# **Stadium News**

# Croke Park Community Newsletter

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The Croke Park community team work on stadium event days to assist their neightbours and other local residents.

### A Chara,

My first season as Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael is coming to an end and I want to sincerely thank you for your continued support and cooperation throughout the year. In this final newsletter of 2015, we will be bringing you up to date on the latest local news from the stadium and our community gain initiatives.

Work on building a new long-term accord with the local community is continuing and meetings are taking place that are well attended by senior management from Croke Park and many of the local residents groups from the stadium's community area. I would like to thank the independent chairperson, Noeline Blackwell, Director General of the Free Legal Advice Centres, for her time and commitment to this process.

Most recently, we welcomed the decision by Dublin City Councillors to approve the joint development of Croke Villas between Dublin City Council and the GAA. This development will see an investment of €6.4 million by the GAA into the local area. The development will include social housing, a community sports complex and a new entrance boulevard into the stadium for event days. We hope that work on this project will commence shortly without any further delay.

Throughout the year, we have worked to increase the number of employment opportunities that are available for local residents in the stadium. Our largest employer is Aramark Catering, which now employs 20% of its staff from the locality.

Local residents are also employed as security and

matchday staff and there is also the stadium's community team which consists entirely of local residents.

It is clear from the emails and letters we receive, that the community team is making a significant difference on event days. In August, I was delighted to present Bopper Holland, a member of the community team from St. James' Avenue with a 'GAA Certificate of Recognition' to acknowledge the work he undertakes in the community on event days. Any local resident interested in future recruitment opportunities in the stadium should contact Julianne Savage directly – Julianne's contact details are below.

The Croke Park Community Fund continues to go from strength to strength and since it was launched in 2009, has now allocated nearly €675,000 in financial support to local community groups. So far this year, 47 local community groups have already successfully applied for support. The full list can be viewed at crokepark.ie/community and I hope it will inspire you to join up with your neighbours and apply to the Community Fund next year.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continuing support and cooperation throughout the year and as this is our last newsletter for 2015, I will sign off by wishing you and your family a very happy and peaceful Christmas and every good wish for the New Year. Míle buíochas as ucht do comhoibriú i rith an blhian 2015 agus bíodh Nollaig mhaith agat!

Go mbeire bliain ó inniu faoi mhaise orainn.

#### Aogán Ó Fearghail

Uachtarán Chumann Luthchleas Gael/ GAA President



250 children participated in the annual Kellogg's Croke Park Community Cúl Camp from June 29th - July 3rd in Clonliffe College. This year's camp was the biggest to date and is especially subsidised by Croke Park for children living in the stadium's 1.5km community area. Pictured are sisters Amber and Rhianna Skerritt from Ballybough with Dublin GAA Hurling Star Dotsy O'Callaghan.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation with events here in Croke Park. Contact Croke Park's Community Officer **Julianne Savage** on **01 865 8607** or **jsavage@crokepark.ie** if there is any stadium related matter you wish to bring to our attention.

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# Let us know your feedback

We would like to hear how the season in Croke Park impacted on you. We would appreciate you taking the time to give us your feedback – both positive and negative – on the 2015 season here in the stadium. Please take a few moments to fill in the survey below. You can send your feedback to us by:

- 1. Dropping the form back to the stadium or posting it to: Croke Park Community Feedback, Croke Park, Jones Road, Dublin 3
- 2. Emailing the Croke Park Community Officer Julianne Savage; jsavage@crokepark.ie
- 3. Telephoning Julianne directly on 01 865 8607

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Have you yet to register for the Croke Park Local Community Database or have you changed your contact details since you registered with the stadium?  Local residents who are registered on the community database and who live within the community ticket draw qualifying area are automatically entered into local resident ticket draws to avail of occasional ticket offers for concerts and matches here in the stadium. The stadium also issues community news and event day information to local residents by email and mobile phone texts throughout the season.																														
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### **Local Residents Ticket Draws 2015 Update**

One hundred pairs of complimentary tickets were allocated to the local community for The Script concert in June and two hundred pairs of complimentary tickets were allocated for the Ed Sheeran concerts in July.

Draws for the opportunity to purchase tickets for the All-Ireland Championship Finals in September also took place in late August.

All draws were independently witnessed by an external auditor and lists of names of residents who received tickets can be viewed on crokepark. ie/community.

Stadium Contact Details For Local Residents

Julianne Savage | Croke Park Community Officer
phone: 01 865 8607 | email: jsavage@crokepark.ie

### **Community Christmas Recycling**

The 2016 Croke Park Christmas Recycling Service is available to all local residents and will take place from Monday, 4th January until Sunday 17th January 2016.

#### **Opening Hours:**

Monday-Friday: 8.00am-8.00pm. Weekends: 10.00am-4.00pm.

#### Where:

Outer Cusack Carpark - Enter via St. Joseph's Avenue.

Bring along the following items for recycling:

- Domestic WEEE Items
   (fairy lights, TVs, computers etc.)
- Large CardboardChristmas Trees