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INTRODUCTION



Welcome to the Ulster Council's GAA 125th Anniversary Club Pack.

The pack has been provided to assist your Club in organising events to mark the 125th Anniversary of the GAA. It is important that in all parts and at all levels of the GAA we take the time to celebrate this land-mark achievement. The Ulster Council has drawn up a year-long programme of events to mark "125". It has also developed a special "Ulster 125 Pennant" which will appear on all council publications this year: your Club is of course welcome to use that pennant on your publications as well.

But the Council wants to provide other support to help your Club, and your local school(s) put in place a fitting "125" celebration. Nearly 3,000 GAA clubs throughout the world will celebrate "125" this year. It's important that our 600-odd Clubs in Ulster should also play their full part. "125" is about being proud and appreciative of everything that we have achieved as an Association since 1884: we need to give it the focus it deserves.

In addition to this 125 Club advice note, also included in your 125 Club Pack are:

- A special 125 Flag which should be flown at your club grounds throughout the year
- A 125 Wall Planner highlighting the significant events taking place to mark the anniversary year
- Foras na Gaeilge Irish Language Pack
- 'GAA Today' DVD
- Club Maith Tool-Kit

Without our Volunteers and Clubs there would be no "125" to celebrate. On behalf of Comhairle Uladh I thank you for your continued effort and wish you every success in organising your Club's "125" programme.

Beir Bua

Tomás O'Dalaigh - *Uachtarán Uladh C.L.G.*

Tom Daly - *President Ulster GAA*



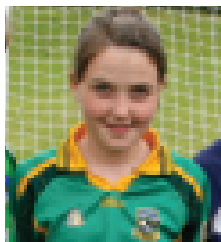
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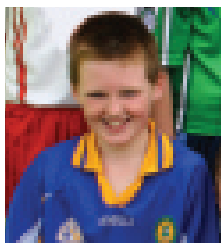
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This day is to celebrate the founding of the GAA 125 years ago. It will focus on our primary and second level schools right across Ireland. We are encouraging all schools to get involved. The 24th of April is an opportunity for fun inside and out of the classroom.

The GAA "125 Schools Day" can be celebrated in a number of ways:



- Pupils could wear their GAA colours (Club, School or County) to school
- A past or present GAA personality could be invited in to talk to pupils
- Teachers could use the GAA Céim ar Aghaidh resource to deliver a GAA themed lesson in any subject
- Pupils could complete GAA projects and display them around the school



- A gaelic games sports day could be held with fun competitions in hurling, gaelic football, camogie, handball and rounders
- An internal school Scór na nÓg competition could be hosted
- A GAA poster competition could be held with the posters then displayed around the local GAA Club House on Lá na gClub 10th May
- Hold a tree planting to mark the GAA "125" Schools Day.

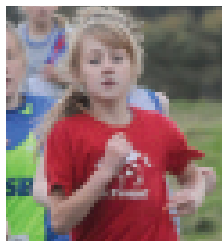


Schools can email their photos of the School "125" Day to 125@ulster.gaa.ie. Selected photos will be included in the Ulster GAA 2009 Annual.

It is important that schools link with their local GAA Club which will offer support in organising events for the GAA "125" Schools Day.

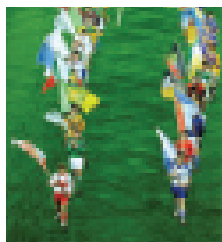


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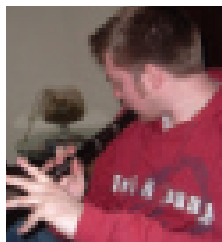
Date: Sunday 10th May 2009

Every member of the GAA should mark this special day of celebration by participating at events in their Club ... the real driver and engine of the GAA. Lá na gClub is about celebrating our communities; our own GAA people; and our GAA Clubs. Lá na gClub will be an important barometer as to the strength of the GAA. It's our unique chance to set our Club wares and one that we should seize.



In advance of Lá na gClub some things that your Club might like to look at include:

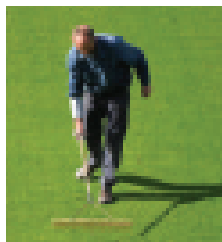
- Tidy up Club grounds for the weekend
- Organise a GAA Poster Competition for local school children and display the posters around Club rooms on Lá na gClub
- Member fundraising events
- Launch a Club history on Lá na gClub: this could be as straightforward as a history of the GAA and/or the local GAA Club put together by local school children
- Re-union of former players on Lá na gClub
- Launch of a new Club Logo or Crest: Comhairle Uladh would like all Ulster GAA Clubs to use "125" to put in place a formal Club crest, complete with the proper Irish form of the Club's name.



Ideas on how your Club should celebrate Lá na gClub

1. Putting up the 125 Flag at Club grounds

The 125 Flag included in this pack should be formally raised on the morning of Lá na gClub and be flown at all significant events throughout the year.



2. Carnival style Sports Day

Each Club could organise internal blitz competitions for all age groups. Sports and fun activities for children and small sided



games are very important. Blitzes should involve all gaelic games and be organised in a fun and fair manner. An example of some activities that can be organised:

- Poc Fada Competition
- Rounders, played with mixed teams
- Athletics competition, e.g. laps of the pitch
- Playing of other codes: for example, if it is a predominately Football Club, then get the footballers to play a fun game of Hurling
- Recreational games between Club members on a town-land basis or a competition between neighbouring Clubs.

3. Religious service in memory of deceased members of the GAA Club

Some Clubs may want to organise a religious service at the start of Lá na gClub in memory of the deceased club members. Associated with this could be a parade from the Church or Churches to the Club grounds.

4. Photo on Pitch of Club Members

To mark 125 the Club should take a photo of all the current members of the Club: photos should then be submitted to the Ulster Council for inclusion in the 2009 Ulster Annual email: 125@ulster.gaa.ie Some clubs may also want to record the events of the day. *(Please note: Child Protection protocols must be followed for all photographs or visual recordings)*

5. Cultural, Heritage and Entertainment Activities

Cultural and Heritage Activities are a vital part of Lá na gClub and could usefully include:

- Scór Entertainment in the Club House throughout the day
- Scór Concert at night
- Quiz / Trath na gCeist
- Memories Book: everyone signs it and writes their thoughts of the day in it
- Video diary for members to come and leave a message
- Power point display of old club photos running constantly in the Club House
- DVDs running throughout the day of Club/County games
- 'A talking room' where older members of the Club can retell their stories and have a bit of craic with the younger Club members
- Tree planting to mark Lá na gClub
- BBQ
- Honour members of the Club who have won competitions and/or played for their County or other representative teams
- Bury a Time Capsule of Club publications and photos to be opened in 2034, the GAA's 150th Anniversary year.



Example GAA 125 Club Programme in 2009

When	What
April <i>Aibreán</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ulster GAA 125 flag received • Plant "Club and County" trees at club ground • Plan activities for Lá na gClub • 24 April: support Primary Schools regarding national GAA 125 Schools Day • TBA: Anniversary Mass for former Club members. • 125 feature in Club Bulletin.
May <i>Bealtaine</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 May: Lá na gClub. Need to draw up full programme* • 125 feature in Club Bulletin.
June <i>Meitheamh</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint event with neighbouring GAA Club(s) • "125 Club Sponsored Walk": 125 walkers raising £125/€125 in sponsorship each.
July <i>Iúil</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125 input to Summer Camp • 125 feature in Club Bulletin.
August <i>Lúnasa</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical/heritage tour of parish key sites/locations
September <i>Meán Fómhair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Gaelic/Irish" event (barbecue) featuring Club Scór performers • Primary schools project on GAA/Club history • 125 feature in Club Bulletin.
October <i>Deireadh Fómhair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of new pitch/floodlights: include 125 element



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November <i>Samhain</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 November: social evening including a talk by a GAA figure (125th anniversary of founding of GAA) • 14 November: Club delegates at Ulster GAA Club Conference • Scór na nÓg
December <i>Nollaig</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125 element in Club Dinner Dance • 125 feature in Club Bulletin.

MORE INFORMATION



For more information on the Ulster Council's programme celebrating 125th Anniversary of GAA please email 125@ulster.gaa.ie or visit our 125 micro-site on www.ulster.gaa.ie

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