual Australasian Minor Football Championships. Such has been the growth in the 5 to 14 y.o. participation that for the first time a football team from Perth travelled and took part in a 2019

"Feile" competition in Ireland. 2023 saw the first Féile competition in Australasia when it was held in Adelaide in March. It was a great success and we can't wait to continue this initiative in the coming years.

In 2015 Australasia entered a Women's team into the World Games competition in Dubai and came very close to winning the competition only losing to the Middle East at the death. On to Dublin and the World Games at UCD where four teams from Australasia took part in men's and ladies football, hurling and camogie. Results saw us winning the camogie competition and being losing finalists in Ladies football and hurling. The men's team took home the Shield trophy.

Fast forward to 2023 and Australasia are once again looking forward to travelling to Derry to take part in the World Games. Six teams will be travelling, with 90 players and management taking part in Irish born men and ladies football, camogie and hurling, as well as international men and ladies football teams. We cannot wait to get involved again and look forward to a great week of competitive games, forming friendships and of course exploring Derry.



# BRITAIN



*On behalf of everyone involved in the promotion of Gaelic Games here in Britain I would like to thank FRS Recruitment and everyone involved in Croke Park & the GAA for organising these World Games, for enabling our players to take part in this wonderful tournament and for providing an opportunity for them to achieve a dream that everyone in the GAA aspires to, the opportunity to play in Celtic Park, Derry.*

The Provincial Councils of Britain have been providing these links and support since 1927. There are over 100 clubs spread across the various codes within the seven counties of Britain. Games are organised from January to December with teams participating in National competitions, Provincial Championships, County Competitions as well as numerous tournaments for clubs, schools and universities.

The second is to expand and develop our games abroad by introducing our games to those who traditionally would not be familiar with them and providing an opportunity for our children and their friends to enjoy everything that the GAA is about. We have been very fortunate over the last decade to be able to provide such opportunities through our CDA programme. This programme has been sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Croke Park and we owe all involved a huge debt of gratitude for the support that has been provided.

This year we will have over 4,000 children participating in our games in tournaments such as the All-Britain Championship which has been running for eight years, the Northern Games now in its third year and various schools and club tournaments. Eleven teams of boys and girls will have the opportunity to travel home to play against other teams in Féile. These activities underpin the future development of our games in Britain.

We ran a competition for our home-grown players here in Britain in June and the winners are representing us at the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games. The teams will travel from all corners

of Britain playing against each other in the World Games tournament format. These players will have the full support of all of us here in Britain and we wish them, and all the players involved in the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games the very best of luck for the tournament.

To all the organisers, volunteers and officials involved we wish you every success for the tournament in Derry. You are providing a wonderful opportunity to showcase what the GAA is all about, supporting each other and belonging to a global family while enjoying our games.



# EUROPE



*If Waterford in 2019 saw the arrival of a big contingent from Europe, Derry in 2023 will see even greater numbers with all codes represented. Within the multinational, multilingual and multiethnic flood of Gaels, two words unite them all - Gaelic Games.*

Since our foundation in 1999, with 5 clubs guided by then GAA President Joe McDonagh, with guidance from then GAA President Joe McDonagh, currently 4,000+ adult players play camogie, hurling, men's & ladies' football, as youth numbers grow annually with the 2nd GGE Youth Féile successfully held in Berlin this year.

With almost 100 active clubs from Iceland to Italy, France to Finland and 22 countries in total, Gaelic Games across Europe are flying high. However, while local, regional and continental competitions are the mainstays everybody lives for the moment to test themselves on the World stage.

Gaelic football sees most games played 9 or 11 a side, and on soccer or rugby pitches, with some leagues acting as qualifiers for larger leagues/championships. The European Finals in October each year provide the opportunity for these teams to come together, have fun, and challenge themselves against the best in Europe, with 800+ players taking part each time.

Our 15-a-side competitions for each code are attracting more and more clubs, with the winners going on to play in Leinster provincial championships.

As well as spreading Gaelic Games to 20+ countries and growing year-on-year, the greatest achievement of the GAA in Europe has been to successfully attract the locals and non-Irish. In fact, the non-Irish membership

now outnumbers the Irish-born in Europe, with close to 60% of the membership now being non-Irish.

One of the European regional teams has a staggering 7 nationalities and 8 languages among just 13 players - 9 nationalities if you add in the mentors! It's a snapshot of Gaelic Games Europe, where in many cases English is at best the 2nd language. And yet the growth and interest and passion grows, with Gaels of all nationalities and backgrounds taking the field.

The FRS Recruitment GAA World Games 2023 allows people from over 50 nations to proudly represent their clubs and communities, delivering a superb advertisement for Gaelic Games across the continent and beyond. Indeed, many clubs have been born out of this coverage in the past!

Gaelic Games Europe is proudly sending 8 Open and 36 International Teams in all codes to Derry.



# ARGENTINA



*The earliest references from Gaelic Games being played in Argentina is from 1887, but it was not until 1900 when the first official game was organized, the man credited with the organization was William Bulfin from county Offaly.*

On August 5th the same year after the second exhibition game took place, the Buenos Aires Hurling Club was formed.

Enthusiasm for the game spread rapidly and clubs and groups were formed. Games were organized every weekend up to the year 1914, then due to the first World War it became impossible to import hurleys.

In 1920 there was a revival, and it started a new championship which was played by 14 teams during the following 22 years. On August 27, 1922, the Argentine Federation of Hurling was formed.

Again, the second World War brought a dry-up of the supply of hurleys, and put an end to the games.

In 1946 the assembly of the clubs changed the original federation name to Hurling Club, and the activities diversified into other sports like Hockey and Rugby.

During the 60's and 70's the Hurling Club organized its annual Hurler's day where Pallottine priests, Christian brothers and Irish Argentines gathered to play. In the 80's the Air Lingus Hurling Club visited Argentina and played several games.

In 2002 for the first time the Hurling All Stars team visited Argentina and played an exhibition, the event was such a success that it triggered a second visit a few years later.

During the years 2010 to 2012 Hurling and Gaelic Football camps were re-established which generated great enthusiasm and gathered a large number of participants. These camps were strongly supported by the GAA thanks to Pat Daly, who sent George O'Connor and Martin Lynch to help with the coaching.

In the year 2017, for the first time, the GAA President Aogán Ó Fearghail visited the club and helped start the twining programme with Ulster GAA.

The club have participated in many GAA tournaments including Air Lingus Hurling Festival in 2013, Abu Dhabi World Games 2015, UCD Dublin World Games 2016, Renault GAA World Games 2017. They are currently running a development programme supported by the GAA that reaches more than 600 people, which includes the following activities:

- **Adult Men's Football championship**
- **Adult Men's Hurling Practice**
- **Adult Ladies Football Practice**
- **Youth and Kids Hurling and Football practice**
- **Gaelic camps in Private Schools**
- **Gaelic Camps programme run together with Buenos Aires City government**
- **Exhibitions games in events and gatherings promoted by the Irish Embassy and Irish Argentinean associations**



# CUENCA DEL PLATA



***The Unit was founded at the beginning of 2018 with the Gaelic football teams of San Isidro Gaélico, Club Atlético de San Isidro and Parents and Alumni of Labardén School.***

In 2021, the Bulfin team, made up mostly of players of Irish origin who live in and around Buenos Aires, joined.

Regular activities include Gaelic Football, joint training sessions, The “Río de la Plata” Cup, Leagues, the ‘Admiral Guillermo Brown’ Cup and a First steps Hurling School all on the San Isidro shoreline.

The Unit aims to grow in South America, primarily taking care of the validity of the values of amateur sports, including integration, respect, and the strengthening of the communities that participate in Gaelic Games.

Both Cuenca del Plata GAA and Argentina GAA are travelling to Derry with great enthusiasm and excitement for the 2023 FRS Recruitment GAA World Games.





# FIXTURES

PITCH 1								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Monday	9.00am	Camogie	Germany		v		Europe	Cam Int
Monday	9.30am	Camogie	South East		v		Milwaukee	Cam Int
Monday	10.00am	Camogie	St Louis		v		Canada	Cam Int
Monday	10.30am	Camogie	Coastal Virginia		v		US Warriors	Cam Int
Monday	11.00am	Football	Italy		v		Derry Club	Men's Open
Monday	11.30am	Camogie	Australasia		v		Newbridge	Cam Open
Monday	12.00pm	Camogie	Britain 1		v		Kilrea	Cam Open
Monday	12.30pm	Camogie	Britain 2		v		Newbridge	Cam Open
Monday	1.00pm	Camogie	Europe		v		South East	Cam Int
Monday	1.30pm	Camogie	Coastal Virginia		v		Canada	Cam Int
Monday	2.00pm	Camogie	Milwaukee		v		St Louis	Cam Int
Monday	2.30pm	Camogie	US Warriors		v		Germany	Cam Int
Monday	3.00pm	Camogie	Europe		v		Asia	Cam Open
Monday	3.30pm	Camogie	Australasia		v		Middle East	Cam Open
Monday	4.00pm	Camogie	Britain 1		v		Britain 2	Cam Open

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PITCH 2								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Monday	9.00am	LGFA	Round Towers		v		Australasia	LGFA Open
Monday	9.30am	LGFA	Iberia		v		Middle East	LGFA Open
Monday	10.00am	LGFA	Parnells		v		Asia	LGFA Open
Monday	10.30am	LGFA	Iberia		v		Steelstown Brian O'g's	LGFA Int
Monday	11.00am	LGFA	Central & East Europe		v		Steelstown Brian O'g's	LGFA Int
Monday	11.30am	LGFA	Galicia Blue		v		Derry Select	LGFA Int
Monday	12.00pm	Football	Iberia		v		Derry Club	Men's Open
Monday	12.30pm	Football	Australasia		v		Derry Club	Men's Open
Monday	1.00pm	LGFA	Central & East Europe		v		Asia	LGFA Open
Monday	1.30pm	LGFA	New York Liberty		v		Charlotte James Connollys	LGFA Int
Monday	2.00pm	LGFA	Australasia		v		Middle East	LGFA Open
Monday	2.30pm	LGFA	Canada		v		Asia	LGFA Int
Monday	3.00pm	LGFA	Brittany		v		Iberia	LGFA Int
Monday	3.30pm	LGFA	Round Towers		v		Parnells	LGFA Open
Monday	4.00pm	Football	Sean McDermott's		v		Charlotte James Connollys	Men's Int
Monday	4.30pm	LGFA	France Red Development		v		Charlotte James Connollys	LGFA Int



# FIXTURES

PITCH 3								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Monday	9.00am	Football	France Blue		v		Brittany	Men's Int
Monday	9.30am	Football	Canada		v		Galicia White	Men's Int
Monday	10.00am	Football	Éire Óg San Francisco		v		Galicia Blue	Men's Int
Monday	10.30am	Football	Iberia		v		France Red Development	Men's Int
Monday	11.00am	Football	Alsace		v		Quebec	Men's Int
Monday	11.30am	Football	Benelux		v		Faughanvale	Men's Open
Monday	12.00pm	Football	Asia		v		Derry Club	Men's Open
Monday	12.30pm	Football	Middle East		v		Faughanvale	Men's Open
Monday	1.00pm	Football	Galicia White		v		Sean McDermotts	Men's Int
Monday	1.30pm	Football	European Lions		v		Australasia	Men's Int
Monday	2.00pm	Football	France Red Development		v		Galicia Blue	Men's Int
Monday	2.30pm	Football	Iberia		v		Ottawa	Men's Int
Monday	3.30pm	Football	Asia		v		Australasia	Men's Open
Monday	4.00pm	Football	Benelux		v		Iberia	Men's Open
Monday	4.30pm	Football	Siròc		v		European Bears	Men's Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 4								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Monday	9.00am	Hurling	Fr Murphy's		v		Coastal Virginia	Hurl Int
Monday	9.30am	Hurling	Milwaukee		v		South East 2	Hurl Int
Monday	10.00am	Hurling	Germany White		v		Pearse Óg	Hurl Int
Monday	10.30am	Hurling	St Louis		v		Canada	Hurl Int
Monday	11.00am	Hurling	Philadelphia		v		New York	Hurl Int
Monday	11.30am	Hurling	South East 1		v		C & E Europe	Hurl Int
Monday	12.00pm	Hurling	Australasia		v		Kevin Lynch's	Hurl Open
Monday	12.30pm	Hurling	Benelux		v		Slaughtneil	Hurl Open
Monday	1.00pm	Hurling	Pearse Óg		v		France	Hurl Int
Monday	1.30pm	Hurling	Canada		v		Germany Red	Hurl Int
Monday	2.00pm	Hurling	Milwaukee		v		Germany White	Hurl Int
Monday	2.30pm	Hurling	South East 2		v		Coastal Virginia	Hurl Int
Monday	3.00pm	Hurling	South East 1		v		St Louis	Hurl Int
Monday	3.30pm	Hurling	New York		v		C & E Europe	Hurl Int
Monday	4.00pm	Hurling	Asia		v		Australasia	Hurl Open
Monday	4.30pm	Hurling	Philadelphia		v		Germany Red	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 5								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Monday	9.00am	LGFA	France Blue		v		Europe	LGFA Int
Monday	9.30am	LGFA	Benelux		v		Quebec	LGFA Int
Monday	10.00am	LGFA	Cairde Khmer Cambodia		v		Galicia White	LGFA Int
Monday	10.30am	LGFA	Asia		v		New York Liberty	LGFA Int
Monday	11.00am	LGFA	France Red Development		v		Gascohna	LGFA Int
Monday	11.30am	LGFA	Canada		v		Germany	LGFA Int
Monday	12.00pm	LGFA	Siroc		v		Steelstown	LGFA Int
Monday	1.00pm	LGFA	Galicia White		v		Heartland	LGFA Int
Monday	1.30pm	LGFA	Cairde Khmer Cambodia		v		France Blue	LGFA Int
Monday	2.00pm	LGFA	Europe		v		Quebec	LGFA Int
Monday	2.30pm	LGFA	Germany		v		Gascohna	LGFA Int
Monday	3.00pm	LGFA	Australasia		v		C & E Europe	LGFA Int
Monday	3.30pm	LGFA	Galicia Blue		v		Siroc	LGFA Int
Monday	4.00pm	LGFA	Heartland		v		Benelux	LGFA Int
Monday	4.30pm	LGFA	C & E Europe		v		Iberia	LGFA Open

# FIXTURES

PITCH 6								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Monday	9.00am	Football	Charlotte James Connollys		v		Argentina	Men's Int
Monday	9.30am	Football	Ottawa		v		Europe Lions	Men's Int
Monday	10.00am	LGFA	Brittany		v		Derry Select	LGFA Int
Monday	10.30am	LGFA	Australasia		v		Derry Select	LGFA Int
Monday	11.00am	Camogie	Asia		v		Dungiven	Cam Open
Monday	11.30am	Camogie	Middle East		v		Loup	Cam Open
Monday	12.00pm	Camogie	Europe		v		Drum	Cam Open
Monday	12.30pm	Hurling	Asia		v		Derry Social Hurling	Hurl Open
Monday	1.00pm	Hurling	Middle East		v		Kevin Lynch's HC	Hurl Open
Monday	1.30pm	Football	Catalonia		v		Siròc	Men's Int
Monday	2.00pm	Football	Brittany		v		Argentina	Men's Int
Monday	2.30pm	Football	France Blue		v		Canada	Men's Int
Monday	3.30pm	Hurling	Middle East		v		Benelux	Hurl Open
Monday	4.00pm	Football	Australasia		v		Éire Óg San Francisco	Men's Int
Monday	4.30pm	Football	Benelux		v		Cuenca Del Plata	Men's Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 7								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Monday	9.00am	Football	Germany		v		Gascohna	Men's Int
Monday	9.30am	Football	Benelux		v		Italy Blue	Men's Int
Monday	10.00am	Football	Cairde Khmer Cambodia		v		Europe Wolves	Men's Int
Monday	10.30am	Football	Europe Bears		v		Italy TransAlp	Men's Int
Monday	11.00am	Football	Neustrie		v		Catalonia	Men's Int
Monday	1.00pm	Football	Europe Wolves		v		Cuenca Del Plata	Men's Int
Monday	1.30pm	Football	Cairde Khmer Cambodia		v		Gernany	Men's Int
Monday	2.00pm	Football	Alsace		v		Neustrie	Men's Int
Monday	2.30pm	Football	Gascohna		v		Italy Blue	Men's Int
Monday	3.00pm	Football	Italy TransAlp		v		Quebec	Men's Int
Monday	3.30pm	Football	Middle East		v		Italy	Men's Open
Monday	4.00pm	Hurling	France		v		Fr Murphys	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 1								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Tuesday	9.00am	Hurling	Middle East		v		Asia	Hurl Open
Tuesday	9.30am	Hurling	Benelux		v		Australasia	Hurl Open
Tuesday	10.00am	Hurling	Milwaukee		v		Coastal Virginia	Hurl Int
Tuesday	10.30am	Hurling	Germany White		v		France	Hurl Int
Tuesday	11.00am	Hurling	South East 2		v		Fr. Murphy's	Hurl Int
Tuesday	11.30am	Hurling	South East 1		v		New York	Hurl Int
Tuesday	12.00pm	Hurling	St Louis		v		Germany Red	Hurl Int
Tuesday	12.30pm	Hurling	Central & East Europe		v		Philadelphia	Hurl Int
Tuesday	1.00pm	Hurling	Middle East		v		Australasia	Hurl Open
Tuesday	1.30pm	Hurling	Benelux		v		Asia	Hurl Open
Tuesday	2.00pm	Hurling	Coastal Virginia		v		Pearse Óg	Hurl Int
Tuesday	2.30pm	Hurling	New York		v		Canada	Hurl Int
Tuesday	3.00pm	Hurling	France		v		South East 2	Hurl Int
Tuesday	3.30pm	Hurling	St Louis		v		Philadelphia	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 2								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Tuesday	9.00am	LGFA	France Blue		v		Quebec	LGFA Int
Tuesday	9.30am	LGFA	Asia		v		Charlotte	LGFA Int
Tuesday	10.00am	LGFA	Australasia		v		Siroc	LGFA Int
Tuesday	10.30am	LGFA	C & E Europe		v		Brittany	LGFA Int
Tuesday	11.00am	LGFA	Round Towers		v		Middle East	LGFA Open
Tuesday	11.30am	LGFA	Parnells		v		C & E Europe	LGFA Open
Tuesday	12.00pm	LGFA	Australasia		v		Iberia	LGFA Open
Tuesday	1.00pm	LGFA	Benelux		v		Cairde Khmer Cambodia	LGFA Int
Tuesday	1.30pm	LGFA	Asia		v		France Red Development	LGFA Int
Tuesday	2.00pm	LGFA	Heartland		v		Europe	LGFA Int
Tuesday	2.30pm	LGFA	Middle East		v		Asia	LGFA Open
Tuesday	3.00pm	LGFA	Brittany		v		Galicia Blue	LGFA Int
Tuesday	3.30pm	LGFA	Parnells		v		Iberia	LGFA Open
Tuesday	4.30pm	LGFA	Canada		v		New York Liberty	LGFA Int
Tuesday	5.00pm	LGFA	Asia		v		Round Towers	LGFA Open



# FIXTURES

PITCH 3								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Tuesday	9.00am	Football	Middle East		v		Iberia	Men's Open
Tuesday	9.30am	Football	Asia		v		Italy	Men's Open
Tuesday	10.00am	Football	Australasia		v		Benelux	Men's Open
Tuesday	10.30am	Football	France Blue		v		Argentina	Men's Int
Tuesday	11.00am	Football	Canada		v		Sean McDermotts	Men's Int
Tuesday	11.30am	Football	Brittany		v		Charlotte James Connollys	Men's Int
Tuesday	12.30pm	Football	Italy		v		Australasia	Men's Open
Tuesday	1.00pm	Football	Benelux		v		Middle East	Men's Open
Tuesday	1.30pm	Football	Canada		v		Charlotte James Connollys	Men's Int
Tuesday	2.00pm	Football	Argentina		v		Galicia White	Men's Int
Tuesday	2.30pm	Football	Sean McDermotts		v		Brittany	Men's Int
Tuesday	3.30pm		Rounders Exhibition Match					
Tuesday	4.00pm		Rounders Exhibition Match					
Tuesday	5.00pm	Football	Galicia White		v		France Blue	Men's Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 4								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Tuesday	9.00am	Camogie	Britain 1		v		Asia	Cam Open
Tuesday	9.30am	Camogie	Australasia		v		Britain 2	Cam Open
Tuesday	10.00am	Camogie	Middle East		v		Europe	Cam Open
Tuesday	10.30am	Camogie	Canada		v		Milwaukee	Cam Int
Tuesday	11.00am	Camogie	St Louis		v		Coastal Virginia	Cam Int
Tuesday	11.30am	Camogie	Europe		v		US Warriors	Cam Int
Tuesday	12.00pm	Camogie	South East		v		Germany	Cam Int
Tuesday	12.30pm	Camogie	Asia		v		Australasia	Cam Open
Tuesday	1.00pm	Camogie	Britain 2		v		Middle East	Cam Open
Tuesday	1.30pm	Camogie	Europe		v		Britain 1	Cam Open
Tuesday	2.00pm	Camogie	Coastal Virginia		v		Milwaukee	Cam Int
Tuesday	2.30pm	Camogie	Europe		v		St Louis	Cam Int
Tuesday	3.00pm	Camogie	Germany		v		Canada	Cam Int
Tuesday	3.30pm	Camogie	US Warriors		v		South East	Cam Int
Tuesday	4.00pm	Hurling	Germany White		v		Fr Murphy's	Hurl Int
Tuesday	4.30pm	Hurling	Germany Red		v		C & E Europe	Hurl Int
Tuesday	5.00pm	Hurling	Pearse Óg		v		Milwaukee	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 5								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Tuesday	9.00am	LGFA	Canada		v		Gascohná	LGFA Int
Tuesday	9.30am	LGFA	Germany		v		France Red	LGFA Int
Tuesday	10.00am	LGFA	Europe		v		Benelux	LGFA Int
Tuesday	10.30am	LGFA	Cairde Khmer Cambodia		v		Heartland	LGFA Int
Tuesday	11.00am	LGFA	Galicia Blue		v		Iberia	LGFA Int
Tuesday	1.00pm	LGFA	Quebec		v		Galicia White	LGFA Int
Tuesday	1.30pm	LGFA	Gascohná		v		New York Liberty	LGFA Int
Tuesday	2.00pm	LGFA	Charlotte James Connollys		v		Germany	LGFA Int
Tuesday	2.30pm	LGFA	Siròc		v		C & E Europe	LGFA Int
Tuesday	3.00pm	LGFA	Iberia		v		Australasia	LGFA Int
Tuesday	3.30pm	LGFA	C & E Europe		v		Australasia	LGFA Open
Tuesday	4.30pm	LGFA	Galicia White		v		France Blue	LGFA Int
Tuesday	5.00pm	Hurling	Canada		v		South East 1	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 6								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Tuesday	10.00am	Football	Iberia		v		Galicia Blue	Men's Int
Tuesday	10.30am	Football	Ottawa		v		Australasia	Men's Int
Tuesday	11.00am	Football	France Red Development		v		Éire Óg San Francisco	Men's Int
Tuesday	1.00pm	Football	Iberia		v		Asia	Men's Open
Tuesday	2.00pm	Football	Galicia Blue		v		European Lions	Men's Int
Tuesday	2.30pm	Football	Ottawa		v		Éire Óg San Francisco	Men's Int
Tuesday	3.00pm	Football	Australasia		v		France Red Development	Men's Int
Tuesday	4.30pm	Football	Catalonia		v		Alsace	Men's Int
Tuesday	5.00pm	Football	European Lions		v		Iberia	Men's Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 7								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Tuesday	9.00am	Football	Alsace		v		Italy Transalp	Men's Int
Tuesday	9.30am	Football	Neustrie		v		Siròc	Men's Int
Tuesday	10.00am	Football	Quebec		v		Europe Bears	Men's Int
Tuesday	10.30am	Football	Germany		v		Italy Blue	Men's Int
Tuesday	11.00am	Football	Cairde Khmer Cambodia		v		Cuenca del Plata	Men's Int
Tuesday	11.30am	Football	Gascohna		v		Benelux	Men's Int
Tuesday	12.30pm	Football	Italy Transalp		v		Catalonia	Men's Int
Tuesday	1.00pm	Football	Neustrie		v		Europe Bears	Men's Int
Tuesday	1.30pm	Football	Siròc		v		Quebec	Men's Int
Tuesday	2.00pm	Football	Italy Blue		v		Europe Wolves	Men's Int
Tuesday	2.30pm	Football	Cairde Khmer Cambodia		v		Benelux	Men's Int
Monday	3.00pm	Football	Cuenca del Plata		v		Gascohna	Men's Int
Tuesday	5.00pm	Football	Europe Wolves		v		Germany	Men's Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 1								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Wednesday	9.00am	Football	Benelux		v		Germany	Men's Int
Wednesday	9.30am	Football	Europe Wolves		v		Gascohna	Men's Int
Wednesday	10.00am	Football	Italy Blue		v		Cuenca del Plata	Men's Int
Wednesday	10.30am	Football	Italy		v		Benelux	Men's Open
Wednesday	11.00am	Football	Asia		v		Middle East	Men's Open
Wednesday	11.30am	Football	Australasia		v		Iberia	Men's Open
Wednesday	12.30pm	Football	Italy Blue		v		Cairde Khmer Cambodia	Men's Int
Wednesday	1.00pm	Football	Cuenca del Plata		v		Germany	Men's Int
Wednesday	1.30pm	Football	Benelux		v		Europe Wolves	Men's Int
Wednesday	2.00pm	Football	Italy Transalp		v		Neustrie	Men's Int
Wednesday	2.30pm	Football	Siròc		v		Alsace	Men's Int
Wednesday	3.00pm	Football	Europe Bears		v		Catalonia	Men's Int
Wednesday	3.30pm	Football	Benelux		v		Asia	Men's Open
Wednesday	4.00pm	Football	Middle East		v		Australasia	Men's Open
Wednesday	4.30pm	Football	Iberia		v		Italy	Men's Open
Wednesday	5.00pm	Football	Gascohna		v		Cairde Khmer Cambodia	Men's Int



# FIXTURES

PITCH 2								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Wednesday	9.00am	Hurling	Fr. Murphy's		v		Milwaukee	Hurl Int
Wednesday	9.30am	Hurling	Pearse Óg		v		South East 2	Hurl Int
Wednesday	10.00am	Hurling	Coastal Virginia		v		France	Hurl Int
Wednesday	10.30am	Hurling	Philadelphia		v		South East 1	Hurl Int
Wednesday	11.00am	Hurling	Canada		v		C & E Europe	Hurl Int
Wednesday	11.30am	Hurling	New York		v		Germany Red	Hurl Int
Wednesday	12.00pm	Hurling	Middle East		v		Benelux	Hurl Open
Wednesday	12.30pm	Hurling	Asia		v		Australasia	Hurl Open
Wednesday	1.00pm	Hurling	Coastal Virginia		v		Germany White	Hurl Int
Wednesday	1.30pm	Hurling	New York		v		St Louis	Hurl Int
Wednesday	2.00pm	Hurling	Fr. Murphy's		v		Pearse Óg	Hurl Int
Wednesday	2.30pm	Hurling	Germany Red		v		South East 1	Hurl Int
Wednesday	3.00pm	Hurling	France		v		Milwaukee	Hurl Int
Wednesday	3.30pm	Hurling	Philadelphia		v		Canada	Hurl Int
Wednesday	2.30pm	Hurling	Middle East		v		Asia	Hurl Open
Wednesday	3.00pm	Hurling	Benelux		v		Australasia	Hurl Open
Wednesday	3.30pm	Hurling	South East 2		v		Germany White	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 3								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Wednesday	9.00am	Camogie	Canada		v		Europe	Cam Int
Wednesday	9.30am	Camogie	South East		v		Coastal Virginia	Cam Int
Wednesday	10.00am	Camogie	St Louis		v		Germany	Cam Int
Wednesday	10.30am	Camogie	Milwaukee		v		US Warriors	Cam Int
Wednesday	11.30am	Camogie	Britain 2		v		Europe	Cam Open
Wednesday	12.00pm	Camogie	Australasia		v		Britain 1	Cam Open
Wednesday	12.30pm	Camogie	Middle East		v		Asia	Cam Open
Wednesday	1.00pm	Camogie	Coastal Virginia		v		Europe	Cam Int
Wednesday	1.30pm	Camogie	Milwaukee		v		Germany	Cam Int
Wednesday	2.00pm	Camogie	Canada		v		South East	Cam Int
Wednesday	2.30pm	Camogie	US Warriors		v		St Louis	Cam Int
Wednesday	3.30pm	Camogie	Europe		v		Australasia	Cam Open
Wednesday	4.00pm	Camogie	Britain 1		v		Middle East	Cam Open
Wednesday	4.30pm	Camogie	Asia		v		Britain 2	Cam Open

# FIXTURES

PITCH 4								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Wednesday	9.00am	LGFA	Iberia		v		Round Towers	LGFA Open
Wednesday	9.30am	LGFA	Asia		v		Australasia	LGFA Open
Wednesday	10.00am	LGFA	Middle East		v		C & E Europe	LGFA Open
Wednesday	11.00am	LGFA	New York Liberty		v		Germany	LGFA Int
Wednesday	11.30am	LGFA	France Red		v		Canada	LGFA Int
Wednesday	12.00pm	LGFA	Siròc		v		Brittany	LGFA Int
Wednesday	12.30pm	LGFA	Quebec		v		Cairde Khmer Cambodia	LGFA Int
Wednesday	1.30pm	LGFA	Heartland		v		France Blue	LGFA Int
Wednesday	2.00pm	LGFA	Benelux		v		Galicia White	LGFA Int
Wednesday	2.30pm	LGFA	Charlotte James Connnollys		v		Canada	LGFA Int
Wednesday	3.00pm	LGFA	France Red		v		New York Liberty	LGFA Int
Wednesday	3.30pm	LGFA	Brittany		v		Australasia	LGFA Int
Wednesday	4.00pm	LGFA	Galicia Blue		v		C & E Europe	LGFA Int
Wednesday	4.30pm	LGFA	Europe		v		Cairde Khmer Cambodia	LGFA Int
Wednesday	5.00pm	LGFA	Australasia		v		Parnells	LGFA Open

# FIXTURES

PITCH 5								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Wednesday	9.00am	LGFA	Benelux		v		France Blue	LGFA Int
Wednesday	9.30am	LGFA	Galicia White		v		Europe	LGFA Int
Wednesday	10.00am	LGFA	Quebec		v		Heartland	LGFA Int
Wednesday	10.30am	LGFA	Gascohna		v		Charlotte James Connollys	LGFA Int
Wednesday	11.00am	LGFA	Australasia		v		Galicia Blue	LGFA Int
Wednesday	11.30am	LGFA	C & E Europe		v		Iberia	LGFA Int
Wednesday	1.30pm	LGFA	Gascohna		v		Asia	LGFA Int
Wednesday	2.00pm	LGFA	Middle East		v		Parnells	LGFA Open
Wednesday	2.30pm	LGFA	C & E Europe		v		Round Towers	LGFA Open
Wednesday	3.00pm	LGFA	Iberia		v		Asia	LGFA Open
Wednesday	4.00pm	LGFA	Iberia		v		Siròc	LGFA Int
Wednesday	4.30pm	LGFA	Germany		v		Asia	LGFA Int
Wednesday	5.00pm	Hurling	C & E Europe		v		St Louis	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 6								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Wednesday	9.00am	Football	Charlotte James Connollys		v		France Blue	Men's Int
Wednesday	9.30am	Football	Galicia White		v		Brittany	Men's Int
Wednesday	10.00am	Football	Argentina		v		Sean McDermotts	Men's Int
Wednesday	10.30am	Football	Europe Bears		v		Alsace	Men's Int
Wednesday	11.00am	Football	Catalonia		v		Quebec	Men's Int
Wednesday	11.30am	Football	Italy Transalp		v		Siròc	Men's Int
Wednesday	12.30pm	Football	Argentina		v		Canada	Men's Int
Wednesday	1.00pm	Football	Sean McDermotts		v		France Blue	Men's Int
Wednesday	1.30pm	Football	Charlotte James Connollys		v		Galicia White	Men's Int
Wednesday	2.30pm		Rounders Exhibition Match					
Wednesday	3.00pm		Rounders Exhibition Match					
Wednesday	4.30pm	Football	Quebec		v		Neustrie	Men's Int
Wednesday	5.00pm	Football	Brittany		v		Canada	Men's Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 7									
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION	
Wednesday	9.00am	Football	Éire Óg San Francisco		v		Iberia	Men's Int	
Wednesday	9.30am	Football	European Lions		v		France Red	Men's Int	
Wednesday	10.00am	Football	Galicia Blue		v		Australasia	Men's Int	
	11.30am		GAA for All Exhibition Match						
Wednesday	12.30pm	Football	Éire Óg San Francisco		v		European Lions	Men's Int	
Wednesday	1.00pm	Football	Australasia		v		Iberia	Men's Int	
Wednesday	1.30pm	Football	Galicia Blue		v		Ottawa	Men's Int	
Wednesday	4.30pm	Football	France Red		v		Ottawa	Men's Int	



# FIXTURES

PITCH 1								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Thursday	9.00am	LGFA	3rd Place Div 1B		v		4th Place Div 1 C	LGFA Int
Thursday	9.40am	LGFA	4th Place Div 1A		v		4th Place Div 1 B	LGFA Int
Thursday	10.20am	LGFA	5th Place Div 1 C		v		7th Place Div 1A	LGFA Int
Thursday	12.20pm	LGFA	Winner QF 2		v		Winner QF 3	LGFA Int
Thursday	1.00pm	LGFA	6th Place Div 1 A		v		Winner QF 1	LGFA Int
Thursday	1.40pm	LGFA	5th Place		v		8th Place	LGFA Open
Thursday	2.20pm	LGFA	1st Place		v		4th Place	LGFA Open
Thursday	3.00pm	LGFA	2nd Place		v		3rd Place	LGFA Open
Thursday	4.20pm	LGFA	Winner Div 1B		v		Winner QF1	LGFA Int
Thursday	5.00pm	LGFA	LGFA Int Shield Final					LGFA Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 2								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Thursday	9.00am	Camogie	Milwaukee		v		Europe	Cam Int
Thursday	9.40am	Camogie	South East		v		St Louis	Cam Int
Thursday	10.20am	Camogie	Germany		v		Coastal Virginia	Cam Int
Thursday	11.00am	Camogie	US Warriors		v		Canada	Cam Int
Thursday	11.40am	Camogie	1st Place		v		4th Place	Cam Open
Thursday	12.20pm	Camogie	2nd Place		v		3rd Place	Cam Open
Thursday	1.40pm	Camogie	5th Place		v		6th Place	Cam Open
Thursday	2.20pm	Camogie	5th Place		v		8th Place	Cam Int
Thursday	3pm	Camogie	1st Place		v		4th Place	Cam Int
Thursday	3.40pm	Camogie	2nd Place		v		3rd Place	Cam Int
Thursday	5pm	Camogie	Camogie International Shield Final					Cam Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 3									
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION	
Thursday	9.00am	Hurling	Middle East		v		Australasia	Hurl Open	
Thursday	9.40am	Hurling	Benelux		v		Asia	Hurl Open	
Thursday	10.20am	Hurling	5th Place Div 1A		v		4th Place Div 1B	Hurl Int	
Thursday	11.00am	Hurling	5th Place Div 1B		v		4th Place Div 1A	Hurl Int	
Thursday	11.40am	Hurling	6th Place Div 1B		v		7th Place Div 1A	Hurl Int	
Thursday	12.20pm	Hurling	3rd Place Div 1A		v		2nd Place Div 1B	Hurl Int	
Thursday	1pm	Hurling	3rd Place Div 1B		v		2nd Place Div 1A	Hurl Int	
Thursday	1.40pm	Hurling	1st Place		v		4th Place	Hurl Open	
Thursday	2.20pm	Hurling	2nd Place		v		3rd Place	Hurl Open	
Thursday	3pm	Hurling	Hurl Int Shield Final						Hurl Int
Thursday	4.20pm	Hurling	1st Place Div 1A		v		QF 1 Winner	Hurl Int	

# FIXTURES

PITCH 4								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Thursday	9.00am	Football	3rd Place Div 1A		v		2nd Place Div 1B	Men's Int
Thursday	9.40am	Football	3rd Place Div 1B		v		2nd Place Div 1A	Men's Int
Thursday	10.20am	Football	3rd Place		v		6th Place	Men's Open
Thursday	11.00am	Football	4th Place		v		5th Place	Men's Open
Thursday	11.40am	Football	5th Place Div 2A		v		4th Pace Div 2B	Men's Int
Thursday	12.20pm	Football	5th Place Div 1B		v		4th Place Div 1A	Men's Int
Thursday	1.40pm	Football	1st Place Div 1A		v		Winner QF 1	Men's Int
Thursday	2.20pm	Football	1st Place Div 1B		v		Winner QF 2	Men's Int
Thursday	3.00pm	Football	Men's Open Shield Final					Men's Open
Thursday	4.20pm	Football	Men's Int Div 1 Shield Final					Men's Int
Thursday	5.00pm	Hurling	Hurl Int Plate Final					Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 5								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Thursday	9.00am	LGFA	3rd Place Div 1 C		v		5th Place Div 1 A	LGFA Int
Thursday	9.40am	LGFA	3rd Place Div 1 A		v		5th Place Div 1 B	LGFA Int
Thursday	10.20am	LGFA	6th Place Div 1 C		v		7th Place Div 1 B	LGFA Int
Thursday	11.00am	LGFA	Winner Div 1 C		v		Runner Up Div 1 A	LGFA Int
Thursday	11.40am	LGFA	Runner Up Div 1 B		v		Runner Up Div 1 C	LGFA Int
Thursday	12.20pm	LGFA	Winner QF 1		v		Winner QF 4	LGFA Int
Thursday	1.00pm	LGFA	6th Place Div 1 B		v		Winner QF 2	LGFA Int
Thursday	1.40pm	LGFA	6th Place		v		7th Place	LGFA Open
Thursday	4.20pm	LGFA	Winner Div 1 A		v		Winner QF 2	LGFA Int
Thursday	5.00pm	LGFA	LGFA Open Shield Final					LGFA Open

# FIXTURES

PITCH 6								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Thursday	9.00am	Football	3rd Place Div 2A		v		2nd Place Div 2B	Men's Int
Thursday	9.40am	Football	3rd Place Div 2B		v		2nd Place Div 2A	Men's Int
Thursday	10.20am	Football	6th Place Div 1A		v		7th Place Div 1B	Men's Int
Thursday	11.00am	Football	6th Place Div 2A		v		7th Place Div 2B	Men's Int
Thursday	11.40am	Football	5th Place Div 2B		v		4th Place Div 2A	Men's Int
Thursday	12.20pm	Football	5th Place Div 1A		v		4th Place Div 1B	Men's Int
Thursday	1.40pm	Football	1st Place Div 2A		v		Winner QF 1	Men's Int
Thursday	2.20pm	Football	1st Place Div 2B		v		Winner QF2	Men's Int
Thursday	3.00pm	Football	Men's Int Div 2 Plate Final					Men's Int
Thursday	4.20pm	Hurling	1st Place Div 1B		v		QF 2 Winner	Hurl Int

# FIXTURES

PITCH 7								
DAY	TIME	CODE	TEAM 1	SCORE	V	SCORE	TEAM 2	COMPETITION
Thursday	10.20am	Football	6th Place Div 1B		v		7th Place Div 1A	Men's Int
Thursday	11.00am	Football	6th Place Div 2B		v		7th Place Div 2A	Men's Int
Thursday	11.40am	Hurling	6th Place Div 1A		v		7th Place Div 1B	Hurl Int
Thursday	2.20pm	Camogie	6th Place		v		7th Place	Cam Int
Thursday	3.00pm	Football	Men's Int Div 1 Plate Final					Men's Int
Thursday	3.40pm	Football	Men's Int Div 2 Shield Final					Men's Int
Thursday	5.00pm	LGFA	LGFA Int Plate Final					LGFA Int



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# FIXTURES FINALS

Time	Celtic Park
9.00am	Men's Football Open Cup Final
9.45am	Hurling International Cup Final
10.30am	Camogie Open Cup Final
Break	
11.45am	LGFA Open Cup Final
12.30pm	Camogie International Cup Final
1.15pm	Men's Football International Division 2 Cup Final
Break	
2.45pm	LGFA International Cup Final
3.30pm	Hurling Open Cup Final
4.15pm	Men's Football International Division 1 Cup Final



# FRIDAY FINALS



**With an increase of 15 teams at this year's FRS Recruitment GAA World Games, compared to the same event in 2019, it was inevitable that the competition for places at the Finals Day was going to reach a heightened scale. To earn a spot among the nine finals in Celtic Park requires exceptional amounts of teamwork, talent, and plenty of hard work. From 9am on July 28th, spectators will be treated to fast-paced, competitive, and riveting action across the day, with the very best players from around the globe aiming to claim a coveted FRS Recruitment GAA World Games Cup medal.**

There's no easy route – four intense days of preliminary action on the immaculately-prepared sod at the Owenbeg Centre of Excellence – and indeed, four successful days, are required to earn the right to run out onto the pristine turf at Derry's home stadium, Celtic Park with a capacity of 18,000.

With entry to all five days of action, finals included, free of charge, a large support is expected on July 28th to cheer on those who have successfully navigated their way through the tournament stages. The very best players, from every corner of the globe, battling it out in short, sharp matches where there is no margin for error, no opportunity to let-up. These players have been preparing for four years for this moment – this is their shot at glory.

The first title up for grabs will be the Open Men's Football competition, this year all eyes will be on previous double winners – the Middle East. They return in a blaze of glory, prepared and ready to defend their crown, with Benelux, Asia, Australasia,

Italy, and Iberia ready to step up to the plate and attempt to etch their own names in the archives of history on July 28th.

The International Hurling decider will throw in at 9.45am, there is strong representation from the USGAA unit here, with 6 sides entered, Philadelphia, St Louis, South East, Coastal Virginia, Pearse Óg and Milwaukee. All eyes will be on New York as they look set to hold onto their crown, after 2019's battle with London in the final. In addition, Germany, France, Central & East Europe, Fr. Murphy's, Canada, will be landing to sunny Derry far from content with making up the numbers. The indigenous growth of hurling on a global scale is truly inspiring, and long may it continue to flourish.

The next title before the break will be the Open Camogie Final. Australasia were the victors in 2019, overcoming the Middle East in the final. These two will likely be robust contenders again this time round but will have to stave off the stern challenge of several other top sides – indeed Asia, Europe and the two British teams will also fancy their chances of progression. We hope the challenge games vs the Derry club on the Monday sharpened their skills ahead of the competition.

The Open Ladies Football Final will take centre stage at 11.45am, in what is certain to be a culmination of four previous days of engrossing exploits. 2019 defending champions, Australasia, will be tipped by many to make the ultimate stage, but biting at their heels will be Asia, Middle East, Central & East Europe, Parnells, Round Towers London and Iberia, all more than capable of lifting the cup. It's always a huge honour to return to Ireland and get the opportunity to take the field, so each game will be fought in a manner befitting the reward.

The fifth game of the day will be the International Camogie clash at 12.30pm. Two American sides played out an intriguing bout last time round, with Twin Cities edging it out against the US Warriors. The number of teams in this competition has increased in 2023, with US Warriors back for more with Germany, Coastal Virginia, St Louis, Canada, Europe, South East and Milwaukee fighting for the top prize. We look forward to the rise in standards and intensity, in what promises to be a heavily challenged final.

Over 28 teams registered for the International Men's football, so the competition had to be split between Division 1 and 2. This new competition is a result of the incredible increase of growth of Gaelic Football not only across the GAA World Games, but worldwide as well. In the Division 2 International Men's football final we have 12 European teams, 1 Canadian team and 1 Asian team. Teams will be tired after four tough days of action in Owenbeg, they'll have to dig deep at Celtic Park as they are cheered on by international and local supporters alike.

At 2.45pm, the International Ladies Football Final will take centre stage. With 20 sides aiming to capture silverware of some sort, one can rest assured that no quarter will be given or taken, and the skillsets on offer are expected to be remarkable. New York, victors last time out, are back – with Australasia 2019 runners up looking for revenge. An immense 12 European squads, 2 USG GAA clubs, 2 Canadian and 2 Asian teams including first time competitors Cairde Khmer Cambodia will aim to thwart their efforts.

This will be followed by the Open Hurling Final at 3.30pm. In what is expected to be one of the most ferociously competitive division at this year's Games, the four sides will have undergone titanic battles already to merit a slot in the showdown. Geographically, the spread of contenders is massive, with Middle East, as holders, entering the fray as favourites. But Asia, Benelux and last year's finalists Australasia will be emptying the tank to overthrow the 2019 winners.

The last final of the day in Celtic Park, after 8 glorious battles will be the Men's Football International Division 2 Cup Final. This new competition is a result of the incredible increase of growth of Gaelic Football not only across the GAA World Games, but worldwide as well. We have 12 European teams in this section, 1 Canadian team and 1 Asian team. Teams will be tired after four tough days of action in Owenbeg, they'll have to dig deep at Celtic Park as they are cheered on by international and local supporters alike.

The last final of the day in Celtic Park, after 8 glorious battles will be the Men's Football International Division 1 Cup Final. In what could well turn out to be the most exhilarating competition at these games, the Division 1 cup was claimed by a youthful New York side in 2019. With New York opting out of this year's FRS Recruitment GAA World Games many will be backing themselves as the dark horse heading to Celtic Park. Shield and Plate titles will be difficult to come by in this section, making the Cup truly the Holy Grail. Throw in here is at 4.15pm.

## CELTIC PARK

9.00am Men's Football Open Cup Final

9.45am Hurling International Cup Final

10.30am Camogie Open Cup Final

### Break

11.45am LGFA Open Cup Final

12.30pm Camogie International Cup Final

1.15pm Men's Football International Div 2 Cup Final

### Break

2.45pm LGFA International Cup Final

3.30pm Hurling Open Cup Final

4.15pm Men's Football International Div 1 Cup Final

# REFEREES

Hurling	County
Aiden McAleer	Donegal
Alan Nash	Derry
Brian Keon	Galway
Colm McDonald	Antrim
Conor Daly	Kildare
Conor Doyle	Tipperary
Kevin Parke	Antrim
Liam Gordon	Galway
Michael Kennedy	Tipperary
Shane Hynes	Galway
Gerard Dillon	US GAA
Chris Hickson	Derry
Francis Kelly	Roscommon
John O'Connor	Down



Ladies Football	County
Aaron Clogher	Roscommon
Angela Gallagher	Sligo
Ciaran Groome	Offaly
Garryowen Mc Mahon	Mayo
Gus Chapman	Sligo
Paul McCaughey	Westmeath
Jonathan Murphy	Carlow
Philip Conway	Amargh
Seamus Mulvihill	Kerry
Shane Curley	Galway
Siobhan Coyle	Donegal
Leah Casey	Derry
Tara McVey	Derry





Men's Football	County
Barry Welsh Rush	Derry
Brendan Cawley	Kildare
Brieuc Henry	Europe
Cathal Doherty	Derry
Paul Quigley	Derry
Chris Lennon	Armagh
Chris Maguire	Clare
Conall McGinnity	Armagh
Dave Reilly	Europe
Diarmuid Ó Loing	Australia
Enda McFeely	Donegal
Eoin Murphy	Fermanagh
Fearghal Lavery	Armagh
Fergal Hurley	Derry
Fintan Pierce	Offaly
Henry McCloy	Armagh
Manus O'Donnell	Donegal
James Doyle	Canada
JJ Keaney	Europe
John Gilmartin	Sligo
John O Connor	Down
Jonathan Hayes	Limerick
Kieran Eannetta	Tyrone
Kieran Olwell	Meath
Marty Coyle	Tyrone



Men's Football	County
Michael Kelly	Tyrone
Richie Donoghue	Derry
Rory O'Hara	Derry
Sean Hurson	Tyrone
Sean Lonergan	Tipperary
Sean McDonnell	Dublin
Fiontan McCotter	Antrim
Thomas Devlin	Derry
Marcos Ganete	Europe
Conor Daly	Kildare

Camogie	County
Jerome McAllister	Antrim
Philip McDonald	Cavan
Gráinne Coulter	Down
Gerry McGough	Dublin
Simon Redmond	Dublin
Gavin Donegan	Dublin
Gerry McGough	Dublin
Donie Browne	Limerick
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# TWINNING

**The 2023 FRS Recruitment GAA World Games will have an added social & cultural dimension, as we celebrate worldwide Gaelic Games coming home this summer. The sporting aspect of these games is, of course, of primary concern, and every club from each of the 10 units from around the globe is coming to Derry with the chief goal of qualifying for a final and take to the field at Celtic Park in Derry City on Friday, July 28th.**

But this event is also a glorious opportunity to highlight the growth of GAA internationally, celebrate sharing our values, build friendships, and learn from one other. The objective of this initiative is to add a social and cultural layer to a well-established sporting festival as well as to align teams with Derry clubs, and in so doing create an opportunity for people from different backgrounds to form friendships through the lens of Gaelic Games.

To improve the experience for teams, they will be twinned with Derry Clubs who will provide local support and knowledge for example, Cambodia Ladies Footballers will be twinned with Swatragh, Australasia Hurlers will travel to Slaughtneil, Milwaukee Camogs will go to Kilrea and Doire Colmcille will host Benelux Men's Footballers.

It's a fantastic opportunity for clubs to showcase their best selves, to encourage all members of the local community to get actively involved and show real pride in their local area. Local underage players will get the chance to walk side by side with their international visitors in the opening parade on Monday 24th July in Derry City. Everyone is invited, and everyone is welcome.

The Twinning initiative is an occasion where we can all contribute, listen, learn and celebrate together. It's sure to be a positive experience for the visiting clubs too - to see the infrastructure of how an Irish club works, to share in their hospitality and to network for mutually beneficial relationships going forward.

All Derry GAA, LGFA & Camogie clubs were invited to take part, and meetings were held in the county in the months leading up to the event, to solidify plans and to create a collective vision as to what the event might look like. From Swatragh to Lavey, Steelstown to Dungiven, and Glen to Magherafelt clubs will be out in force to welcome their international visitors, as soon as they arrive at the airport and show the true Oakleaf county hospitality.

Local Derry GAA communities will be welcoming their visitors to their clubs, there will be some light refreshments, an opportunity for sharing GAA experiences both in Ireland and abroad, discussion and Q&A opportunities, some entertainment and a brief tour of the local area and its highlights. Underage exhibition matches, local musical and dancing talent, barbecues and plenty of teas and coffees will be the order of the day for many with each club doing themselves and their communities proud and showcasing the very best of their hospitality.

It will be a partnership that will live long in the memory of the people of Derry and their international visitors - and we thank all their Derry GAA clubs for their effort and support.



# COACHING & GAMES DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

Since the 2019 GAA World Games took place, much has happened. A global pandemic effectively shut down the world and Gaelic Games activity for two years. Several new staff members have joined the National Coaching & Games Development Department in Croke Park and in conjunction with our sister associations, the Ladies Gaelic Football Association and Camogie Association, a new Gaelic Games Player Pathway was launched in 2021 which provides a clear and supported roadmap for player & coach development at all stages. Parallel to this we had the opportunity to review Coaching & Games Development programmes and policies to ensure alignment with the Gaelic Games Player Pathway.

In conjunction with Volunteers and Coaching & Games Development staff across the thirty-two counties and internationally, we have continued to deliver and implement our flag ship participation programmes and competitions such as Go Games, Cúl Camps, Primary Schools Coaching, Coach Development, Féile na nGael & Féile na nÓg, Celtic Challenge, Táin Óg Hurling Leagues and Cú Chulainn Adult Hurling Leagues.

Below is a sample of the breath and reach of GAA Coaching & Games Development activity outpatted on an annual basis by our dynamic, innovative and committed volunteers and staff across units of the Association not only in Ireland but internationally as well.



Go Games are Camogie, Hurling, Gaelic Football and Ladies Gaelic Football for children up to and including 12 years of age, where every child gets to play (a Go) in every game, for the full game.

Go Games can be played in a club, school, and/or community setting to introduce children to Gaelic Games. They allow children to have fun, grow, and learn, physically, socially, and psychologically and develop the key attributes



for life. Go Games are inclusive, structured to cater for the needs, abilities, and backgrounds of all participants.

Go Games is national policy of the GAA, Camogie Association, Ladies Gaelic Football Association, and their constituent units at provincial, county, club, and educational level, responsible for the organisation and delivery of Go Games. Go Games provide children with an appropriate introduction to competition on a phased basis.

Go Games are covered under Rule 6.7, Under 13 and Younger Age Grades, of the GAA Official Guide Part 1. In early 2023, the GAA released an updated Go Games policy and supporting resources to counties and clubs.

#### The Key Principles underpinning Go Games are:

1. All participants play in the Game i.e., everyone 'Has a Go'.
2. Games are small sided with modified playing rules to allow more time and space for players to master the skills, make decisions and as a

result experience a sense of achievement.

3. Participant needs are catered for at U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12. The U6 age grade or below is not permitted.
4. The games are progressive and inclusive, structured in a manner which optimises the level of fun, friendship, fair-play, and enjoyment.
5. Coaching is aligned to the participant's needs in a safe, supportive, and stimulating environment where they are encouraged to risk error to learn and to derive maximum enjoyment from their involvement.
6. Everybody involved in Go Games, whether as players, parents/ guardians, spectators, mentors, teachers, officials, etc., should adhere to the key underpinning of the relevant Gaelic Games Respect campaigns.

In 2022, 153,000 children participated in 8,900 blitzes organised as part of the GAA Go Games programme across thirty-two counties.

**K**ellogg's GAA Cúl Camps provide primary school boys and girls – between the ages of 6 and 13 – with an action-packed and fun-filled week of activity during the summer holidays which revolves around maximising enjoyment and sustaining participant involvement in Gaelic Games.

Activities are player-centred with a Games Based approach, and a strong emphasis on personal development and well-being. Activities are also organised in an age-appropriate manner with a view to:

- Optimising learning
- Enhancing friendships
- Improving physical & psychological wellbeing
- Promote school and club links

Other key features of the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps are:

- The camps are structured so that a different aspect of the game can be worked on each day.
- The programme involves coaching the skills of the game and provides the opportunity for children to put into practice what they have learned through small-sided games.



- During the camp week, a "blitz" is organised to provide each child with an introduction to competitive games.

In 2022, 6,500 mentors, 142,800 children attended our GAA Kellogg's Cúl Camps. Additionally, we have continued to work closely with Local Sports Partnerships and Disability NI to continue to improve our camp experience for children with additional needs. In 2022, 2,352 children with additional needs attended a Cúl Camp.

To learn more about the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps offering head over to <https://www.kelloggsulcamps.gaa.ie/>

**P**rimary Schools Coaching: A core Coaching & Games Development programme in counties delivered via Games Development Administrators (GDA's) and Games Promotion Officers (GPO's) is the Primary Schools Coaching Programme. Across thirty-two counties in 2022, 2,600 primary schools participated in the programme, with just over 330,000 primary school aged children (male & female) receiving Gaelic Games coaching. In total, primary school aged children received 6.7 million cumulative coaching opportunities through the programme.

## Coach Development:

**New Coach Learning Space:** Work is currently ongoing to deliver a new Learning Space for coaches across the player pathway. Our aim is to build on the progressive, effective work that is currently ongoing across the Gaelic

### Games Family.

Important principles for this new Coach Learning Space include:

- This will be a flexible, volunteer focused menu of learning and development opportunities, designed to engage and assist all coaches to develop and improve, 'Just in Time' and 'Just for Me' (Horgan et al., 2021).
- There will be both online and in person learning and development opportunities available locally, Provincially, Nationally and indeed Internationally.
- A core focus will be the ongoing development of 'on the field' coaching skills to help coaches be better at what they do, aligned and put in the context of each stage of the Gaelic Games Player Pathway.



In December 2022, the GAA, Camogie Association and LGFA developed a cross-code partnership with the internationally recognized

### iCoachKids.



iCoachKids (iCK) is a not-for-profit initiative co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Commission which aims to support the development of a Specialist Children and Youth Coaching Workforce across the EU. This will involve embedding their evidence-based learning videos and resources onto Tobar, delivering a brand new, accessible, and engaging online learning opportunity for our coaches and volunteers across all units, nationally and internationally.

The iCK offerings including the Role of the Childrens Coach, Motivation in Sport, Planning for Success, Understanding Youth Sports Participations and the Talent Development Process are all new themes under which e-learning opportunities will be rewarded on Tobar.

- A menu of other Lifelong Learning opportunities will also be available, aimed to optimise support and service to each individual coach ('Just for Me') when they need it ('Just in Time').

To that end a dedicated Coaching and Coach Development section of Tobar (our newly updated Learning Management System - LMS) is being finalised to provide more accessible and user-friendly learning opportunities, and to recognise each participants engagement. The GAA website is also being updated to reflect this new strategy and approach.



Finally, we are also in the process of creating a digital brochure for volunteers which will highlight key recommended learning opportunities available to them at whatever stage of the player pathway they may be coaching.

### Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games (ICGG) LGFA:

Since 2019, the three Gaelic games Associations have worked closely together to develop a common Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games or ICGG Award.

**Roll-out of the new Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games programme commenced in early 2022.**

The new course is shared across each of the three Associations and for the first time, ensures that beginner coaches of any of our codes can come together and engage in a common programme.

The course has been designed to be more interactive and practical than previous introductory courses, with a significant emphasis on coaches learning by doing. The ICGG Award course has been designed to support new coaches develop a solid foundation of knowledge, skills, competencies, and values for coaching the child, youth or adult playing population.

The Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games award is structured around three key elements:

1. The Coach | 'Being a Coach', 'How to Coach', and 'Preparation for Planning'.
2. The Player | 'Who are you coaching?'. Whether they are a child, youth, or adult players, male or female and address the need to be inclusive.
3. The Game | A focus on fundamental movement, skill development and games.



**Féile na nGael & Féile na nÓg and Féile Peil na nÓg: are cross-county, cross-provincial and cross-country competitions operating across all 32 counties in Ireland, multiple states in the US, Europe and in the UK. The competitions offer every club and player at U15 age level the opportunity to participate in an annual festival of Hurling/Football.**



The objectives of the Féile Peil na nÓg and Féile na nGael competitions are:

- To promote a philosophy whereby every player has the opportunity to participate and play in their respective Féile tournament at a level commensurate to their age, skills and strengths.
- To provide clubs and players with the opportunity to play teams from other counties, provinces and even countries.
- To develop players by providing them with extra games opportunities.
- To Increase participation and inclusion in Gaelic games.

In 2022, 9,264 players and 386 teams took part in National and Regional Féile na nGael and Féile Peil na nÓg competitions. International teams have become a mainstay of both competitions with units from London, Hertfordshire, Warwickshire, New York, Boston, San Francisco, Europe, and Philadelphia taking part.

**Táin Óg Youth & Cú Chulainn Adult Hurling Leagues: is a cross-county and cross-provincial competition which was established in 2018 for marginalised hurling clubs that due to their isolation do not have a meaningful and challenging games programme.**

The 13 counties initially targeted had 9 or fewer adult hurling clubs, 6 of them have 5 or fewer clubs so a meaningful games programme in their own county is just not possible.

Since 2018 there has been a continued growth of the Táin Óg Hurling League competitions across U13, U15 and U17.

In total, 122 teams participated in the 2021 Táin Óg Hurling League, with this jumping to 192 teams playing a total of 438 games in 2022 (a 74% increase within one year). As a result of competing in the 2022 tournament, equipment packs were sent to eighty-five clubs from 15 counties.



Many thanks must go to the clubs and group coordinators for their dedication to the competitions. It is clear that these competitions provide vital games for clubs across the region with the beauty being meeting new teams outside of their own county programmes at the correct level.

2022 saw the introduction of the Cú Chulainn league for adult teams within the Táin region. In the first year of the CúChulainn League 54 teams entered resulting in 101 games played.

In July 2023 over 2,000 (1600+ children and 400+ Adults) from clubs who participated in the Táin Óg programme I attended the All-Ireland Hurling Semi Finals to help inspire the next generation of hurlers.

**P**layer Development: We've been incredibly lucky these past three-years to have a Sports Science Workgroup under the guidance of Dr. Aoife Lane and comprised of experts from across the sports science disciplines – coaching science, athletic development, psychology, physiology, performance analysis, nutrition amongst others - in the country. The workgroup has developed and published a Sports Science Guide for Practice, which was officially launched in May 2023.

These guidelines add to the Performance Analysis Guide for Practice delivered in 2022 and will be followed by the Athletic Development Position Statement. The purpose of each of these is to provide a framework for the application of sports science across Gaelic Games, aligned to each stage of our Gaelic Games Player Pathway.

The Sports Science Guide for Practice includes a suite of resources providing clear evidence-based guidance to coaches and volunteers across all units. In time the

framework will influence our coach development learning opportunities and crucially guide an accreditation system for those delivering across the sport science domains.

A copy of the Sports Science Guide for Practice and associated resources can be found at <https://www.gaa.ie/news/launch-of-new-sports-science-framework-for-gaelic-games/>



## Research & Insights:

**G**AA Data Hub: The development of a pilot Geographic Information System (GIS) by our Urban/Rural Community Development Committee in 2019 was a key milestone in the development of an insights system within the GAA. Since then, this project has continued its development and has now embedded the Foireann system and membership data as its key data source.

In partnership with People & Place, the system has evolved. During 2023 a data hub will be in place, which will collate information from various internal sources and present dashboards at club, county, provincial, and national level visualising our information to members and units alike. Through incorporating census data from the CSO and NISRA, we will be able to draw insights between our members and the broader population, providing for current and future projections allowing for decision making around areas such as participation, volunteer development, and facility requirements.





**Gaelic Games Coach Study: was conducted and completed in 2021. Based on the responses from more than 10,400 participants, a clear picture of the volume of work being undertaken by our volunteer coaches has been established.**

The aim of this research was to collect population data about the coaching workforce across all levels of Gaelic games participation to inform coach development policy, implementation, and management at National, Provincial, County, School, and Club levels. The following questions guided this research:

- Who are the coaches of Gaelic games, and what is their level of involvement in coaching?
- What are the practices of Gaelic games coaches in fulfilling their role, currently and into the future?
- What are Gaelic games coaches' experiences of coach education?
- What are Gaelic games coaches' learning aspirations and development needs?

Some of the findings from the study which are being used to inform Coach Development policy, support and resource development are:

1. Coaches that participated in this survey were predominantly male (79%), aged between 25 – 54 (85.7%), and experienced, with 89.8% having more than 5 years coaching experience.
2. Coaches in Gaelic games reported being very

active: 39.8% coach two or more Gaelic games codes. A significant majority of coaches engage in coaching on multiple days each week (78.3%).

3. Coaches are spending on average seven and a half hours a week on their commitment to coaching – which can rise to on average an additional nine hours on match weeks.
4. Almost two thirds of coaches (63.1%) intend to continue coaching for the foreseeable future (more than two years), with just 2.5% of coaches declaring that they do not intend to continue coaching.
5. The full study report, findings and recommendations from the Gaelic Games Coach Survey are available on: <https://www.gaa.ie/news/gaelic-games-to-benefit-from-lessons-of-coaching-survey/>



**Gaelic Games Youth Participation Study: In 2022, the GAA, Camogie Association and the LGFA, launched a significant study into the experiences of youth players across Gaelic games**

The main aim of this research is to provide empirical evidence on current levels of participation and experience of sport and physical activity among Gaelic Games participants, aged 13-20 years, as the basis for informing player and coach development and retention policy. The following questions guided the research:

1. What are Gaelic games youth participants' levels of involvement in Gaelic and non-Gaelic games sports and physical activities?
2. What are their satisfaction levels in Gaelic games and how is this influenced by the coaching environment?
3. What are their intentions with current and future Gaelic games involvement?

With the final report publication imminent, initial data suggests that our young people are hugely engaged in Gaelic games. They also volunteer in other areas with their clubs, be that in coaching, refereeing, or other roles. Overwhelmingly, they intend to keep participating in Gaelic games. An interesting preliminary finding is that the experience of playing Gaelic games, and their intention to continue playing is significantly influenced by their coaches and coaching behaviours. Those young people who are likely to continue in Gaelic games are reporting coaching satisfaction scores almost twice of those who are unlikely to continue.



# GAA WORLD GAMES CUPS

## **ETTY KELLY – ‘INTERNATIONAL’ CAMOGIE CUP**

The late ETTY Kelly was the President of Camogie Board Britain, and the London Camogie Board before that, for several decades and in the mid-1980s, ETTY, along with several others was instrumental in the revival of Camogie in London after a 30-year hiatus.

Born in Dublin, ETTY moved to London from Ashbourne in Meath in 1956 and initially played with the Sarsfields club before moving to Newham Gaels before finally moving again to Croydon Camogie Club in South London.

Her hometown club in Meath was Donaghmore Ashbourne, and when Camogie celebrated its 110-year anniversary in 2014, ETTY was inducted in the club's Hall of Fame along with her sister Aily and sister Maureen.

ETTY passed away in March 2018 at the age of 88 having played a crucial role in not only the revival of Camogie in London but in its continued growth in Britain to this day.

## **MARY GAVIN – ‘OPEN’ CAMOGIE CUP**

Mary Gavin is a much loved and respected stalwart of the Irish community not just in The Hague but throughout the Netherlands and across Europe. A Galway woman, Mary still remains deeply connected to the Mountbellew-Moylough club almost 40 years after moving to the Netherlands.

Having co-founded Den Haag GAA Club, one of the oldest in Europe almost 30 years ago, she has held virtually every position on the club executive and is currently its long serving club Secretary.

Mary has organised countless tournaments welcoming teams, referees and GAA officials from all over Europe, Ireland and the UK.

Not content with her club activities, Mary was also instrumental in the establishment of the European GAA Board in 1999, rarely misses a Gaelic Games Europe annual convention and has organised and managed representative teams traveling to Ireland. She was the recipient of a GAA Presidents Award in 2013 and can still be found cheering on her club teams at tournaments across the length and breadth of Europe every month.

## **THE RACHEL KENNEALLY – ‘OPEN’ LADIES FOOTBALL CUP**

Rachel Kenneally was known to many as a star Tipperary ladies footballer and she sadly passed away at the age of 26 in 2018.

Rachel was a member of the Aherlow club and as a member of the Tipperary team she lined out in the 2013 TG4 All-Ireland intermediate final against Cavan in Croke Park.

A native of Ballyglass, Tipperary Town, Kenneally was a committed and talented player and she wore the blue and gold of her county and the green and gold of her beloved Aherlow with distinction for many years.

It is very fitting that this year's winners of the open section of the GAA World Games will be presented with the Rachel Kenneally Cup because Rachel played with Dubai Celts and left an everlasting impact on the club while she was there.



## THE REBECCA DOWLING - 'INTERNATIONAL' LADIES FOOTBALL CUP

Kildare native Rebecca Dowling was renowned for her positivity, sense of adventure and her ability to create connections everywhere she went.

Sadly Rebecca passed away in 2019 aged 30 but not without leaving a legacy for people to remember her by, particularly with Thai GAA.

Rebecca emigrated to America with her family when she was very young and tried many sports before finding her love for Gaelic football with her sister Jessica in Bangkok. They were new to playing the game but instantly became a very important part of the Irish community in the city.

The winners of this year's International section will be presented with the Rebecca Dowling Cup which is extremely fitting as Rebecca also found her introduction and passion for the sport through one of our fantastic international units.

## THE LIAM HEGARTY – INTERNATIONAL MEN'S FOOTBALL CUP

Born in New York and raised in Endamuck, Donegal and Kells, Meath Liam Hegarty passed away suddenly aged 51 in December 2018.

Liam was a family man first for his wife Maureen and sons Billy, Patrick, Kevin and Michael who are all still very active in the GAA in the Philadelphia area and beyond. A legacy Liam would've been very proud of.

A passionate and tireless worker first for his home clubs Donegal and Delaware County Gaels and then on to USGAA where he really stood out for his tenacity and unwavering dedication to the association he loved.

Liam was instrumental in the development of the local youth GAA programme and was a huge part of Philadelphia's first Féile team, and also the founding of the Liberty Bell Tournament. Traditions that still carry on today.

Liam wasn't only a Gael though, although he held positions on all the local youth and adult GAA boards along with the USGAA Youth and Adult Boards he volunteered on almost every Irish organization in this region including the Chamber of Business and Immigration Centre.

His family and friends are honoured that he has been chosen as the namesake on the Men's GAA World Games Championship trophy.

## THE SHEAMUS HOWLIN – INTERNATIONAL HURLING CUP

Wexford man Sheamus Howlin served the GAA in many different capacities before his untimely death in 2018. One of those positions was when he chaired the Overseas Development Committee and left a strong legacy worldwide.

His passion and energy were evident as he used his influence and provided his knowledge to GAA units all over the world as they developed their facilities and expanded their competitions.

He forged many strong friendships with players and officials from overseas units with whom he kept in regular contact. Therefore, it is quite fitting that the Hurling International Cup is named in his honour.

## OWENBEG CUP - OPEN HURLING

This cup is called after the venue that hosts the GAA World Games that year. The winners of the 2023 Open Hurling section will be presented with the 'Owenbeg' Cup.

## OAKLEAF CUP - OPEN MEN'S FOOTBALL

This cup is called after the county that hosts the GAA World Games that year. The winners of the 2023 Open Men's Football section will be presented with the 'Oakleaf' Cup, we want to thank Derry GAA for all their efforts is helping to organize the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games.

# GAA ROUNDERS

**G**AA Rounders was one of the four sports included in the original GAA charter of 1884, along with Gaelic Football, Hurling and Handball. We are delighted to, once again, take our place alongside these GAA sports. It is great to be joined by LGFA and Camogie, at the 2023 GAA World Games.

Most people remember playing Rounders 'in school' and never realized that it was part of the GAA. However, recent years have seen a resurgence in GAA clubs playing the sport, with the number of teams increasing year on year. New clubs benefit from the support, encouragement and games challenges from existing clubs. Such development does take a bit of time. However, the chance at an All-Ireland Championship Title means that the teams continue to strive and thrive.

To play Rounders, one requires bats, bases and balls: lots of them. Sounds a bit like baseball? That is because, as now generally accepted, GAA Rounders is a grandparent of the American sport. Yes, that is our claim to Major League fame. Unlike baseball, though, Rounders pitching style is underarm, there are no big gloves worn and the game typically has a bit of craic thrown in.

Rounders is a brilliant game: fast, skillful and requiring sporting intelligence. AND it's also highly inclusive. Men and women can play together on mixed teams and there is a broad age range due to the distinct physical requirements. Even at a recent primary school tournament, children who had never previously joined in with other sporting competitions, united with their peers in playing Rounders.

Though inclusive, Rounders, like all GAA games, is as competitive as the players want to make it. Once the win, not to mention the All-Ireland medal, is

dangled in front of teams, the word 'friendly' is hit far into the outfield. Something you will understand once you give it a go.

This year's World Games offers the chance to learn more about the sport and see it in action! Some of the opportunities include a come and try area to hone skills, an information table (including an exciting video of Rounders highlights), and leaflets.

Furthermore, there will be exhibition matches and experienced Rounders players to assist and bring the game to life. This will enable those interested to get to know the game and maybe even give it a go. You can learn to sharpen your skills, so that if (or when) 'friendly' develops into something more, you will be prepared. Fair warning: you might just find yourself 'hooked' and end up as 'batty' about the game as so many of us are.

We are delighted that people will have this opportunity to experience the game for themselves. Hopefully, it will encourage clubs, schools, and individuals to start up their own team.

GAA Rounders is thrilled to stand with the rest of the GAA and associated bodies in showcasing a huge part of Irish culture and celebrating the inclusivity and reach of our native games. Enjoy the Derry World Games 2023 and see you a-rounders!



# GAA HANDBALL

**GAA Handball is the national governing body for the sport of handball, one of the four fully-integrated codes in the GAA family alongside football, hurling and rounders.**

Handball was originally played in an outdoor setting but in recent decades has moved mostly indoor. The traditional game was played in a court measuring 60 feet by 30 feet; in the 1970s, the American-style 40x20 game became very popular, which helped to forge close links between Ireland and other international handball nations including the USA, Canada, Australia and Mexico.

Handball caters for both the mass participation and elite ends of the sporting spectrum. The game has often been described as 'addictive'; once players experience the adrenaline rush of hitting the ball with their hands and rallying against an opponent, they are invariably hooked!

Many of the top Gaelic football and hurling stars have a strong handball background. For example, the likes of Kilkenny's ace marksman Billy Drennan and Tyrone star Darragh Canavan, among many others, have all played handball to a high level.

Clare All-Star and All-Ireland winner Peter Duggan is a great advocate for the benefits of handball, stating in an interview that handball has been "a huge help" to his development as a hurler.

"The handball has been a huge help," he said.

"I played it from when I was a young lad and it's definitely the reason I'm able to catch the ball in either hand now. It's unreal for your hurling, for your wrists from the striking and your feet too from bopping around the court. I don't get to play much anymore but I've only fond memories and the more people that do get involved the better.

"There are loads of clubs around the place now and it's no wonder it's so closely related to the hurling and that so many players have played it..."

A new multi-million euro National Handball Centre has recently opened its doors at Croke Park, containing three state-of-the-art 40x20 courts including a 600-seater show court, a brand new 60x30 'alley' and two wallball courts.

GAA Handball have recently, for the first time, employed several full-time Regional Development Officers whose role it is to liaise with clubs and members on the ground as well as growing the game in new areas.

Handball is known in the United States as "the perfect game". In a survey by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, handball was ranked the number one sport in the country (followed by swimming and jogging) under the criteria of cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility and balance.

Handball is a truly international sport and now, under the auspices of the GAA's Coaching and Games Department, huge strides are being made in this area.

To take the first steps on your handball journey, contact GAA Handball at Croke Park.

See [www.gaahandball.ie](http://www.gaahandball.ie) for more information. RDO contact details are listed on our site, or you can contact us directly at [info.handball@gaa.ie](mailto:info.handball@gaa.ie)



A low-angle photograph of a large, ornate Gothic building, likely a university hall or church, with a prominent spire. The building is illuminated by warm lights, and the sky is a deep blue. A bright light source in the lower right corner creates a starburst effect.

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The GAA and the FRS Recruitment GAA World Games Team would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contributed to this week-long sporting and cultural festival, which celebrated the growth of Gaelic Games in all corners of the globe.

Without the exceptional support and contributions from our sponsors and partners, organising and implementing an event of this scale simply would not have been possible. We are very grateful for the support received both in the lead-up to, and throughout the event, in particular to our two main sponsors, FRS Recruitment and O'Neills, and to the GAAGO, Derry City and Strabane District Council and Causeway Coast and Glens, whose immense contributions made enacting an event of this scale a reality.



**W**e would like to thank Derry GAA, and all the staff and volunteers from the wonderful Owenbeg and Celtic Park for providing us with the use of their facilities and grounds during this event. Without their co-operation and tireless efforts, an event of this scale could never have been successfully executed.

We also wish to acknowledge the support of all involved in Derry GAA, LGFA and Camogie, as well as the countless club members who assisted us in the organisation and execution of the Twinning Clubs Initiative and Opening Parade. These were truly special evenings for all Derry and visiting clubs combined, and ones that will live long in the memory of all those who were involved.



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In any cases of lost children or valuables please proceed to the GAA tent in the Owenbeg tented Village. If similar events arise in Celtic Park, please find a GAA World Games steward who will direct you to appropriate location.

All persons entering Owenbeg and Celtic Park, Derry are admitted, subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.

Any person who fails to comply with these Ground Regulations may be refused entry or removed from the Grounds.

- Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers including anything which may be used as a weapon, are not permitted in the stadium.
- The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the Grounds and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the stadium.
- The unauthorised climbing of any structure, walls or buildings or seating in the Ground is strictly forbidden.
- Unnecessary noise such as that from the use of radio sets, gas-horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind, including foul and abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the Ground.
- Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any objects on the pitch.
- Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play at any time before, during or after the game.
- The Ground Management reserve the right to refuse admission or to eject any person who refuses to be searched where such a search is deemed necessary.
- A person may not obstruct a gangway, stairwell or circulation area at any time.
- All persons on entering the Ground are reminded of their obligation to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger of fire or other occurrence to anyone using the premises.
- The Ground Management reserve the right for its servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.

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