**BACKGROUND – INCLUSION & INTEGRATION INITIATIVE**

The GAA reaches into every corner of Ireland and many communities around the globe and is fully committed to the principles of inclusion and integration at all levels.

Kerry County Committee has adopted a proactive approach to inclusiveness and integration and over the last 7 years or so and a number of initiatives have been run to welcome more people into the GAA famiy. These initiatives range from bringing together children of all abilities from throughout the county to learn the skills of our games to promoting participation in all aspects of GAA activities to a wider audience. Initiatives run to date have included ‘Come and Try’ days for foreign nationals, in association with Kerry County Council, Rounders blitz and ‘Games for All’ programme which has been run by students from the Sporting Chance programme at National Learning Network Tralee. The latter is an inclusive Gaelic Football coaching programme open to all children aged 7 to 14 years who wish to gain additional coaching. In particular, the programme aims to provide Gaelic football skills training specifically to children with additional needs. The sessions focus on developing basic football skills as well as agility and coordination, all in a fun environment. Parents have especially welcomed these sessions.

The Inclusion and Integration Sub Committee run a number of initiatives during the year. For further details and updates on current Initiatives click into the below documents.

**Games For All**

***Taster Course in Gaelic Football***

Building on Pilot scheme run in 2016, in Killarney Legion, Dr Crokes and Spa C.L.G.

The project will be further developed 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 will continue to suppport the initiative