

GAA Oral History Project

Interview Report Form

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| Name of Interviewer | Laura Kelly |
| Date of Interview | 5 th Jan 2009 |
| Location | Interviewee's home, near Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh. |
| Name of Interviewee (Maiden name / Nickname) | Aoibhín Kelly |
| <u>Biographical Summary of Interviewee</u> | |
| Gender | Female |
| Born | Year Born: 1991 Home County: Fermanagh |
| Education | Primary: St Theresa's Primary School, Holy Trinity Primary School, Co. Fermanagh Secondary: Mount Lourdes Grammar School, Co. Fermanagh. |
| Family | Siblings: The youngest of four children |
| Club(s) | Enniskillen Gaels GAA Club [Fermanagh] |
| Occupation | Student |
| Parents' Occupation | Teachers |
| Religion | Roman Catholic |
| Political Affiliation / Membership | N/A |

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| Date of Report | 11 th July 2012 |
| Period Covered | 2000 – 2008 |
| Counties/Countries Covered | Fermanagh |
| Key Themes Covered | Travel, Supporting, Facilities, Playing, Training, Administration, Celebrations, Commiserations, Education, Emigration, Role of Clergy, Role of Women, Role of the Club in the Community, Volunteers, Rivalries, Irish Language, Culture, All-Ireland, Club History, Earliest Memories, Family Involvement, Childhood, Northern Ireland |
| Interview Summary | <p>Aoibhín talks about her involvement with the GAA , and particularly her time as a player and her involvement in the Senior Ladies Club team. She explains how her family's involvement with the GAA meant that she was bound to get involved, and talks of her love for the Association. She talks about the highs and lows of being a player, and how much the Association has meant to her.</p> <p>00:00.00 Interviewee's introduction and background information on interview</p> <p>00:00.30 Background questions- birthplace, parish, parents' background, position in family</p> <p>00:01.36 Earliest memories in GAA – going to club matches,(taking matches very seriously and being upset as a child when club did not win.)</p> <p>00:02.40 Family involvement in administration</p> <p>00:03.45 Local players – club members that play on county side. Tom Brewster, Ryan McClusky</p> <p>00:04.40 Personal involvement as a player- Joined club from age 8/9, first attempts to play game.</p> <p>00:06.00 Sporting achievements- Enniskillen Ladies Senior team winning Division 3 league, School U 14's won Ulster B section.</p> <p>00:06.40 The role of the GAA in all girls school-</p> <p>Introduction of GAA to school has increased enthusiasm of</p> |

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| | <p>the sport. Support among teachers.</p> <p>00:10.17 Other involvement in sports-rugby (compliment each other), many players on Gaelic team are also on rugby team</p> <p>00:11.50 Club life- Supporting senior men's team. Helping younger girls to take part in training</p> <p>00:13.30 Rivals- Belleek and Donagh</p> <p>00:14.22 Women's role in the GAA changing. Ladies can run their own affairs.</p> <p>Secondary of local club is a woman.</p> <p>Obstacles to women participating- some men's attitudes wanting to keep ladies and men's separate. (More common with the older generation)</p> <p>00:18.00 Primary school coaching</p> <p>00:19.35 Social events for women within club</p> <p>00:20.25 The County team</p> <p>Rivals-Tyrone, neighbouring county</p> <p>County team- main source of pride in your county</p> <p>00:23.00 Most memorable games - 2004 in Croke Park beating Armagh 'one of the best days ever'</p> <p>Watching football match in the Gaeltacht</p> <p>Significance of Croke Park.</p> <p>00:24.00 GAA involvement has had significant impact on social life and friendship.</p> <p>00:25.15 Two best memories</p> <p>Fermanagh in Croke Park in 2004</p> <p>Personal experiences - U14 girls final was a momentous day</p> <p>00:26.15 Worst memories</p> <p>Loosing to Donagh in the ladies county league final- 'It was just gutting to be beaten by Donagh'</p> |
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| | <p>00:27.15 Talks of Fermanagh Ulster Final -</p> <p>Preparations for the game and bringing the community together.</p> <p>Travelling together as a ladies senior team on the bus to the match.</p> |
| Involvement in GAA | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supporter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Player <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Steward</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chairperson <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds-person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Caterer <input type="checkbox"/> Jersey Washer <input type="checkbox"/> Referee <input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____</p> |
| Record as a Player (Titles won; Length of time played) | <p>Enniskillen Ladies Senior Division 3 league</p> <p>School U 14's won Ulster B section.</p> |
| Record as an Administrator (Positions held; how long for) | <p>N/A</p> |
| Format | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Audio-Visual</p> |
| Duration | <p>Length of Interview: 00:29:52</p> |
| Language | <p>English</p> |

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Signed: Laura Kelly

Date: 5th Jan 2009

