

Project Children: Bringing People Together Through GAA

NYPD GFC and An Garda Síochána's Divisional GAA team to meet at the historic home of Ulster football ahead of the launch of Project Children: The Legacy

DATE	VENUE	TIME	ADMISSION
Tuesday, October 13, 2026	St. Tiernach's Park, Clones, Co. Monaghan	11:30 AM Arrival 12:00 PM Cross-Community Children's Blitz 1:00 PM Exhibition Match	Complimentary All Welcome

CLONES, CO. MONAGHAN — NYPD Gaelic Football Club and An Garda Síochána's Louth-Cavan-Monaghan Divisional GAA team will line out for a special exhibition Gaelic football match at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at St. Tiernach's Park, Clones, Co. Monaghan, Ireland. The match will take place ahead of the launch of *Project Children: The Legacy* later that evening at Monaghan Peace Campus.

A partnered event with Project Children, An Garda Síochána, Monaghan GAA, Ulster GAA and Clones GAA, the day will mark the strong links between Ireland and the United States, including the long-standing friendship between the NYPD and An Garda Síochána.

Set in St. Tiernach's Park, the historic home of Ulster football, the afternoon will open with the Cross-Community Children's Blitz from 12:00 PM, followed by the NYPD GFC v An Garda Síochána Divisional GAA Exhibition Match at 1:00 PM.

For over 50 years, Project Children has brought people together across communities, borders and generations. This match carries that same spirit, with young players, families, supporters and visitors invited to be part of a day built around friendship, community and connection.

All Are Welcome

The public is warmly invited to come along and support the children and both teams. Admission is complimentary, and everyone is welcome, whether they are connected to Project Children, involved in Gaelic games, or simply want to enjoy a special community afternoon in Clones.

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PROJECT CHILDREN QUOTE

Project Children is always about bringing people together: young people, families, communities, and friends on both sides of the Atlantic. To see that same spirit carried forward through sport, at St. Tiernach's Park in Clones, is very special. This match is a reminder of the lasting friendship between Ireland and America, and of what can happen when people come together with goodwill and purpose. We look forward to celebrating this friendship with our friends and valued partners at the NYPD, An Garda Síochána, Ulster GAA and Monaghan GAA.

[Denis Mulcahy, Chairman and Co-founder, Project Children]

AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA QUOTE

We are delighted to welcome our friends and colleagues from the NYPD to County Monaghan for what promises to be a very special occasion.

While there will be plenty of friendly rivalry on the field, this event is about much more than football. It celebrates the enduring friendship between Ireland and the United States and, importantly, the remarkable legacy of Project Children in bringing young people and communities together.

Sport has a unique ability to break down barriers and build friendships, and those values of community, inclusion and service are shared by both An Garda Síochána and the NYPD.

We look forward to a great occasion and to giving our NYPD colleagues a very warm Monaghan welcome.

[Alan McGovern, Chief Superintendent, Louth-Cavan-Monaghan Division, An Garda Síochána]

ULSTER GAA

Ulster GAA and the GAA community in Monaghan and Clones are honoured to be part of this event, which celebrates the strong links between Ireland and the USA, both through the 'Project Children' initiative and the ties between An Garda Síochána and the New York Police Department.

The USA has been a home from home for many GAA players over the decades, while the Ulster GAA Cúchulainn initiative and the PEACEPLUS Project share a similar ethos to that of Project Children and it is fitting that children participating in the latter programme are participating in this event at St. Tiernach's Park.

I commend everyone who has made this great occasion possible.

[Michael Geoghegan, President, Ulster GAA]

NYPD GFC QUOTE

Throughout the years the NYPD Gaelic Football Club has been involved with many charities and organizations. None of them embody our club's motto of "Keeping the Heritage Alive" more than Project Children, an organization that helps bring the youth of Ireland and American communities together.

We are honored to be involved in such a great event and cause. We look forward to playing our match against An Garda Síochána's Louth-Cavan-Monaghan Divisional team, as it is always a great time when police officers get to compete against one another.

Thank you to retired NYPD Detective, Denis Mulcahy and everyone at Project Children for all you have done and continue to do for our youth.

[Patrick Daly, Detective, Manager, NYPD Gaelic Football Club]

Event Details

Event	NYPD GFC v An Garda Síochána Divisional GAA Exhibition Match
Date	Tuesday, October 13, 2026
Location	St. Tiernach's Park, Clones
Youth Blitz Tournament	Cross-Community Children's Blitz from 12:00 PM
Main Exhibition Game	NYPD GFC v An Garda Síochána Divisional GAA at 1:00 PM

COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION | ALL ARE WELCOME

About Project Children

Founded in 1975 by Cork natives and retired NYPD officers Denis and Pat Mulcahy, Project Children created opportunities for over 23,000 Protestant and Catholic children from Northern Ireland to spend summers with host families across the United States during the years of conflict. What began as a summer respite program grew into a powerful people-to-people peace initiative, building friendships, understanding, and lasting ties between communities on both sides of the Atlantic.

Today, that legacy continues through initiatives including the Mulcahy Scholarship Program, the Project Children Intern Program, the preservation of the Project Children archive, and the permanent exhibition at Monaghan Peace Campus. Together, they help ensure that the stories of the children, families, volunteers, and communities involved in Project Children are not only remembered but shared with future generations.

Denis' extraordinary peacebuilding work has earned international recognition, including two Nobel Peace Prize nominations, the Benemerenti Medal from Pope John Paul II, an OBE from Queen Elizabeth II, Ireland's Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad from President Michael D. Higgins, and the prestigious TOP COPS Award®, presented by Vice President Al Gore.

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