

Cultural Report for AGM

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2019/2020 commenced as another successful year for the cultural section of Cumann Pheadair Naofa in terms of group objectives and competitions. Due to COVID-19, fundraising and participation in community events were postponed from March 2020.

2019/2020 cultural committee objectives included the continuation of recruitment of additional group membership and talented young mentors to help promote the clubs' range of cultural activities. This has successfully been achieved again and we are delighted with the injection of youthfulness and additional talent in our cultural section. In October 2019 the cultural section had strong representation from CPN in the Scór na nÓg competition. Our entries included 2 ballad groups, 5 solo singers, 2 instrumental groups and 1 recitation. All participants performed extremely well with two ballad groups, 1 solo singer and both instrumental groups reaching the County Semi-Final. Our tentative plan for holding a second summer cultural youth workshop due to take place in July 2020 was also postponed due to the current pandemic.

2019/20 was also an extremely successful year for Cumann Pheadair Naofa within Scór Sinsir. The club entered 1 ladies ceili team, a solo singer, 1 instrumental group and 1 ladies set team. Our ladies ceili and set teams along with our instrumental group were crowned County Champions with the ceili, set and instrumental group proceeding to the Ulster Semi Final in Glenuillin.

Unfortunately due to the current restrictions Fleadh 2020 was unable to take place.

As Cultural Officer I wish to extend my thanks to the cultural committee who continue to support me in my role and the promotion of cultural activities within our club. As a committee we are grateful to all our Scór and Fleadh competitors who proudly represent and promote our club. A sincere thanks to the mentors for their dedication, time and efforts in helping keep cultural activities alive within Cumann Pheadair Naofa.

In keeping with the COVID-19 guidelines, the Cultural Section objectives for 2020/2021 include:

- Plan and host workshops to prepare junior members for Scór na nÓg and Fleadh
- Resume 'Dance for Fun' classes
- Continue to promote active fundraising within the cultural section
- Liaise with local schools regarding the promotion of Fleadh and Scór activities in order to enhance club involvement in competitions and increase club membership
- Continue to develop the cultural committee in order to support and promote club cultural activities

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