

**GAA Oral History Project**  
**Interview Report Form**

<b>Name of Interviewer</b>	Arlene Crampsie
<b>Date of Interview</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2010
<b>Location</b>	James Joyce Pub, Prague, Czech Republic
<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Kevin Tighe
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1976 <b>Home County:</b> Mayo
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> Ballycastle NS, Co. Mayo <b>Secondary:</b> St. Patrick's College, Co. Mayo
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 1 brother & 1 sister
<b>Club(s)</b>	Prague Hibernians [Czech Republic]; Lacken [Mayo]; Ballycastle [Mayo]
<b>Occupation</b>	Tool Maker
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	Farmers
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Ryan McGloin
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1977 <b>Home County:</b> Donegal
<b>Education</b> (Optional)	<b>Primary:</b> Rockfield NS, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal <b>Secondary:</b> Sacred Heart, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal <b>Third Level:</b> University of Wales
<b>Family</b>	N/A
<b>Club(s)</b>	Prague Hibernian's [Czech Republic]; Belgium; Aodh Ruadh [Donegal]
<b>Occupation</b>	IT Manager
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	ESB [Father]; AIB [Mother]
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	Labour
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

<b>Name of Interviewee</b> (Maiden name / Nickname)	Seán Curran
<b><u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u></b>	
<b>Gender</b>	Male
<b>Born</b>	<b>Year Born:</b> 1977 <b>Home County:</b> Dublin
<b>Education</b>	<b>Primary:</b> St. Bridgid's, Dublin 18 <b>Secondary:</b> St. Michael's, Dublin 4 <b>Third Level:</b> Waterford Institute of Technology, Waterford
<b>Family</b>	<b>Siblings:</b> 2
<b>Club(s)</b>	Prague Hibernians [Czech Republic]
<b>Occupation</b>	Publican
<b>Parents' Occupation</b>	N/A
<b>Religion</b>	N/A
<b>Political Affiliation / Membership</b>	N/A
<b>Other Club/Society Membership(s)</b>	N/A

<b>Date of Report</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2012
<b>Period Covered</b>	1970s – 2010
<b>Counties/Countries Covered</b>	Europe, Czech Republic, Mayo, Dublin, Donegal
<b>Key Themes Covered</b>	Travel, Supporting, Grounds, Facilities, Playing, Training, Refereeing, Officials, Administration, Celebrations, Fundraising, Sponsorship, Emigration, Involvement in GAA Abroad, Role of Teachers, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, GAA Abroad, Identity, Rivalries, All-Ireland, Club History, County History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Impact on Life, Career, Challenges, Sacrifices, Outsider's Perspectives, Alcohol, Relationship with the Association, Socialising, Relationships, Economy / Economics
<b>Interview Summary</b>	<p>Kevin, Ryan and Seán discuss the ins and outs of running the Prague Hibernians GAA club in the Czech Republic. They each talk about their own GAA experiences in Ireland before moving abroad and deciding to set up a GAA club together, which involved a lot of work. Posters had to be drawn up and recruits found from the Irish population in the area. The players had to double as administrators and meeting their costs proved troublesome, as did securing sponsorship money from local businesses. They describe eventually getting a team together and playing against other European teams in tournaments, which they felt were poorly organised. Whilst they are proud of their club and enjoy participating in the GAA immensely, there are many difficulties, and the priorities for vulnerable clubs like Prague Hibernians are stability and continuity above all else.</p> <p>00:00 Introduction</p> <p>00:45 (Kevin) What it's like to be a member of the club in Prague.</p> <p>01:20 (Ryan) How he finds being involved with the club.</p> <p>01:45 (Seán) His experience of the club.</p> <p>02:25 (Kevin) Earliest GAA memory. Cycling to underage training.</p> <p>02:55 (Kevin) Uncle bringing him to Ballycastle club games.</p> <p>03:20 (Kevin) Family's GAA involvement.</p>

	<p>03:50 (Ryan) Earliest GAA memory. Playing at primary school at Donegal. One of the teachers having played for the county team.</p> <p>04:25 (Ryan) Club was Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon.</p> <p>04:30 (Ryan) Family's GAA involvement.</p> <p>04:50 (Ryan) Going to watch Donegal games.</p> <p>05:05 (Seán) Earliest GAA memories. Playing for St Brigid's primary school in Dublin.</p> <p>05:30 (Seán) Kicking a ball off teammate Gavin Ryan's head.</p> <p>05:55 (Seán) Family's GAA involvement.</p> <p>06:15 (Kevin) Underage GAA involvement before moving to Prague.</p> <p>06:40 (Kevin) How he found playing in Prague.</p> <p>07:05 (Kevin) Fundraising for the club at home.</p> <p>07:25 (Ryan) Club career at home.</p> <p>07:55 (Ryan) Playing in Brussels.</p> <p>08:05 (Seán) Ending GAA involvement after primary school.</p> <p>08:25 (Kevin) GAA at his school.</p> <p>08:35 (Seán) GAA not popular at his school.</p> <p>09:25 (Ryan) Club starting in Prague. Talking to Enda Gorman about setting it up. Putting up posters and starting training. Difficulties they encountered.</p> <p>10:45 (Ryan) Training in a park in Prague in 2009.</p> <p>11:00 (Ryan) Starting to have committee meetings.</p> <p>11:15 (Ryan) First game against Vienna.</p> <p>11:35 (Kevin) Problems with tournaments. Travelling involved. Level of organisation.</p>
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	<p>12:10 (Seán) Losing money. Lack of pitch for a tournament.</p> <p>12:45 (Ryan) Amount of training they do.</p> <p>13:25 (Ryan) Getting the use of good facilities.</p> <p>14:00 (Ryan) Jerseys they have and club colours. David O'Sullivan designing the logo and crest of the club.</p> <p>14:25 (Ryan) Considering names for the club. Deciding on Prague Hibernians.</p> <p>15:10 (Ryan) Description of the crest.</p> <p>15:35 (Ryan) Securing a pitch.</p> <p>16:05 (Seán) Pitch they started out with.</p> <p>16:25 (Kevin) Playing in a thunderstorm.</p> <p>16:40 (Seán) Enthusiasm Enda brings to things.</p> <p>17:20 (Seán) Enda's sister playing for Kildare.</p> <p>17:50 (Seán) Irish community in Prague.</p> <p>18:25 (Kevin) Irish students going to the medical college.</p> <p>19:45 (Seán) Rivalry with Budapest Rangers and reasons for that.</p> <p>20:50 (Seán) Playing Vienna in Warsaw and then playing Budapest.</p> <p>21:50 (Seán) Occupations of people who play with the club.</p> <p>22:15 (Seán) Older Irish people in Prague. Average age of club people.</p> <p>22:50 (Kevin) Potential for getting older people involved in the club.</p> <p>23:15 (Seán) Plans for future development of the club.</p> <p>23:40 (Seán) Help that they get from the GAA in Dublin.</p> <p>23:55 (Ryan) Difficulties for the club in setting up a bank account in Prague.</p>
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	<p>24:20 (Ryan) Players contributing to club costs.</p> <p>25:00 (Seán) Costs of travelling to games.</p> <p>25:25 (Ryan) Setting up the club and administrative work that needed to be done.</p> <p>25:55 (Ryan) Contacting Willie Cashin from the European Central Board.</p> <p>26:50 (Ryan) Asking Seán in The Dubliner bar to sponsor jerseys.</p> <p>27:15 (Kevin) Seán in The Dubliner sponsoring the pitch costs. Membership fees. Using leftover money from training sessions. Cash donations from people.</p> <p>28:40 (Ryan) Playing Gaelic games in Brussels and how their level of organisation compared to that at the Prague club.</p> <p>29:45 (Seán) Organising and paying for accommodation and travel.</p> <p>30:30 (Kevin) Student players not having a lot of disposable income.</p> <p>30:55 (Ryan) Salaries not being as much in Prague as in western Europe.</p> <p>31:20 (Seán) Lack of local teams to play against.</p> <p>31:50 (Ryan) Playing in an ice hockey stadium and on a basketball court.</p> <p>32:40 (Seán) Relationship with other sports teams in Prague.</p> <p>33:35 (Kevin) Playing a Compromise Rules game against the Aussie Rules team.</p> <p>34:00 (Ryan) Czech players on the Aussie Rules team.</p> <p>35:05 (Seán) What the Czechs think of Gaelic games.</p> <p>35:25 (Seán) Lack of integration between Czechs and Irish people.</p> <p>36:00 (Ryan) Czech people's enthusiasm for sports.</p>
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	<p>36:45 (Ryan) Time-consuming nature of administration.</p> <p>37:20 (Seán) Czech people watching them play and their reaction to the spectacle.</p> <p>37:50 (Ryan) Trying to encourage Czech co-workers to get involved.</p> <p>38:10 (Seán) Forming a ladies team and Czech's getting involved in that.</p> <p>39:10 (Seán) Warsaw having an impressive ladies team.</p> <p>39:55 (Seán) Irish population in Prague.</p> <p>40:55 (Ryan) Difference between having a club in eastern Europe and one in western Europe.</p> <p>41:55 (Ryan) Lack of regular games.</p> <p>42:40 (Seán) Seán due to become chairman.</p> <p>43:10 (Kevin) Reasons for getting involved with the club.</p> <p>43:50 (Seán) How he got involved.</p> <p>45:05 (Ryan) Reasons for setting up the club.</p> <p>46:40 (Ryan) Coming to Prague and talking to Angie Maguire about setting up a club.</p> <p>47:05 (Ryan) Reasons for getting involved with GAA in other European cities.</p> <p>48:05 (Ryan) Success of Maastricht tournaments in 2010.</p> <p>48:20 (Ryan) Croke Park giving attention to Europe.</p> <p>48:50 (Seán) Plans for the future of the club.</p> <p>49:40 (Seán) Doing press-ups with your elbows in training.</p> <p>50:25 (Seán) Being well-prepared for their first game against Vienna after Enda training them hard. Enda giving a speech before the game.</p> <p>51:25 (Seán) Plans for training after Enda leaves Prague to</p>
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	<p>return to Ireland.</p> <p>52:30 (Seán) Social side of being involved with the club.</p> <p>53:40 (Seán) Plans to integrate older members of the Irish community and their children.</p> <p>55:20 (Seán) What they need to do to win games consistently against other European teams.</p> <p>57:00 (Seán) Prospect of bringing people over from Ireland to play for them.</p> <p>59:20 (Ryan) Committee structure in Prague compared to structures in Ireland. Players forming the bulk of the committee.</p> <p>01:01:25 (Seán) Relationship between their sense of identity and the GAA.</p> <p>01:02:10 (Ryan) People putting photos from games they played on facebook.</p> <p>01:02:55 (Kevin) Best GAA memory - travelling to Dublin in a van to watch Mayo.</p> <p>01:03:40 (Seán) Best GAA memory - first game for Prague.</p> <p>01:04:15 (Ryan) Anthony Molloy lifting the Sam Maguire for Donegal in 1992.</p> <p>01:04:45 (Seán) Taunting Enda about Larry Tompkins.</p> <p>01:05:35 (Kevin) Disappointments – losing a final in secondary school.</p> <p>01:06:00 (Seán) Losing to Budapest.</p> <p>01:06:10 (Ryan) Losing to Fermanagh unexpectedly.</p> <p>01:06:50 (Ryan) Relationship between the GAA and clubs abroad.</p> <p>01:07:25 (Kevin) Problems with the way the league is set up.</p> <p>01:08:25 (Ryan) Trying to encourage other teams to get organised.</p>
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	<p>01:09:10 (Ryan) Costs of jerseys, footballs and pitch rental.</p> <p>01:09:45 (Seán) What better management of leagues could do for them.</p> <p>01:10:20 (Seán) Need for referees to be flown over for tournaments.</p> <p>01:11:05 (Ryan) Hurling in the Czech Republic.</p> <p>01:12:30 (Seán) Prospects for hurling in Prague.</p> <p>01:13:10 (All) What the GAA has meant to them.</p> <p>01:15:00 Enda T Gorman's contribution to the GAA.</p>
<p><b>Involvement in GAA</b></p>	<p><b>Kevin:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steward  <input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person  <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Ryan:</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person  <input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> <p><b>Seán:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None  <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p>
<p><b>Record as a Player</b> (Titles won; Length of time played)</p>	<p><b>Kevin:</b> Prague Cup  <b>Ryan:</b> Won U-10, U-12 and U-14 titles and a Czech National</p>

	Cup <b>Seán:</b> Played for two years; won a Czech National Cup
<b>Record as an Administrator</b> (Positions held; how long for)	<b>Kevin:</b> Treasurer <b>Ryan:</b> Chairman of Prague Hibernians, 2008 – 2009 <b>Seán:</b> Chairman of Prague Hibernians, 2010 - .
<b>Format</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual
<b>Duration</b>	Length of Interview: 01:15:50
<b>Language</b>	English

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Signed:    \_\_\_\_\_ Arlene Crampsie \_\_\_\_\_

Date:        \_\_\_\_\_ 15/06/12 \_\_\_\_\_