



DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

I hope this newsletter, the first of 2015, finds you well. With the start of the new season upon us, there is a lot happening in Croke Park. It was great to learn that over 1,000 local residents dropped off over 800 Christmas Trees & approximately four tonnes of WEEE domestic appliances at the stadium for recycling as part of our Community Recycling Drive in January. In this newsletter, you'll find details on upcoming job opportunities for local residents as well as information on a special workshop that will take place in February for any group seeking assistance in applying to the Croke Park Community Fund this year.

As this is my final community newsletter as Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, I want to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to all members of the local community who engaged with us over the last three years. We strive to develop stronger community relations and lessen the impact of events here in the stadium on our nearest neighbours and I know this commitment will continue with my successor Aogán Ó Fearghail.

Thank you again for your support and I wish you and your family all the very best for 2015.

Le gach deá ghúí,

Liam Ó Néill

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Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael / GAA President



Croke Park Community Fund

Croke Park has an annual fund of €100,000 which is used to support community projects in the immediate area around the stadium. The fund has now allocated over €575,000 to local community groups since 2009. The closing dates for applications for each round of funding in 2015 are as follows:

- **4 March 2015**
- **6 May 2015**
- **8 July 2015**
- **16 September 2015**
- **11 November 2015**

Application forms can be downloaded directly from crokepark.ie/community or picked up at the main reception in the stadium. Assistance filling out the form can also be provided upon request.

A special Community Fund workshop will take place here in the stadium on **Thursday, February 26th**. The aim of the workshop is to provide helpful hints to any local group, club or organisation wishing to apply to the Community Fund in 2015 as well as any previous unsuccessful applicants.

To book your place please contact Julianne Savage in Croke Park on 01 865 8607 or jsavage@crokepark.ie.



Croke Park Stadium Director Peter McKenna visiting the Central Model Infants' School in Gardiner Street. The school received support from the Community Fund in 2014.

The Croke Park Community Fund allocated over €108,000 in 2014 and supported 32 separate local projects through the year:

Local Organisation:

Central Model Infants' School
Clonmore & Ulster Terrace Residents Association
Fire Station Artists' Studios
Salesian Youth Enterprises
The House Presents
St. Columba's School
Ladies Night a Play
NCP Youth Ireland
North Inner City Older Persons Group
Ballybough House Tenants Association
Lourdes Day Care Centre
Young People At Risk – YPAR
Croke Villas Families
Witness Dublin Youth Project
Swan Youth Services
Joann Walsh School of Irish Dancing
Brendan Behan Court Residents
Ballybough Youth Project
Bridge Project
Clonliffe Karate Club
Drumcondra Park Residents
Foster Terrace Street Feast Committee
East Wall Youth
Summerhill Senior Citizens Complex
Iona Active Retirement Group
Wellington After School Club
Ballybough Community Group
St. Vincent's Girls National School
Rising Stars Dance School
Iona Community Games
Fairview/Marino Tuesday Club
St. Joseph's Co-Ed NS East Wall

Project Supported:

Digital Learning Technology
New Security Gate
Furnishings for two new live & work residences
New heating system
Artist Evenings
Ceramic mosaic
Five Lamps Arts Festival Play
"English Support Teachers" programme
Summer Evening Event
Summer Day Trips
Weekend Away in Wexford
Youth Mental Health Wellbeing Programme
Family Day Trip
Performance Costumes
New Garden Furniture
Non-slip dance floor for classes
Flowers & Shrubs for complex
Swimming Lessons
Feasibility Study for local business model
Karate Master Classes
Street Party
Community Street Feast
Hallowe'en Festival
New Community Room Blinds & Wall Mouldings
Day Trip
Swimming Lessons
Community Day Trip to see Santa
Digital classroom technology
Training Equipment
Athletic equipment and arts & crafts materials
Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch
Play ground for infant classes

Croke Park Fixtures 2015

DAY	DATE	EVENT
February		
Saturday	7 th	Allianz League - Double Header 5pm & 7pm
Saturday	14 th	All Ireland Intermediate Junior Club Football Finals - Double Header
Sunday	15 th	All Ireland Intermediate Junior Club Hurling Finals - Double Header
March		
Sunday	1 st	Camogie Club Finals - Double Header
Saturday	7 th	Allianz League - Double Header 5pm & 7pm
Tuesday	17 th	Senior Club Finals - Double Header
Saturday	28 th	Allianz League - Double Header 5pm & 7pm
April		
Saturday	11 th	2 nd Level Colleges Final - Double Header
Sunday	12 th	Allianz League Semi Final - Double Header
Saturday	25 th	Division 3 & 4 League Finals - Double Header
Sunday	26 th	Division 1 & 2 League Finals - Double Header
May		
Saturday	31 st	Leinster Football Quarter Finals - Double Header
June		
Saturday	6 th	Christy Ring, Nicky Rackard, Lory Meagher - Triple Header
Saturday	20 th	Concert: The Script
Sunday	28 th	Leinster Football Semi Finals - Double Header
July		
Sunday	5 th	Leinster Hurling Finals - Double Header
Sunday	12 th	Leinster Football Finals - Double Header
Saturday	25 th	Round 4 Qualifiers - Double Header
August		
Saturday	1 st	Round 4 Qualifiers - Double Header
Sunday	2 nd	Football Quarter Finals - Double Header
Saturday	8 th	Football Quarter Finals - Double Header
Sunday	9 th	All Ireland Hurling Semi Finals - Double Header
Sunday	16 th	All Ireland Hurling Semi Finals - Double Header
Sunday	23 rd	All Ireland Football Semi Finals - Double Header
Sunday	30 th	All Ireland Football Semi Finals - Double Header
September		
Sunday	6 th	All Ireland Hurling Finals - Double Header
Sunday	13 th	Camogie Finals - Triple Header
Sunday	20 th	All Ireland Football Finals - Double Header
Sunday	27 th	Ladies Football Finals - Triple Header
November		
Saturday	21 st	International Rules

Please note: all the above fixtures are provisional. The most up-to-date fixtures can be viewed online at crokepark.ie



600 local senior citizens had a great afternoon at the 13th annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in December. Thank you to all the GAA staff, stadium contractors and community team who helped out on the day and special thanks to the Gardai in Mountjoy Garda Station who organise the party in conjunction with the stadium.

Local Employment Opportunities

CROKE PARK COMMUNITY TEAM

The Croke Park Community Team works on stadium event days to assist their neighbours throughout the Croke Park Community area. The team consists entirely of local residents. Further details can be found at crokepark.ie/community. If you are over eighteen years of age and living in the Croke Park community area and would like to work as part of the Croke Park Community Team, please send in your CV & cover letter to Julianne Savage, Community Officer, Croke Park Stadium, Dublin 3 or by email to jsavage@crokepark.ie.

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday, March 7th 2015.

STADIUM CATERING TEAM

Aramark Ireland provides all the catering and hospitality services here in the stadium. Currently, 25 per cent of their staff in Croke Park have been recruited from the local community. The stadium's annual open recruitment day for local residents will take place later in the Spring and anyone interested in applying can email their CV to crokeparkrecruitment@aramark.ie.

Get the latest community news from Croke Park

Log onto crokepark.ie/community for the most up to date information from the stadium. Community news & match day updates are also emailed to local residents. Email jsavage@crokepark.ie if you would like to register your email address to receive these community updates during the year.

Croke Park Community Cúl Camp

Supported by Croke Park for children living within the stadium's 1.5km community area, this year's Kellogg's GAA Community Cúl Camp will take place in early July. The camp is for children aged between 6 and 13 and children must be aged six on/before 31/08/2015. Parents can contact Julianne Savage jsavage@crokepark.ie should they wish to receive an application form when they become available.

Local Residents Ticket Scheme

Local residents who live within the qualifying area can register with the stadium for the local residents ticket scheme. For more details, log onto crokepark.ie/community. If you have already registered for the scheme, there is no need to do anything and you will continue to be entered into all draws that take place.

**CONTACT
THE
STADIUM:**

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Croke Park Community Officer
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OUT OF HOURS FREEPHONE NUMBER

1800 303 593 is a free-phone number for local residents to contact Croke Park on stadium related issues during out of office hours.