# **Stadium News**

## Croke Park Community Newsletter

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In 2015, the Croke Park Community Fund allocated €100,000 in funding to 53 local groups including the pupils of St. Vincent's Girls National School, North William Street who received funding for ukuleles last year!

### **Croke Park Fixtures 2016**

Please note, all fixtures listed below are provisional and may be subject to change. The most up-to-date fixtures list can be viewed online at: crokepark.ie/match-day/2016-season-fixtures

February				
Sat	27th	Allianz National League		
March				
Sat	5th	Allianz National League		
Sun	6th	Camogie All-Ireland Club Finals		
Thu	17th	Senior Club Finals		
Sat	26th	Allianz National League		
Apı	ril			
Sat	2nd	Second Level Colleges Final - D/H		
Sun	10th	Allianz National League Semi Final - D/H - TBC		
Sat	23rd	Division 3 & 4 League Finals - D/H		
Sun	24th	Division 1 & 2 League Finals - D/H		
May	/			
Sat	21st	Leinster Football & Hurling Qtr. Finals - D/H		
Fri	27th	Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band (Concert)		
Sun	29th	Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band (Concert)		
Jun	e			
Sat	4th	Christy Ring, Nicky Rackard, Lory Meagher Finals - T/H		
Sun	26th	Leinster Football Semi-Finals		

Sun 3rd	Leinster Hurling Finals - D/H	
Sat 9th	Beyoncé (Concert)	
Sun 17th	Leinster Football Finals - D/H	
Sat 30th	Round 4 Qualifiers - D/H- TBC	
Sun 31st	Football Quarter Finals - D/H	
August		
Sat 6th	Football Quarter Finals - D/H	
Sun 7th	All-Ireland Hurling Semi Finals - D/H	
Sun 14th	All-Ireland Hurling Semi Finals - D/H	
Sun 21st	All-Ireland Football Semi Finals - D/H	
Sun 28th	All-Ireland Football Semi Finals - D/H	
Septemb	oer	
Sun 4th	All-Ireland Hurling Finals - D/H	
Sun 11th	Camogie Finals - T/H	
Sun 18th	All-Ireland Football Finals - D/H	
Sun 25th	Ladies Football Finals - T/H	

## **Community Team & Community Freephone Number**

The Croke Park Community Team – which consists entirely of local residents - work on stadium event days to assist their neighbours and other local residents. Key responsibilities include monitoring event day access for the community as well as monitoring and reporting littering, anti-social behaviour and illegal parking in the stadium's community area.

Should you require their assistance during any event, you can contact the team by using the Croke Park community freephone number 1800 303 593. The freephone number can also be used to contact the stadium during out of office hours and at weekends.

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## **Croke Park Community Fund**

Croke Park recently welcomed representatives from fifty-three community groups, schools, resident associations & sports clubs to a special reception, hosted by GAA President Aogán Ó Fearghail. Over 100 guests were in attendance at the event which celebrated the work of local groups who received financial support in 2015 from the stadium's annual fund of €100,000. Established in 2009, the Croke Park Community Fund has now allocated over €675,000 in support to community projects based within 1.5km of the stadium.

The fund is currently accepting applications for 2016. Please note the remaining closing dates for applications this year:

<b>Project Completion Dates:</b>	Deadline for Applications:
August - October 2016	Friday, 27th May 2016
November - January 2017	Friday, 2nd September 2016

The application form is available directly from Croke Park Stadium or it can be downloaded from crokepark.ie/stadium/community.

If you need any assistance completing the application form, please contact:

Julianne Savage on 01 865 8607 or by email: jsavage@crokepark.ie

#### **Employment Opportunities for Local Residents**

On Thursday, 10th and Friday, 11th of March from 5pm-8pm and on Sunday, 13th March from 1pm-6pm, Aramark Ireland will hold open recruitment days exclusively for local residents.

Aramark Ireland provides all the catering and hospitality services here in the stadium and the purpose of these recruitment days will be to meet with local residents who have food and beverage experience as:

- Concessions Staff
- Bar Staff

Waiters

Chefs

- Supervisors
- Managers

The open evenings will take place in the Cusack Stand. Enter the stadium from St. Joseph's Avenue.

#### **Local Resident Passes 2016**

The new 2016 local resident parking pass for households within the garda cordon is now available from the Garda Office on Fitzgibbon Street. Please bring proof of identity and proof of residency with you to Fitzgibbon Street. Please note, the 2015 pass will not be valid for use after Friday 25th March 2016.

## **Tickets Update**

emails.

# **Local Resident Ticket Draws** 2016

Subject to the availability of the independent auditor who oversees local resident ticket draws in Croke Park, the 2016 draws for tickets will take place in late April for Bruce Springsteen and early June for Beyoncé. The date of each draw will be publicised in advance on the Croke Park website and through the stadium's community

Contact Julianne Savage if you have any questions in relation to the upcoming ticket draws or visit crokepark.ie/stadium/community for more information.



Local resident Paddy Delaney has a word with Croke Park Community Officer Julianne Savage during the 14th annual Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. We were delighted to welcome nearly 650 elderly neighbours on the day. Our thanks to the gardaí in Mountjoy who partner with the stadium to make the afternoon such a wonderful community occassion.

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

A community meeting will take place in Croke Park Stadium on Monday, April 4th 2016. The meeting is open to all those interested in attending who live in the stadium's 1.5km community area and will be chaired by Noeline Blackwell who is the independent chairperson for the process of building a new long-term accord between local residents and Croke Park Stadium.

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Introduction

Format & purpose of meeting with inputs from Noeline Blackwell, Croke Park/GAA and Dublin City Council

- 2. Update on Community Fund, Local Resident Ticket Scheme and other Community Gain Initiatives
- 3. Stadium Events

Incl. information on the event management plan for the upcoming Bruce Springsteen concert. With inputs from Croke Park/GAA, Dublin City Council & an independent planner.

- 4. Q&A
- 5. Future Community Gain Initiatives

With input from Croke Park

- a. Background to these initiatives
- b. Local Area Plan
- c. Short-term Community Gain Initiative: Street Improvement

- d. Medium-term Community Gain Initiative: Flood Defences on Jones Road
- e. Long-term Community Gain Initiative: Regeneration initiatives i.e. Croke Villas and derelict site redevelopments
- 6. Q&A
- 7. Setting up of Community Working Groups on:
  - a. Parking
  - b. Cleaning
  - c. Event Day Policing
- 8. Any Other Business

\*Additional items may be added to the agenda in advance of Monday, 4th April. The latest meeting agenda will be available online at: crokepark.ie/community

When: 7pm-9pm, Monday 4th April 2016

Where: Ash Suite, Cusack Stand (via St. Joseph's Avenue)

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