 **SUMMARY ‘GAMES FOR ALL’ INITIATIVES**

***Carried out under the Auspices of Kerry GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee 2013 to 2019***

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**INCLUSION OF REFUGEES- 2018**

* 4 clubs extended a ‘Welcome to their Club’ to Children of Syrian Refugee families

In association with the Refugee Resettlement Project Resource Centre- ***Amelie Deramond-Bonnet, Refugee Resettlement Support Worker +***

* + ***Mary Horgan, Kerry Education Service***
* The 4 clubs were
  + 3 in Tralee - Austin Stacks CLG, Na Gaeil CLG & John Mitchels CLG and
  + 1 in Killarney - Killarney Legion CLG
* The children greatly enjoyed the experience and some went on to take part in this years Cúl Camp- ***Toni Watene National Inclusion Officer*** supplied Cul Camp gear

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**SUPPORT INTER PROVINCIAL WHEELCHAIR HURLING LEAGUE**

***MUNSTER LEG – AUGUST 2017***

Kerry GAA H&W assisted Munster Games for All Committee with local organisation, in Tralee.

* Lixnaw CLG Under 12 hurlers to led the 4 teams in the parade
* Thomas and John Breen Kilflynn- entertained- Irish Music befoehand + National Anthem.

***Jerry O’Sullivan, Chairman of Munster Council GAA***, ***launched*** the event and commented on its importance for the players, mentors and their families.

The teams from the 4 provinces were welcomed to John Mitchells GAA Complex  by

* ***Denis Mannix  Chairperson John Mitche***lls GAA Club and
* ***Ger McCarthy Kerry Hurling Officer*** on behalf of Kerry County Board GAA

Others who attended on the day included

* ***Liam Lenihan Vice Chairperson, Munster Council GAA***,
* ***Tim Maher formerly of Lixnaw who founded*** the sport of Wheelchair Hurling,
* Diarmuid Gowan, Chairman & ***Gerry Mac Namara*** Runaí Munster GAA Games for all Committee,
* ***Kerry Hurlers*** John Griffin, Shane Nolan and Martin Stackpoole,
* ***Kerry Camogie*** player Patricia Diggins,

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**INCLUSIVENESS CUL CAMPS – 2016 & 2017**

* + SpecialistTraining provided for coaches by the Cara Centle, Castleisland
    - In association with Castleisland Parents Together & Kerry GAA County Games Development Officer, Donal Daly
    - Children with additional needs participated in the Cúl Camp
  + Cul Camp Castleisland chosen on a trial basis for 2016
    - in 2017 Children played with their own clubs ( including Cordal CLG)
    - A support worker to accompanied each child to be provided by the parents group
* Run With the support of Donal Daly, County Games Manage

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**GAELIC FOR ALL – 2015, 2016**

* **Fun Sessions - Gaelic for All** (for children with disabilities, including Dyspraxia)

In association with Kevin Smith, Sporting Chance programme at National Learning Network, Tralee

* + - 6 weeks sessions in Tralee in the Spring 2015
    - 8 weeks sessions in Fossa, Killarney, in May/June 2015 - 25 Participants.
    - 6 week sessions in Tralee in October/November 2015
    - 4 sessions - Austi Stacks CLG, Tralee - March 2016
* **Demonstration of Gaelic Football skills at half time in the AFL games- 2015 & 2016** 
  + - **2015 - Kerry V Monaghan,** Austin Stack Park, Tralee, March
    - **2016 - Kerry V Cork,** Austin Stack Park, Tralee , April
      * Brief description of the Gaelic for All Initiative read out both years over PA system while the skills demonstration was taking place
* **GAA Rounders for All - 2015 & 2016**

***In association with, Kevin Smith, Sporting Chance, National Learning Network, Tralee***

* + ***Rounders Blitz-*** open to all but especially for children with disabilities, including dyspraxia)
    - Blitz in John Mitchells CLG - Tralee in March 2015
    - Blitz in Milltown/Castlemaine CLG in May 2015
    - Sessions run John Mitchels CLG Tralee from 12th October to 29th November 2016
  + ***Munster Launch of Recreational Rounders*** in Milltown in June 2015 - 65 children & 25 Adults participated
* **Taster Course In Gaelic Football - 2016**
  + - Initiative with South Kerry Develpoment Partnership (Eadaoin Moynihan) & Kerry County Council Community Section
    - Aimed at reaching out to communities/children who may not have the same opportinuties to enjoy sporting activties.
    - 6 sessions held over 3 weeks
    - Rotating between the 3 Killarney Clubs – Spa, Killarney Legion & Dr Crokes
    - Giles O’Grady, Kerins O Rahillys, Linus Burke, Milltown and club coaches led the sessions

It is planned to further developed th project by working with the clubs individually

* Starting with Killarney Legion, CLG for Ballydribeen Estate
* followed by Dr Crokes and Spa C.L.G. for different Estates/Areas

South Kerry Development Partnership have indicated that they would be willing to continue to suppport the initiative

* **Initiative in Ballycahseen Nationl School- 2016**
  + - 2 different classes – Gaelic for All sessions 1 per week for 6 weeks
    - Coaches were transition Year Students from St Brendans College, Killarney
    - Kevin Smith, National Learning Network, Marcus Mangan, Milltown & Vince Cooper East Kerry /Kenmare GDA organised
* **Fun N Run Games 2018-2019- Ballydonoghue CLG Healthy Club**

Ballydonoghue CLG, ran the Fun N Run Game, as one of their 2 chosen projects under phase 3 of the Healthy Club project (2018 to 2019)

* + This game is for children of all abilities and also includes children with disabilities.
  + Two Club Members have received training to roll out this game and it was offered to the pupils in the two Primary Schools in Ballydonoghue Parish.
* **Promote Awareness re** **disabled parking access /Wheelchair Parking Facilities**- **2018**
* Clubs are encouraged to review the parking facilities and consider whether they need to
  + refresh/repaint Wheelchair Parking space(s) or provide/add to their Wheelchair Parking space(s)
* Presence of Wheelchair parking bays sends strong message that club is inclusive and welcomes people with physical dsabilities

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