Supporting Donegal GAA - Ag tacú le CLG Dhún na nGall
Building The Future

Our Donegal is being set up to promote Donegal GAA across all codes in conjunction with Donegal GAA County Board. Our Donegal will help with financing & fundraising activities and help promote participation in all gaelic games from an early age. Games Development along with The Donegal GAA Training Centre in Convoy will be the main focus of our fundraising activities. Our Donegal will help promote the brand “Donegal GAA” It is envisaged that Our Donegal will be established as the vehicle for the promotion of all Donegal GAA fundraising activities.

In the last number of years the success of Donegal GAA has been phenomenal with our Senior Football team winning 2 Ulster Championships in 2011 and 2012, the All Ireland Senior Football Championship in 2012 along with 2 League titles in 2007 and 2011. The Donegal Senior Hurlers have captured the Nicky Rackard Cup in 2013 and a Division 3A League Title in 2014. At Under Age levels there has also been many success stories including a Buncrana Cup win for our Under 16 footballers. These success stories don’t happen overnight & there has been huge commitment given by the players, management, backroom staff & officials.

With your help we can continue the good works already done & build on our recent successes to keep Donegal GAA right at the top in all codes where we believe we belong.

“Every player who enters those doors will walk out inspired to give their best for Donegal.”

Jim McGuinness
Why we should do this.

Our Donegal will become an integral part of Donegal GAA. Our Donegal’s sole purpose will be to keep the GAA going forward in the right direction in Donegal. The GAA is vitally important to our county because it adds so much to the lives of our young. The GAA is so important to Donegal because it is very progressive, always moving forward and because of its social inclusiveness. Our Training Centre in Convoy will be a legacy for all involved for many generations to come. There we will have training, coaching and administrative home for the future. The facilities will give our players across all codes the best facilities to train to the highest standards. Our Donegal with your help will keep promoting a winning culture within Donegal GAA.
On a Level Playing Field

The GAA in Donegal is a great social phenomenon engaging thousands of active and passive participants across a wide age spectrum. With little or no Gaelic playing facilities in our Primary Schools throughout the county, it is essential to have a central venue in which we can run competitions in Gaelic, hurling, camogie, handball, rounders and ladies Gaelic. This venue can be used to scale down pitches to the relevant age group so we can have maximum participation and as many ball contacts as possible to make the games enjoyable and to develop the all round skills of all so they never cease to be the best they can be. Our secondary schools throughout the county have used the Training Centre for games at all age levels & this has brought great success to many of the schools. The challenge for us is to create the right environment for all players to develop to their full potential so we can compete and watch our games on a level playing field with other counties.

Within this facility there will be academies at U14, U15 and development squads at U16 and U17 levels in both hurling and football. A detailed programme encompassing skill development, strength and conditioning, diet and nutrition, and lifestyle training is set for each squad for the year taking account of provincial guidelines for games and training days.
While many clubs in Donegal have superb pitches only four have flood-light pitches which can be used in the winter months when most county and development squad training takes place. Currently there is extreme difficulty in accommodating all needs of county teams and clubs dependent on the use of these floodlit grounds, plus the added problems for players/managers having no set venue.

The Donegal GAA Training Centre in Convoy will become the home of Donegal GAA meeting the needs of footballers, hurlers, ladies football, camogie, rounders and handball players. It will have suitable facilities for players receiving medical attention, partaking of food after training and meeting rooms. This central venue, accessible to all will also streamline travelling arrangements and costs.

Under the guidance of Ulster Council the county has developed its own specific Long Term Player Development Model. The model sets out the three basic strands of Child, Youth and Adult and their relevance to player development. It breaks each strand into sequential phases which enables coaches and mentors to identify age appropriate coaching programmes and methods which are linked into the player developmental pathway.

"This model is a simple roadmap for the implementation of the GAA’s Grassroots to National Programme" explains Donegal senior hurling manager Ray Durack. "We need to ensure that all these new hurlers, footballers and coaches that Donegal GAA are producing receive the best quality coaching in state-of-the-art facilities".

At The Donegal GAA Training Centre in Convoy we currently have two fully floodlit, sand carpeted pitches which are in use by all teams across all codes. The next phase will see the development of a further 2 pitches along with the construction of our Clubhouse facilities which will incorporate changing rooms, offices & meeting rooms, gymnasium & team support facilities. The Clubhouse will also incorporate storage for equipment.
We want you to be part of something special. You and many other true Donegal GAA fans have a huge part to play in the future success of Donegal GAA.

**Our Donegal Patrons** are asked to commit to donating €1000 per year to help with the future success of Donegal GAA.

**Our Donegal Members** make a donation of €500 per year to play their part in developing our games & facilities.

**Our Donegal Supporters** are asked to contribute from €50 to help us develop our games & facilities within Donegal GAA.

Please ask any committee for benefits of membership.

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Our Donegal

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