Yet another summer of GAA fun awaits young people all over Ireland at the Kellogg’s GAA Cúl Camps following record-breaking numbers in 2018. Cúl Camps rank as one of the greatest promotional success stories in the history of the GAA with thousands flocking to take part every summer. The attractive and distinctive Kellogg’s GAA Cúl Camp kit that is supplied to participants is worn with pride by young boys and girls all over the country. A record-breaking 153,858 children took part in a Kellogg’s GAA Cúl Camp last year across 1,234 camps. One in every four children aged between 6 and 13 now attend Ireland’s biggest summer camps enjoying an action-packed week of fun and games, learning new skills, making friends and getting active. Another action-packed week of fun and games awaits children aged 6-13 at their local club this Summer, as throughout the months of July and August children of all skill levels can learn and play GAA games with qualified coaches. Registration includes the latest Kellogg’s GAA Cúl Camp jersey, training top and back pack which have become the ‘must have’ kit for kids over the summer! Children are coached in hurling, camogie, football and ladies’ football and some camps offer rounders, handball and Fun & Run. One camp in each province will also receive a surprise visit from one of the inter-county player ambassadors who will be unveiled at a Kellogg’s GAA Cúl Camps’ launch on April 9. The week-long Kellogg’s GAA Cúl Camps are priced at €60/£50, dropping to €55/£45 for a second child and just €45/£40 or a third and any additional children. All participants get the training top, jersey and backpack. Everyone who registers for a Kellogg’s GAA Cúl Camp can enter a competition for a chance to win €5,000 worth of training gear for their team and a €500 voucher for themselves by entering the code from promotional packs of Kellogg’s Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies in store from April or answering a question online. Register online now - gaa.ie/kelloggsculcamps
The GAA's National Club Draw was a phenomenal success with €1,624,480 raised by GAA Clubs nationally and with all of this money being retained by the clubs who raised it through ticket sales.

Every year the GAA's National Finance Committee organises the NCD which allows clubs to sell up to a maximum of 2,000 tickets that cost €10 each for a draw that has all of the fantastic prizes paid for by the GAA at national level and allowing clubs to potentially raise €20,000.

John Horan, Uachtarán Cumann Lúthchleas Gael presided over the sixth GAA National Club Draw which took place in Páirc an Chrócaigh on March 6.

This year's Draw smashed the target of €1.5m and raised €1,624,480 for GAA Clubs nationally. The Draw was independently observed by Brian Cormack, Audit & Assurance Director, Mazars.

The prizes ranged from cars, tickets and vouchers to individual members to awards for clubs that included the chance to play a match at Croke Park.

National Club Draw Prize Winners
1. Renault Clio 4 Expression – Kathleen Finnegan – Glenflesk GAA
2. Travel Voucher to the value of €2000 – Adrian Coyle – Carrigallen GAA
3. All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final Package 2019 – Kathleen Hogan – Cooderry GAA
4. All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final Package 2019 – Tommy Donnelly – Glen Maghera Watty Grahams GAA
5. All-Ireland Hurling & Football Final Package 2019 – Sean Burke – Kilcummin GAA
6. €750 Blue Book Voucher – Niamh McKee – Rodger Casements Portglenone GAA
7. €500 Blue Book Voucher – Noel Lavin – Balla GAA
8. €1000 Shopping Voucher, Retailer of Your Choice – Brendan Gallagher – Kiltane GAA
9. €1000 Shopping Voucher, Retailer of Your Choice – Shane Lynch – Ballyshannon GAA
10. All-Ireland Football Final Package – Éamonn Mulligan – Man O’War GAA
11. All-Ireland Football Final Package – Margaret Minogue – Whitegate GAA
12. €500 One4All Voucher – John Rooney – Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon GAA
13. €500 SuperValu/Centra Voucher – Tomás Mc Weeney – Dunshaughlin GAA
14. All-Ireland Hurling Final Package – Jonathan Sawyers – Beragh Red Knights GAA
15. All-Ireland Football Final Package – Mickey Mc Mahon – Beragh Red Knights GAA
16. €500 One4All Voucher – Michael Kerin – St Michaels GAA
17. €500 SuperValu/Centra Voucher – Mike Kelly – Ballinamore GAA
18. €250 Intersport Elyvers Voucher – Jim O’Neill – Ballymaguigan St Treas’s GAA
19. €250 SuperValu/Centra Voucher – Celia Tyrell – St Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh GAA
20. €250 Shopping Voucher, Retailer of your Choice – Hugh Gillespie – Aodh Ruadh Ballyshannon GAA
CLUB SPECIFIC DRAW

Clubs who won an opportunity to play a match in Croke Park
Club 1: Kilbrin, Cork
Club 2: Cortoon Shamrocks, Galway

Clubs who won €5,000 in the National Club Draw
Club 1: Ballinafane, Co. Westmeath
Club 2: Moycullen, Co. na Gaillimhe
Club 3: Tullagh Rosbercon, Co. Kilkenny

Members of Kilbrin GAA in Cork with Uachtarán John Horan who have won the chance to play at Croke Park

Clubs who won €1,000 in the National Club Draw
Mayo: Crossmolina
Sligo: Geevagh
Galway: Mountbellew Moylough
Roscommon: Shannon Gaels
Leitrim: Melvin Gaels
Kildare: Two Mile House
Carlow: Ballinabranba
Dublin: Scoil Ui Chonaill
Louth: St. Kevins
Laois: Camross
Kilkenny: Conahy Shamrocks
Offaly: Tubber
Meath: Ratoath
Longford: Emmet Óg
Wexford: Clonard
Wicklow: An Tóchar
Westmeath: Milltownpass
Kerry: Cordal
Limerick: Fedamore
Tipperary: Newport
Waterford: Ballinameela
Cork: Killeagh
Clare: Feakle
Fermanagh: Enniskillen Gaels
Donegal: Glenswilly
Antrim: St. Galls
Armagh: Sliverbridge Harps
Down: Castlewellan St. Malachys
Monaghan: Aughnamullen
Cavan: Kilgary
Derry: Coleraine Owens Roos
Tyrone: Greencastle St. Patricks

The clubs who had the highest ticket sales in each province
- Connacht: Easkey, Sligo
  Sold: 1821
- Munster: Kilcummin, Kerry
  Sold: 1780
- Leinster: Oulart-The Ballagh, Wexford
  Sold: 1960
- Ulster: Naomh Mhuire Convoy, Donegal
  Sold: 2000
GAA PRESIDENT’S AWARDS 2019

The GAA is pleased to confirm the recipients for Gradaim an Uachtaráin 2019 which will be presented at a special banquet in Croke Park.

These prestigious annual awards, organised with the support of Club Championship sponsors AIB and broadcast by TG4, affords Uachtarán CLG an opportunity to acknowledge outstanding commitment and long service across the club and county network.

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Seán Ó hOráin said: “The GAA is many things but ultimately it is always about People because it is People who are the unselfish volunteering rock upon which our Association is built.

“This important event affords us an opportunity to recognise some extraordinarily special People who have given lifetimes of service to their communities and to the GAA.

“They represent the high standard and high calibre of People we have been blessed to have at our core and are an inspiration.

“I would like to acknowledge AIB and Denis O’Callaghan, Head of Distribution AIB, for their ongoing support of these awards and of their wider commitment to Gaelic games.

“Míle buíochas also to TG4 for their assistance in helping us to bring these awards to the widest audience possible and for the work they do each year in showcasing Gaelic games.”

The awards are made on a provincial and code basis. As well as Gaelige, Education and International Awards, the presentation of the annual Dermot Earley Family Award will also be made.

The GAA Presidents’ Awards (Gradaim an Uachtaráin 2019) will be broadcast tonight on TG4 at 7:30pm (Live from the Hogan Suite in Croke Park).

Buaiteoirí Gradaim an Uachtaráin 2019

ULSTER AWARD: SEÁN TREACY
Devenish St Mary’s, Fermanagh

Seán Treacy has made a phenomenal life-long contribution to the GAA over a wide range of roles and responsibilities. He was a player who enjoyed ground breaking success first at minor level and then at senior level in a golden period for the club in the 80s and 90s, as well as winning an All-Ireland with the Jordanstown Fresher team in 1985. He has been an officer since his early teens, acting as club PRO in 1977 when just 14-year-old. He went on to hold numerous posts at Club, County, Provincial and Third Level and was assistant secretary of Fermanagh GAA for several years.

During a 17-year stint as Club Secretary, Seán played an integral part in a major club development which saw the establishment of state of the art playing fields and club rooms, making Devenish the envy of many clubs inside and outside the county.

In 1992 he took a lead role in forming Ladies Football in the county, chairing the meeting in 1993 that elected the first ever officers of Fermanagh Ladies GAA. The club proudly celebrated its centenary anniversary in 2017 and not surprising Seán was centrally involved in the memorable programme of events.

He remains active in the club and is a member of the development committee looking to provide more facilities for the club members and serve the community – always looking to contribute for the betterment of many.
MUNSTER AWARD: MICHAEL WALL
An Coilleagain na h-Emmetigh, Waterford

Michael Wall has been ever-present in the Colligan Club for the last 55 years.

His first involvement was as a 10-year-old boy at a time when there was no underage Club in the Parish but local young boys would go down to the field to strike the ball back to the adults at training.

He was just 17 when he was first elected to a club committee in 1963 and went on to hold several key positions including being elected Chairman in 1967 when he was just 21 years old.

In the early 80s the club launched an ambitious project to purchase and develop grounds and Michael was again the driving force behind the fundraising activities and was again involved in the construction of dressing rooms in the early 90s.

There is never a job too big or too small and today he is Vice President, Honorary Life Member and Club Lotto Co-Ordinator.

He has been an integral part in the Club standing tall today and is delighted in seeing the membership pull together to create a family ethos – a source of comfort in times of triumph and tragedy.

A proud family man, his selflessness and commitment to his local club for more than a half century make him a very worthy recipient.

CONNACHT AWARD: NOREEN CORCORAN
Kilglass Gaels, Roscommon

Noreen became involved with Kilglass Gaels shortly after moving into the Parish from the neighbouring Kilmore area more than 30 years ago and where she had already built up a strong reputation with numerous Scór titles across a range of areas.

Her first role with Kilglass was that of Minor Club Secretary and she has been immersed in volunteer work with the Club ever since and is the current club secretary. A founding member and first secretary of the Ladies club in Kilglass in 1999, she was a very deserving recipient of the Club Person of the Year Award for Kilglass Gaels in 2002.

Aside from the meeting room, Noreen has served on numerous Ladies management teams and provided First Aid assistance to several teams in the Club.

Noreen was a driving force behind entering the Kilglass into a prestigious national competition that resulted in the club winning a makeover of the club field valued at €100,000.

When the club was touched by tragedy through the loss of one of its younger members, Noreen was instrumental in a fundraising drive in their memory which led to the addition of a gym to the club premises, and she remains heavily involved in all fundraising activities. Noreen is a dynamo who is always on hand to lend a hand and we salute her.

LEINSTER AWARD: MICK SPAIN
Drumcullen, Offaly

Born in January 1933, the fifth son in a family of 13 children, Mick Spain was destined to leave an indelible imprint on his native place and county.

This would be achieved through his commitment to his community in many forms but particularly his dedication to the GAA – where he has seen it all as a player, coach, manager, referee, administrator and visionary.

In 1949 he won an Offaly Minor Hurling Championship with his beloved Drumcullen and went on to play with Offaly minors in the 1950 Leinster Final v Wexford. He was a substitute on the Drumcullen senior team in 1952 when they won their third Offaly Senior Hurling Title in a row and then featured on the successful teams of ’54, ’55, ’57, ’58 and 1960.

He later moved to live in Birr and trained Tommy O’Riordan and Lily Reynolds into strong GAA house where her late parents identified a reliable water supply as an essential service to encourage young people to build and remain in their locality – saw Mick dedicated himself tirelessly through political and official channels to the pursuit of a group water scheme which was duly delivered. An immense contribution and commitment to others.

LGFA AWARD: KATHLEEN COLREAVY
Naomh Mearnóg, Dublin

One of 11 children, Kathleen was born into a strong GAA house where her late parents Tommy O’Riordan and Lily Reynolds played a pivotal role in the development of Ballyboden St Enda’s GAA Club.

Kathleen met and married Michael Colreavy, an established Leitrim footballer who had played in the 1967 Connacht Final and they moved to Portmarnock in the early 70s and where they both were soon immersed in the local Naomh Mearnóg Club.

For more than 30 years Kathleen has been synonymous with Ladies football in the club and during this time has held the position of club secretary, registrar, selector, jersey-
Kathleen has been involved with Dublin Football and Hurling Club General Liaison Officer for over 14 years. Her dedication to both roles is absolutely remarkable. She is known nationwide for her dedication to both roles and her ability to get people to work with her tirelessly in promoting Ladies football in Ireland.

During this period, she has worked tirelessly in promoting Ladies football in her club as well as being actively involved in all the Ladies teams and the nursery. One of her proudest achievements was when her daughter Orla and clubmates Karen Kennedy and Cliodhna O’Connor went on to represent Dublin at adult level and appeared in several All-Ireland finals with Clodhna, Karen Kennedy and Denise Masterson members of Dublin’s first All-Ireland winning team winning team in 2010 with Denise capturing the team and Clodhna and Denise winning All-Stars.

Kathleen’s big project every year is the All-Ireland Club7s and Gaelic for Mothers and Fathers Ireland Junior Premier Championship. In 1973, Deirdre was awarded the first CAMOGIE AWARD: DEIRDRE MCGRATH Aghaderg GAC, Down

Deirdre is a member of Aghaderg GAC and was brought up in a traditional Gaelic Family in Bryansford, County Down. Her late father, Arthur Brannigan, was heavily involved in the local GAA community. At the age of 11 he took Deirdre to the All-Ireland Hurling Final in Croke Park and this is where her love and passion for the GAA began.

Deirdre founded camogie in her home club Bryansford, in 1970. She held the post of club secretary and attended coaching courses in Gormanstown to learn the skills. In 1973, Deirdre was awarded the first ever Sports Personality Award in Down and in 1977 Bryansford Camogie Club was awarded Club of the Year.

In 1974, Deirdre took on the role of County Secretary at Down Camogie and remained in the post till 1977. During this time, she saw Down Minors win their first ever All-Ireland Final in 1974 and in 1976 the All-Ireland Junior Premier Championship.

Married in 1975 into a family with very strong Gaelic tradition and moved to Ballyvarley, a townland in the parish of Aghaderg where hurling was very prominent. Her husband Francie played hurling and so they both shared their time volunteering in the GAA. Francie also managed the Bryansford camogie team to success, a team which Deirdre played on, winning leagues in 1975, 1977 and 1980.

After having two children (Mark and Sheelagh), Deirdre decided it was time to think about starting camogie in Aghaderg, where she now lived. Through the decades there was a history of camogie in the Banbridge/Ballyvarley area and in 1984 Deirdre formed a camogie team in Aghaderg, giving it the parish name. She took up the camogie secretary role in Aghaderg Club and her husband Francie managed the team.

The first competitive match was played in 1985 and in 1988 Aghaderg won the Novice Championship. In 1989 they won the Junior League and Championship unbeaten and then the Intermediate Championship in 1991. During this period, Deirdre remained on the Aghaderg GAA club committee and was also an executive committee member of the Banbridge Sports Council for many years.

Tony Breen has had a long-distinguished career as both a player and a volunteer in GAA Handball. As a player Tony has captured numerous National, Provincial and County titles and in 1994 captured a World title in Over 40 Doubles.

Tony joined the committee of Ballyanne Handball Club (home of the great Dick Lyng) as a 15-year-old in 1969. He has served as Secretary/PRO of Templeudigan Handball Club for 15 years from about 1985-2000. He has been a member of Wexford GAA Handball County Committee for the past 30 years and has held the positions of Chairman (twice), Vice Chairman, Secretary (twice), PRO, Development Officer (twice), Secretary CCCC, Sponsorship Officer and Website Administrator.

Handball thrived under his stewardship to the point where Wexford are one of the strongholds of GAA Handball in Ireland thanks in no small part to Tony’s stewardship and vision.

At Provincial level he has held the post of Leinster Chairman on two occasions and is currently Chairman of GAA Handball’s Central Competitions Control Committee.

Despite the time constraints associated with owning a busy business, Tony is never found wanting in terms of taking on the workload associated with volunteer positions. Tony is regarded by all as an administrator who is extremely fair and balanced and an extremely hard worker. A fitting recipient for many years of service of the Gradam an Uachtaráin.
Football Hurling Club General

Óga CLG. agus Neasa a bheith ag imirt leis Na Gaeil Clann Choláiste Mhuire agus na cuimhní atá lena dheartháireacha Pádraig agus Colm le Cóileáin, na laethanta a chaith sé ag imirt fuair sé i gcónaí óna bhean chéile Máire Ní Is mór an mórtas do Chiarán an tacaíocht a Conradh na Gaeilge ag Ógras.

TG4 amach. Bhí sé lárnach i mbunú trí Fheachtais Náisiúnta Teilifíse a bhain Bhí sé ar dhuine de bhunaitheoirí an Comhchoiste Iománaíochta an Oireachtais.

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Bhí sé ar dhuine de bhunaitheoirí an Fheachtais Naisiúnta Teileifse a bhain T4G amach. Bhi sé lárnach i mbunú trí Ghaelscoile i Leamhcán (– Gaelscoil Naomh Pádraig, Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada agus Coláiste Cois Life) agus baint aige ar feedh a shaoil do Conamara na Gaeltachta agus Ógras.

Is móir an mórtas do Chiarán an tacaíocht a fuair sé i gcónaí óna bhean chéile Maire Ni Choileáin, na laethanta a chaithe sé ag imirt lena dheartháireacha Pádraig agus Colm le Clann Choláiste Mhuire agus na cuimhni atá aige dá phaistí Fiadhna, Cormac, Ruadhán agus Neasa a bheith ag imirt leis Na Gaeil Óga CLG.

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Br Dorner has served on Cumann Na mBunscoil in Limerick and Waterford for many years as principal of this school where he fostered the education of the local area. Br Dorner officially retired on August 31st, 2016 after 46 years teaching and was the last Christian Brother to teach in Doon CBS, and also the last Christian Brother to be a primary school principal in the country.

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also being appointed referee at multiple North American Finals.

In recent years, Hugh has taken on the role of USGAA Referee Administrator, where he is dedicating his time to providing USGAA players with the best quality of referee experience possible. In recognition of his distinguished service, Hugh was inducted into the San Francisco Hall of Fame in 2015 and was elected Honorary President of USGAA in 2017.

**FAMILY AWARD: THE SMITH FAMILY**
Boyle GAA, Co Roscommon

The Smith family have been synonymous with Boyle GAA for many years. All members of the family have had a role to play at some level within the Association, whether this is at club or county level.

From an early age, Mike played with the club, being one of the first of many U10 teams to be coached by former Derry player and Roscommon coach Sean Young. Mike’s skills shone through in his exploits with St. Mel’s and on underage Roscommon teams.

Mike had a long-playing career with Boyle GAA club, playing a pivotal role on the field with many favourable results. He also held several key roles in the club including club secretary in the ‘80s, senior team manager at the start of the millennium and a number of manager and coaching roles with underage teams. His business acumen has been evident in how he supports the club with fundraising initiatives, setting standards and motivating the club to reach targets. Mike has recently been tasked with coordinating the club’s strategic plan.

A wife and mother in a busy sporting home, Mary Smith has also been deeply involved with Boyle GAA. As treasurer in the early 2000s, Mary played a critical role in the Club’s massive fundraising drive to complete the development of the main pitch in Abbey Park. This period was followed by a number of years as Secretary, a role she also excelled in. She was a member of a Lotto team for several years and was heavily involved in the Club’s Road to Croker fundraising initiative. It was no great surprise that Mary was previously awarded Club Person of the Year for her commitment, dedication and service to Boyle GAA.

The eldest of the four Smith brothers, Cian has tasted success for his club at all grades. A key member of the 2006 Roscommon Minor team that captured All Ireland glory after a 55-year gap, his football career had to be put on hold in 2007 while he successfully overcame serious illness. Cian fought his way back to football and was an integral member of the Boyle team that captured intermediate honours in 2013. Since retirement he has become heavily involved in coaching and with a club fundraising project.

Donal has enjoyed much success with the club over the years at both underage and senior level. He was a key part of Boyle’s Minor team who won a Division 1 title in 2011 along with his brother Enda. Donal has played a central role in firmly establishing Boyle as a Senior team in recent years and was part of the team who won the Intermediate title in 2013. A Connacht Minor medalist with Roscommon in 2011, Donal added two Connacht Under 21 medals to his collection in 2012 and 2014. In 2012 in particular, his scoring prowess was a feature of the Under 21 Championship, earning him a Cadburys Hero of the Future nomination. Donal also had a glittering colleges career capturing a Freshers All Ireland medal in 2011 and two Sigerson Cup medals in 2013 and 2015.

Donal made his debut for the Roscommon senior team as a 20-year-old in 2013 against Sligo and played an integral part in landing the 2017 Connacht title in additional to two National League Division 2 medals in 2015 and 2018. While still at the height of a busy playing career Donal has already begun his managerial career as he has guided the club’s Under 20 team for the last two years.

Enda’s talent and skills were evident from an early age as he came up through the ranks of Boyle and Roscommon GAA. He has enjoyed a fine underage career with Roscommon and is one of an elite group to have won two Connacht medals at both Minor and U21 levels. Enda also had a fine colleges career capturing both a Freshers All Ireland medal and a Sigerson Cup medal with DCU.

Since making his senior debut in the 2013 National League, Enda has been an integral part of the Roscommon team. He delivered a Man of the Match winning performance in the 2017 Connacht Final. Indeed, Enda’s performances that year earned him an All-Star Nomination and a place on the International Rules team making him Boyle’s first ever representative to earn these accolades and is captain of the county senior team.

Whilst Mike, Mary, Cian, Donal and Enda are familiar names within the GAA Family and further afield, Mike and Mary’s second son Ronan will be well known to many who have met him in his travels as he supports his brothers on the fields of play. A keen athlete who runs marathons, Ronan’s career as a nurse has now taken him further afield to work in the Middle East.

Boyle GAA are rightly fiercely proud of the Smith family and their unwavering dedication to the club.
Renault Ireland has been announced as the title sponsor of the 2019 GAA World Games, which were officially launched at Croke Park today and will bring some 1,300 players from 10 regions around the globe home to play this summer. Renault Ireland is also the official car partner of the GAA and GPA.

This will mark the third-ever staging of the competition with the 2019 Renault GAA World Games set to be the biggest and best yet.

The initial stages of the event will be played out at the Sports Campus of Waterford Institute of Technology in Carriganore from July 28 to August 1, with the finals taking place on August 2 at Croke Park.

In keeping with the tradition of other GAA festivals, visiting teams will be twinned with local clubs throughout Waterford to enhance the social and cultural element of the Games.

There are now more than 400 GAA Clubs in existence outside of Ireland and this is reflected in the presence of 97 teams that are confirmed for the Renault GAA World Games and representing clubs from across Europe, New York, USGAA, South Africa, Argentina, Canada, Britain, Australasia, India, Asia and the Middle East.

World titles for Football, Ladies football, Hurling and Camogie will be on offer with competing teams made up specifically of native born or Irish born players.

There will be eight finals in all on a hectic day of international activity at Croke Park and with four finals staged for Irish–born players in Football, Ladies football, Hurling and Camogie and then another four finals for native born players competing across the four codes.

In total it is anticipated that approximately 5,000 people will be involved in this year’s Games between players, team officials, administrators, families and supporters.

The Renault GAA World Games 2019 will showcase the extent to which the passion and participation for Gaelic Games has now spread far beyond our shores and will acknowledge the keepers of this flame. The collage of international colours on parade will also be made possible by the on-going support of official kit suppliers O’Neills.

Their announcement as title sponsors of the World Games enhances even further the growing positive relationship between Renault and the GAA.

In addition to the World Games, a three-year partnership as official car partner to the GAA and GPA cements Renault’s ongoing support for GAA heroes on and off the field. Renault Ireland has been the county sponsor for the Westmeath senior and minor football and hurling teams since 2014, and together with Joe Mallon Motor Group, the brand recently announced its sponsorship of the Wicklow county senior football team for the next three years.
the world-wide popularity of Gaelic Games and I want to acknowledge Renault for their invaluable support in assisting us in the 2019 event.

Patrick Magee, Country Operations Director, Renault Group Ireland said:

“We are delighted to be the title sponsor of the 2019 GAA World Games and look forward to working with the Association and the players as official car partner of the GAA/GPA over the next three years. The GAA is such an integral part of communities across Ireland and around the world, as demonstrated by the success of the GAA World Games, and we look forward to a successful Games in Waterford in late July. GAA already plays a key role in our business model, as well as within our 26 dealerships, and we are excited about this partnership and getting on the road in 2019 and beyond.”

Marie Hickey, President of the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, commented:

“We are looking forward to a festival of Gaelic Games in Waterford later this year, and it is great to see such strong representation once again from Ladies Gaelic Football. The Renault GAA World Games continue to go from strength to strength and the LGFA is delighted to play a part in such a prestigious event.”

Kathleen Woods, Uachtarán Cumann Camógaíochta said:

“I am looking forward greatly to welcoming all of the teams who will take part in this year’s Renault GAA World Games which were a tremendous success in both 2015 and 2016. It is particularly heartening to see the huge rise in the number of native Camogie teams taking part in this year’s event which highlights the growth of our game to new audiences around the world. All of the teams can expect a warm welcome to Waterford in July in what promises to be a great occasion to create new bonds and friendships as we showcase our unique games.”

The GAA will have dedicated social media channels covering the Renault GAA World Games and news and events surrounding the Games can be found at:

Instagram: @gaaworldgames
Facebook: @GAAWorldGames
Twitter: @gaaworldgames
Web: www.gaa.ie/worldgames
Web: www.renault.ie

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The positive impact of the GAA’s Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) Programme since its inception in 2006 cannot be truly measured.

When it comes to reducing alcohol harm for players and fans, the GAA is already leading the way with the long-standing ASAP Programme – a collaboration between the GAA and the HSE designed to reduce the harm caused by the misuse of alcohol and other substances.

Since 2014, there has been no sponsorship of any GAA competition by an alcohol company, and no senior inter-county team has an alcohol sponsor. In 2018, the GAA partnered up with the HSE’s Ask About Alcohol campaign to encourage fans to ‘Drink Less and Gain More – on and off the pitch’, offering members a positive way to bring the ethos of the ASAP programme to life and provide an opportunity to lead by example when it comes to our younger members.

Like the introduction of the Codes of Best Practice and Behaviour for Children, the ASAP programme encourages proactive steps designed to enhance the positive experiences our members accrue from engagement with the GAA, and hopefully encourage them to realise some of those health-related benefits in their everyday lives as well. At any level drug and alcohol related issues can be a complex area and provides challenges and dilemmas for anyone faced with dealing with such issues on the ground. The first step a club can do is to develop and adopt the ASAP policy.

The policy outlines the positive culture a club can promote and offers guidance on how to educate and respond to alcohol and drug related issues should they arise. Clubs that implement the ASAP programme will be able to:

1. Prevent alcohol and other drug related problems from occurring
2. Educate members about relevant issues
3. Respond appropriately should an issue arise

The positive message of the ASAP programme will remain one of the foundation stones of the Association’s work in the area of promoting health and wellbeing.

The following resources are available to help clubs implement the ASAP Programme; Template and guidelines on how to develop and implement an ASAP policy, ASAP manual, ASAP flyer, ASAP Club Matters DVD, Coaching for Confidence SAOR booklet and links to external partners.

All resources are available at www.gaa.ie/community
LÁ NA GCLUBANNA 2019 – GET ACTIVE, GET INVOLVED

“The vision of the GAA is that everybody has the opportunity to be welcomed to take part in our games and culture, to participate fully, to grow and develop and to be inspired to keep a lifelong engagement with our Association.”

Lá na gClubanna is a day when clubs will have the opportunity to showcase all that is positive about Cumann Lúthchleas Gael in communities the length and breadth of the country and of course internationally too.

This activity has been a feature of our club network for many years and in many instances our club units organise these events on an annual basis. Last August we also had the Gaelic Sunday Centenary celebration which was another chance for Club’s to show their pride in their place and role in their community.

This is an opportunity for the GAA to highlight the important role of members, players, sup-porters’ and families in our Association and for the local community to have fun. It will also provide clubs with an opportunity to engage with potential new members.

Bainigí sult as an ócáid agus go néirí go geall leis cibe áit in a bhfuil sírbh ag caomhnú agus ag spreagadh ár gcluiche agus ár gcultúr.

Le gach dea ghúi,
Micheál Mac Concharraige, Cathaoirleach Coiste Náisiúnta na gClubanna

A booklet advising clubs on communicating the day, budget and fundraising, volunteer recruitment and activities, can be downloaded from www.gaa.ie/my-gaa/getting-involved/la-na-gclubanna
The recently established Gender Diversity Working Group has now commenced its work which will see them publishing a draft Gender Diversity Policy document by the end of 2019, in addition to agreeing a discussion document on the impact and implications of the policy document on the GAA.

The policy document will cater for all age groups and once the draft has been proposed, follow up consultations will commence in 2020.

The working Group includes nominees from the GAA, LGFA, Camogie and Cumann na mBunscol and is Chaired by the GAA Child Safeguarding Manager Gearóid Ó Maoilmhichíl.

The working group also includes a number of external persons who have vast experience in the area of gender diversity in Ireland.

Given the absence of detailed discussion or policy documentation relating to gender diversity in Sport in Ireland, the Working Group is anxious to give our membership the opportunity to submit their views or suggestions on our work. Any suggestions or submissions may be forwarded to genderdiversity@gaa.ie and all submissions will be acknowledged.
CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL GNÓTHACH AG CEILIÚRADH SHEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Bí ag fearadh amach do go leor podchraolta eile ón gCumann de réir mar a théann an bhliain peile agus iomána ar aghaidh.

Músaem
Eagraíodh ‘Lá Gaeilge’ sa Músaem i bPáirc an Chrócaigh agus bhí deis ag lucht Gaeilge turas timpeall ar Phairc an Chrócaigh a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge.

Bí an spórt agus spraoi ag clubanna agus ag contaetha de chuid Chumann Lúthchleas Gael ag ceiliúradh Sheachtain na Gaeilge i mlíbáin. Eagraíodh na ceadta imeachtaí ó cheann ceann na tíre agus bhí an Cumann an-lárnach sa ceiliúradh iontach seo ar an nGaeilge a dhéantar chuile bhliain.

Mar chuid de ceiliúradh CLG ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge go náisiúnta tugadh fáoi na rudaí seo a leanas:

An Fáinne
Ag tús na seachtaine fógraíodh plean Chumann Lúthchleas Gael an fáinne a chur chun cinn an fháinne ar a gcuid ardán cumarsáide féin.

Tuilleadh eolais anseo:

Leanfar ar aghaidh leis an bplean seo de réir mar a théann an bhliain ar aghaidh.

Podchraoladh
Cuireadh an dara heagrán den phodchraoladh amach le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge agus is féidir éisteacht leis an nasc seo a leanas:


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Bí an-tóir ar na himeachtaí agus ar na tionscadail seo go léir. Is féidir tuilleadh eolais a fháil fúthu ag jamie.otuama@gaa.ie

#GAAgaeilge Abú!
What does your club mean to you?

Favourite Club Memory:

Without a doubt, winning the Tyrone Minor Grade 3 Championship in 2008. After near misses in semi-finals and finals at U14 and U16 level, my age-group eventually got our hands on some silverware at U18. It was a rollercoaster of a final. We threw away a nine-point lead and trailed by one deep in injury time, but we managed to get two scores right at the end to clinch it! I’ll always remember the emotion at the final whistle, as my friends and I were part of an age group who’d never won an honour for the club and were always falling short, so to eventually get over the line in our last year of underage football is extremely memorable.

Favourite Inter-County GAA Memory:

Being from Tyrone, it’s hard not to say anything other than 2003. I was lucky enough to be in Croke Park on all three of our All-Ireland wins in the 2000’s and I have vivid memories of them all, but the first one will always be the sweetest. I was just 11 years old then, but to see grown men of my father’s age - and older - overcome with emotion after waiting a lifetime to see a Tyrone man lift the Sam Maguire, it was really special.

What does your club mean to you?

It means representing your little patch of the country and being proud to be from there, no matter where you go in the country. The people in your club are more than just team-mates or managers or coaches, they are next-door neighbours, they are lifelong friends, and they are family. When I look at the club crest from each county on the wall outside the GAA Museum, I can point to the Stewartstown Harps crest among the many hundreds and say with pride - “That’s my club”.

What do you like most about working in Croke Park?

There’s the small things like being able to go for a puck around in the Dressing Room 1 warm-up area during lunchtime, or just having a bit of chit chat about the weekend’s games when you meet someone on the corridor. Then there’s the obvious things like walking into the home of the GAA every day, looking out over the pitch each morning, and being able to meet the biggest names in Gaelic Games at events and match days. It’s been, and continues to be, an amazing experience.

OUR TEAM – YOUR TEAM

Meet some of the Croke Park staff putting their GAA passion and knowledge to good use
Attention mums, dads and junior GAA fans! Are you looking for a midterm or Saturday morning activity that’s a bit more exciting than a trip to the playground? Are you searching for something to do with your kids that’s both fun and interactive?

The GAA Museum at Croke Park has announced the return of its wildly popular Junior Explorer Tour for young families on Saturday mornings from February 23rd until May 18th. And for all those mums and dads scrambling for something different to do during the midterm break, an additional date has been added to kick start the season early this Friday February 22nd.

The family-friendly tour, created to bring the home of Gaelic games to life with all its magic for younger visitors, was a sell-out success last year with the country’s littlest GAA fans taking over the iconic stadium every Saturday morning.

On arrival, your family will be greeted by the GAA Museum’s mascot, Cluasóg the Irish hare, who can’t wait to meet and have his photo taken with a whole new bunch of friends!

Next you go behind-the-scenes and learn fun facts about the GAA and Croke Park. During the Stadium Tour, your intrepid little explorers will get to visit the team dressing rooms and warm-up area and run out pitch-side through the players’ tunnel – a highlight for any GAA fan or aspiring young star!

Back at the GAA Museum, children will then receive a Junior Explorer Passport so they can follow clues throughout the Museum to ensure they fully engage in the tour with their guide. They’ll discover some of the museum’s most famous exhibits including the original Sam Maguire and Liam MacCarthy cups along the way. If the group find all the clues, all younger visitors will receive a special Junior Explorer badge and sticker pack!

Another highlight for many boys and girls (and mums and dads!) is the museum’s Interactive Games Zone, where the future All-Stars can test their own hurling and football skills. Who’s the fastest in the family? Find out by measuring the speed of your strike as you hit a sliotar down the hurling alley or test your goal scoring ability with a family and friends football challenge!

Junior Explorer Tours are recommended for all family members but will be of particular interest for children of 8 years of age and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tours will depart from the GAA Museum at 10.30am and will continue on Saturday mornings (subject to GAA fixtures) until May 18th.

Junior Explorer Tours lasts approx. 1.5 hours including time in the museum and a meet and greet with Cluasóg. The route is fully wheelchair and buggy accessible.

Advance online booking is recommended. Free parking is available and the museum’s Blackthorn Café will be open for a snack afterwards.

Tour prices

Adult: €14
Children (ages 3 – 12): €9
Under 3 years: Free of charge
Students / seniors: €11
Family (2 adults & 2 children): €38
Family (2 adults & 3 children): €40

For more see www.crokepark.ie/juniorexplorer
Every year the GAA reinvests back into the development of our Clubs and the communities and people they are proud to serve.

Your support of our games matters. Míle buíochas

- €2.5m invested in 424 club redevelopment projects in 2018
- €11.1m invested in GAA coaching and Games Development and also funding Cúl Camps, Féile, Go Games and Five Star Centres
- 345 coaches working with clubs and schools nationwide
- €9m spent assisting 6,233 injured club players in 2018
- €200,000 shared between Club teams that win a senior county championship and play in the AIB club championship.
- €375,000 shared out for Senior, intermediate and junior club champions who take part in the All-Ireland series
- €120,000 for free training of club officers advancing roles of Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and PRO.
- €365,000 cost of the fixture management system is covered by Croke Park
- €237,000 invested in 2018 in GAA Community and Healthy Club wellbeing initiatives in a partnership with Irish Life
- €1.6m raised by Clubs for Clubs in the National Club Draw with all prizes provided by Croke Park
- €9.7m currently being loaned out to Clubs via the Development Fund
- 42 new club applications for loans worth €2.8m being assessed
Single use plastic water bottles are a great source of plastic pollution and litter. As a method to encourage the use of reusable water bottles Youghal GAA is signing up to Refill Ireland to promote to Club members, players, visitors and members of the public that they can fill their water bottles at our outdoor tap.

It is estimated that 26 million tonnes of waste plastic is produced in Europe annually with experts claiming that, by 2050, we could have more plastics than fish in our oceans.

Ireland is the worst offender when it comes to plastic waste, with over 60kg being generated per person per year.

As a thriving and successful GAA sports club Youghal GAA knows that hydration is an essential part of playing sport, we know too that unfortunately single use plastic water bottles are the most common item littered on the Club premises. As a way to address this and encourage the use of reusable water bottles Youghal GAA is partnering with Refill Ireland to encourage the public to get tap happy and switch to reusable water bottles, as concerns on plastic pollution increase.

Refill Ireland is an environmental initiative aiming to make Irish towns and cities tap water refill friendly for everyone while on the go. We locate and encourage the creation of locations where filling your reusable water bottle for FREE from an increasing number of refill stations becomes an easy to do everyday habit helping hydration and ultimately protecting our environment from bottle waste.

According to Martha Doyle of Cork Environmental Forum: “People want to help stop plastic pollution, and Refill puts the power in people’s hands to do that. We are very proud that Youghal GAA is coming onboard and showing itself to be a great community leader in this field to other sports clubs around the country.”

In December 2018 the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar announced plans to phase out single-use plastics across all government departments and agencies.

For Eochaill Óg Chairman Hugh Dorrian “When this initiative was brought to our attention we didn’t need much convincing that this is a very good idea for both the community and for our club. It’s a great privilege to be able to play a small part in influencing young peoples habits around the use of plastics. I’m delighted that Youghal GAA has stepped up to reduce plastic-bottle waste, which ultimately will help to keep Youghal streets, beaches and water free of waste plastic.”
What is Féile?
The John West Féile na nGael and Féile Peile na nÓg tournaments are club festivals for Hurling, Football, Camogie, Rounders and Handball at Under 14 years of age level. Teams from every county in Ireland as well as overseas are invited to take part. The national Féile committee, appointed by Uachtarán CLG, has the responsibility for the organisation of the tournaments. A local organising committee is appointed to manage much of the day to day activities.

In 2019 Féile Peile na nÓg is being hosted by Connacht, while Féile na nGael is being hosted by Corcaigh.

When will Féile 2019 take place?
Féile nan Gael will take place on Friday, June 7th – Sunday, June 9th
Féile na nÓg will take place on Friday, June 28th – Sunday June 30th

Who takes part?
Participating teams are either host clubs or visiting clubs. The host clubs come from the organising counties. Host Clubs in Féile na nGael are from Cork and Kerry, while the host Clubs for Féile na nÓg are from Connacht (Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, and Sligo). Visiting clubs are clubs nominated by their respective counties. Generally, these teams are nominated by their county having won the local Féile competition. Invitations also are extended to the various overseas units of the GAA to send teams.

The number of visiting teams is decided by the number of hosts available. These are currently being finalized.

Are all teams 15-a-side?
All Football, Hurling and Camogie games shall be played on a 15-a-side basis, unless the national Féile committee has decided that particular divisions can be played at 13/11/9-a-side. This is agreed based on the requirements of the local organising committee.

Do we play on a full-size pitch?
15-a-side and 13-a-side games are played on a full-sized pitch

How old can players be to take part?
The age grades for Féile are the same as for Under 14 football and Hurling county competitions. Players who are over 10 and under 14 years of age on 1st January in the year of Féile are eligible; this means that any player that turns 11, 12, 13 or 14 in 2019 is eligible to take part.

Any player that is eligible to play Under 10 Hurling or football in 2019 is too young.

We have both boys and girls teams, can we take part in both competitions?
Yes, any club with both boys and girls teams can take part in both competitions.
Please note that you will have to host both a boys and girls team.
We have two Under 14 teams – A and B – and we take part in our county competitions, can both take part?
Yes, both teams may be entered in to the Féile.

We are combined with another club at Under 14, can we take part?
Yes, Independent Teams are permitted once they participate in the local county Under 14 competitions that year as an Independent Team.

It is not permitted for two or more clubs to try to form a specific Independent Team in order to take part in Féile.

HOSTING
Hosting is a key part of the ethos of Féile. Host clubs are paired with a visiting team. The players and mentors from the visiting teams stay with members of the host club, and games take place on the host club’s pitch. Host families should be well known to club officials and are required to comply with vetting procedures.

How many players and mentors stay?
For the 15-a-side competitions, panels are a maximum of 24 players. Where a division is 13-a-side, the panel limit is 20 players.
There is also a limit of four mentors.
Players are hosted in pairs by members of the host club. There is no obligation to host more than 24 players.

We are entering both boys and girls teams, what does this mean for hosting?
As you are entering a boys and girls team, you would host both boys and girls teams. Where players are hosted by a local family it must be based on either two boys or two girls, rather than mixed – i.e. one boy and one girl.

Is it mandatory to host a visiting team?
To take part as a host club, yes, it is a requirement that you host a visiting team.

How do you decide who we host?
Each host team is graded into the appropriate division by the local organising committee. At the same time, the national committee grade the visiting counties. A draw is then completed matching each host team with their visiting counties. As each county competition is concluded and teams are nominated as visiting teams, clubs are put in touch with each other.

We already have a relationship with a club from another county that is travelling to Féile. Can we be paired with them?
Unfortunately, this cannot be guaranteed. The timing of the local competition in the visiting counties varies. In some cases, the Féile tournament is the first tournament of the year, taking place in February/March, however many visiting counties complete their competitions in April. To be as fair as possible to the visiting teams – especially those travelling from overseas, the draw is made in early in the New Year. This is to allow the parents and supporters of any visiting team book accommodation.

What is the format of the competition?
Generally, there are 16 teams per division. Each division is divided into four groups of four teams – A, B, C and D, composed of two host clubs and their two visiting teams. The initial stages of the National Féile will be played on a league basis, with each team playing three games. Within the round robin stage, two points are awarded for a win and one for a draw.
The top two teams in each group shall qualify for the Cup quarter finals with the 3rd and 4th placed teams qualifying for the Shield quarter finals. The Cup and Shield tournaments are then played off on a knock out basis.

Who decides what division we play in?
Grading is the process of ranking all the host and visiting teams into the appropriate divisions. The local organising committee will grade the host clubs. This is based on the local grading for U14 that year, and also on previous year’s activities at U12 and U13 as appropriate.
The visiting counties are graded by the national Féile committee.

How many games are played, and when?
The final fixtures schedule is agreed with the local organising committee. Usually, there are two games played on the Friday evening, with the final group game played on Saturday morning. Generally the Friday evening games are played at one of the two host clubs, usually where there are two or more pitches. The Saturday morning game is played between the host and their visiting team, and takes place at the host club venue.

Upon completion of the group games the teams are ranked.
The quarter finals are played on Saturday afternoon/evening, with the semi-finals and finals played on Sunday morning/afternoon.

All teams are guaranteed three games and all teams will play up to the quarter final stages.

How long is each game?
All games are played at 15 minutes per half.

We only have one pitch, is that ok?
Absolutely. The specific details of all the fixtures will be agreed with the local organising committee and will be adapted to suit clubs regardless of the number of pitches that they have. The Friday games as well as the knockout games generally take place in multi pitch venues, but again this will be decided closer to the tournament weekend.

TAKING PART IN FÉILE

How do we enter?
To enter Féile as a visiting team, you must firstly compete in your local County Féile tournament. To enter as a host teams must complete and return the application form before the agreed deadline as previously circulated to potential host teams.
MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

Thank you to all of those who have contributed to this month's edition of the GAA Club Newsletter. Your feedback is welcome and any comments, suggestions or queries should be directed to clubnewsletter@gaa.ie.

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