



DEAR NEIGHBOUR,

Is mise Aogán Ó Fearghail, Uachtarán nua Chumann Lúthchleas Gael. Is cúis mhór áthais dom an deis seo a fháil mé féin a chuir in aithne dhíbh.

I'm delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself as the new President of the GAA. I'm a native of Maudabawn, a small rural area close to the town of Cootehill in Co. Cavan and I have been involved with the Association all my life. I've been a regular visitor to Croke Park for many years and have a strong appreciation for the support we receive from the local community during every event.

Since taking office in March, I have already been involved in two wonderful community events. The first was the launch of the Croke Park Community Mosaic created by the local children of St. Columba's School in the North Strand. It is our hope that this wonderful piece will hang in Croke Park for years to come and that many of the children involved in the project will one day bring their own children to the stadium to see the mosaic their parents created.

More recently, I had the pleasure of welcoming over one hundred local residents to the stadium for the Croke Park Community Fund Reception. On that occasion, I met with many of the local groups who successfully applied to the community fund last year. It was inspiring to meet local residents from Summerhill, Ballybough, Clonliffe, Iona, Fairview, Dorset Street, East Wall and the North Strand who make such an important contribution to the local community around Croke Park through their voluntary work.

I have been elected as President of the GAA at an important time as we work to build a new long-term accord with the local community around Croke Park. I would like to acknowledge the support of the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Christy Burke and Minister Paschal Donohoe TD who offered their assistance last September to begin this process. We are actively engaging in all community meetings, and with Noeline Blackwell, Director General of the Free Legal Advice Centres, who is the independent chairperson for this process.

As we are now on the verge of a busy Summer schedule of concerts and match days, I would like to thank you for your continued support and cooperation during event days. I also look forward to working with the Croke Park team and the local community on issues of concern to all of us during my tenure as Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil libh as ucht bhúr dtacaíocht agus chomh-oibriú le linn laethanta imeachtaí anseo i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Is Mise,

Aogán Ó Fearghail

Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael



Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Aogán Ó Fearghail speaking with representatives of the Tuesday Club from Fairview at the Croke Park Community Fund Recipients Reception in April.

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 €600,000 to local community groups since 2009.

The remaining closing dates for funding applications in 2015 are:

- 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.



In March, local pupils from St. Columba's National School, North Strand unveiled a special mosaic in Croke Park which is entitled "Conas a fuair Cú Chulainn a ainm" (How Cú Chulainn got his name). The mosaic was created by the pupils of St. Columba's National School with support from the Croke Park Community Fund. The mosaic is hanging in the inner Cusack Stand concourse and will be viewed by many thousands of visitors making their way into the stadium each year.

THE SCRIPT: UPCOMING CONCERT DETAILS

Saturday, June 20th 2015

The concert is sold out and the attendance will not exceed 82,300

CONCERT TIMINGS

Full Garda Cordon*:	2pm
Doors Open*:	5pm
Concert Ends*:	11pm

*All daily timings may be subject to change by promoter/An Garda Síochána

GARDA CORDON

The garda cordon will be in place earlier on concert days to enhance parking control and local resident access. Local resident parking passes for households within the garda cordon are available from the Garda Station on Fitzgibbon Street: telephone 01 666 8400.

FREEPHONE COMMUNITY HOTLINE & EMAIL ADDRESS

Freephone **1 800 303 593** is Croke Park's community hotline number and it is available to all residents requiring assistance or to report any issue directly to the stadium during the concert. An email address is also available to local residents – community@crokepark.ie. The community freephone number is in operation 24 hours a day from Wednesday, June 10th – Friday, June 26th 2015.

CROKE PARK COMMUNITY TEAM

Croke Park's Community Officer and Community Team will be on duty on Saturday, June 20th to assist local residents on any stadium related matter and can be contacted directly by using the stadium's community freephone number or email address.

LOCAL RESIDENTS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Local residents who will require special assistance for themselves, family or friends gaining access through the garda cordon on Saturday, June 20th are advised to contact the Croke Park Community Officer in advance on 01 865 8607 or jsavage@crokepark.ie.

CONCERT CLEAN UP

Additional community litter teams will be active during the concert & will work to remove concert litter from gardens within the garda cordon.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/PARKING PLANS

A full public transport & car parking information campaign targeting concert patrons is currently ongoing. Special car parking offers from car parks nearest the stadium are available to concert patrons and additional Dublin Bus, LUAS, Irish Rail & Bus Eireann public transport initiatives to and from concerts have been organised. Gardaí & Dublin Street Park Services will be enforcing parking legislation throughout the community area and there will be specific coach & bus parking areas on the Alfie Byrne Road in operation.

PRE-CONCERT WORKS

Pre-concert works commence Wednesday, June 10th 2015. Works are scheduled between 8am – 8pm* daily from June 10th – June 14th and between 8am – 10pm* daily from June 15th – June 19th.

POST-CONCERT WORKS

Post-concert works commence on Sunday, June 21st with the site to be clear on Friday, June 26th 2015. Works are scheduled between 8am – 10pm* daily.

*Concert works timings will be agreed by Dublin City Council

SOUND CHECKS & MONITORING

The rehearsals and sound checks for the concert will be carried out in the early evening of Friday, June 19th and will cease at 8pm. An independent sound monitoring team will be appointed and an environment noise assessment will be conducted for the concert.

OVERNIGHT QUEUING/CAMPING

Overnight queuing or camping will not be tolerated.

USE OF GARDA HELICOPTER

The Garda Helicopter will be used on the evening of Saturday, June 20th. It will only be used as required by the gardaí and with minimum time spent in operation.

REMAINING FIXTURES 2015

DAY	DATE	EVENT
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
Friday	24 th	Concert: Ed Sheeran
Saturday	25 th	Concert: Ed Sheeran
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 - Single Fixture

LOCAL RESIDENTS TICKET DRAWS FOR CONCERTS

The local residents' ticket draws for the three concerts will take place on Thursday, June 4th 2015 and will be witnessed by an independent auditor. One hundred pairs of complimentary tickets will be allocated to the community per concert night. Residents who win pairs of tickets for the concerts will be contacted by post. A list of local resident ticket winners for this year's concerts will be made available online on the Croke Park website in August.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

COMMUNITY FORUM

On Saturday, June 6th, Croke Park is holding a Community Forum. All residents living in the local community area are invited to attend. This will be an opportunity for you to drop into the stadium between 10am and 12pm to discuss the event management plans for the upcoming stadium concerts with members of the Croke Park management team as well as members of An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council's Waste Management Services.

Date: Saturday, June 6th 2015

Time: 10am - 12pm

Location: Celtic Suite, Level 5, Cusack Stand, Croke Park (Entrance via St. Joseph's Avenue)