



**Ulster GAA**

## SPEAKER PROFILES

This is the third Conference in our cycle where we have addressed Children's Coaching in 2009, Youth in 2010 and now Adults for 2011. We would like to thank all the speakers for their input and in particular we would like to extend a warm welcome and thank you to our speakers and facilitators for today Sessions. We have a wealth of experience in our work-shops and keynotes and we know you will enjoy the interaction. Our Speakers include the following.

### Keynote

**Peter McGrath:** Peter is a highly respected Gaelic football coach/manager from Rostrevor in County Down. He has managed Down Seniors from 1989-2002 winning Ulster and All-Ireland titles in 1991 and 1994. Peter also managed Down U-21s to 2 Ulster Championship titles as well as the minors to an All-Ireland and 2 Ulster Championships. Again at colleges level he successfully managed St Colemans to 5 MacRory, 4 Hogan and 2 Rannafast Cups. Other honours are a Louth Division 1 title with Cooley and a Down Division 1 title with An Riocht.

**Pat McEnaney:** A highly respected Gaelic football referee, from Corduff in County Monaghan. Pat has refereed many high profile games, including four All-Ireland finals and several International Rules Series matches, including the first test of the 2006 series at Pearse Stadium, Galway. Pat McEnaney is rated by many as the best Gaelic football referee in the modern game.

**Raymond Munroe:** Raymond hails from Carrickmore and is the current manager of the Tyrone U-21 county team. Between 2005 -2010 he managed the Tyrone minors to 3 Ulster and 2 All-Ireland titles as well as an Ulster League title in 2008. He also managed his neighbouring club Pomeroy to a Tyrone Intermediate Championship and League double as well as an Ulster Intermediate title in 2004. As a player Raymond won an Ulster senior county medal with Tyrone in 1989 as well as 2 Senior Club Championships and 5 Senior Club League titles with Carrickmore. As a committed hurler he also won 7 senior championships with his club as well as a National League Division 4 title with Tyrone.



**Eugene Young:** Eugene is a member of the Henry Joy Mac Cracken's club in Moneymore. He has represented Derry and Ulster in Gaelic Football, played Provincial and International basketball for Ulster and Ireland at Commonwealth, European and Pre Olympic tournaments.

Eugene commenced his employment with the Ulster Council in November 2001 as high performance director at the Sports Institute Northern Ireland. He is currently Director of Coaching and Games development at the Ulster Council.

**Roger Keenan:** Roger is a member of the St Patricks club in Gortin. He captained his club to their only Senior County Final appearance in 1985 and went on to represent Tyrone at senior level. While at Queens he won a Ryan Cup medal in 1983. He won an Intermediate Championship with his club in 1989 and later managed them to a 2<sup>nd</sup> title in 2003. In 2005 he managed Carrickmore to back to back senior titles and U-21 Championship. Responsible for Coach Development in Ulster.

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**Kevin McGuigan:** Kevin McGuigan is the Sport Science Support Officer with Ulster GAA. Kevin graduated from University of Ulster in 2006 with a degree in Sport & Exercise Science. He started in his current role in late 2009 and as part of his role he provides sport science services to teams across Ulster, including fitness testing, heart rate analysis, GPS analysis and video analysis. Kevin plays his football with Newry Shamrocks and Down where he played Senior County football between 2004-8.

**Des Jennings:** Des Jennings works as Performance Lifestyle Coach at the Sports Institute Northern Ireland (SINI). In this role, he works with both team and individual sports and has experience of athletes engaged in sport from a wide range of perspectives - amateur and professional, development and elite, Olympic and cultural. Des has, in addition, vast experience in coaching and delivering support services within both GAA and soccer.

**Paddy Tally:** Paddy, head of physical education at St Mary's University College in west Belfast, is a renowned fitness guru and his expertise was very much in evidence in Down's run to the All-Ireland final in 2010. Having previously coached Tyrone to their maiden All-Ireland success in 2003 The Galbally man has carved out an impressive reputation for himself as manager of the St Mary's University Sigerson cup sides. **Damien Coleman:** Connacht Hurling Manager: Member of Connacht Coach Education Committee, GAA Tutor Trainer and Tutor, Connacht and former Galway Hurler. Railway Cup medal winner with Connacht, All Ireland U21 medal winner with Galway, Managed / Coached Galway Senior Camogie team 2008 All Ireland Final, National League winners 2006, Coach to the Portumna Senior Hurling team, - present day, Managed the Roscommon Senior hurling team., Coach to the Drom Inch senior hurling team, which reached the Tipp senior final 2009. Member of the Irish Athletics National Squad for Long Jumping, 91 - 95'. **Paul Murphy:-** Irish Army Physical Training Instructor MSc. Science in Sports Coaching @ UUJ, - B.Sc. Sport & Exercise Science @ UUJ, - Ultra-endurance athlete, Fire officer in a specialist rescue team, NIFRS, Coached Dunloy, Antrim & Down, Specific interests: Strength and multi-sprint training for Gaelic sports, GPS analysis. **Tony Scullion:** A Ballinscreen dual player who played both codes in the '80s and '90s. Part of Derry's 1993 All-Ireland Championship winning side usually playing at full back. He played club football and hurling with St. Colm's GAC Ballinscreen. Tony is among the few players who won four All Stars over the course of their career and was named full back on the Irish News Team of the Decade in 2004[2]. He was Ulster assistant manager to Joe Kernan for the 2008-9 Railway Cup campaigns.

**Aileen Tohill:** Aileen has won 6 Derry Senior County Championships with Davitts Swatragh. She was captain of the Swatragh team who won the Ulster Senior Camogie title in 2000, and went on to reach the All Ireland final. She has also played in 2 All Ireland Junior Camogie finals with Derry, captaining the team to the All Ireland title in 2000. In the same year she captained the Ulster Junior Camogie team to the Inter-provincial title. With the University of Ulster, Jordanstown, Aileen won 2 Purcell Cup medals. Aileen is responsible for coordinating the Ulster Council's Health and Wellness programme.

**John Leahy:** (born Mullinahone) is a former hurling great. He played senior hurling with the Tipperary inter-county team from 1988 until 2003. In 2002 he battled back from a cruciate ligament injury to be appointed player-manager of the club's senior hurling side. That year he guided Mullinahone to their first senior county championship. In 1987 he won a Munster minor medal and joined the Senior Hurling and U21 Teams in 1988. In 1989 Leahy won a Munster title with the under-21 team before later converting this into an All-Ireland medal. In 1990 he won a second Munster under-21 medal. That year he was the first Mullinahone man to Captain a Tipperary Side to a Munster Hurling Title. In 1991 Leahy captured a third provincial medal before later winning his second All-Ireland medal following a win over Kilkenny. His performance throughout the whole championship earned Leahy his first All-Star award. In 1993 he won his fourth Munster medal. John is currently working as a Drug Education Officer with Health Service Executive(HSE).

**Chris McNicholl:** Chris is a former player with St Canice's Dungiven. He qualified as a Physiotherapist from the University of Ulster in 1996 and is in his second year of an MSc in Sports Physiotherapy at Cardiff University. Chris has worked full time as Clinical Specialist in Sports Medicine at the Sports Institute Northern Ireland since late 2007 and is currently the Physio lead with target sports (Bowls, Archery and Shooting) Boxing and Cycling.

**John Morrison** is regarded as one of the leading coaches in Gaelic Games and is bringing cutting edge training methods to coaches all around the country. John has enjoyed coaching stints with Armagh, Derry, Donegal, Mayo and most recently Leitrim. He has contributed a series of articles and books which are among some of the best coaching resources in the sport.

**Terence McWilliams:** Terence is a member of Kilrea Club. He has represented his county in football at all levels. He won an All Ireland Vocational school's medal with Antrim, an All Ireland runners up minor medal with Derry. Terence holds the unique record as a holder of an All Ireland medal at 56 years of age, playing for the Ulster Council GAA in the inter firms! Terence main role now is line manager to 32 GAA Coaches working in Primary Schools.

**Frank Dawson:** Frank has been coaching for 25 years. He is a member of the St Galls club in Antrim where he played and won 4 Senior Football Championship medals as well as an Ulster Football championship medal before going on to manage them to an Antrim Senior Football Championship and League double. He has coached a variety of clubs leading Clonduff to a Senior Championship and League double in 2000, Longstone in 2007 to their only Senior Championship final and most recently in 2010 Burren to their first Senior Football championship win in 13 years.