

Cumann Pheadair Naofa

Cultural Report for AGM – 1st December 2024

The promotion of cultural activities continues to be an important aspect within our club. The Cultural Committee continue to encourage a wide range of children – adults to share their cultural heritage through music, song, drama and dance. As club members, each are encouraged to represent the club in annual competitions such as Scór na nÓg, Scór Sinsir and Fleadh Cheoil.

In March 2024 our senior members represented the club in Scór Síneair in solo singing, ballad group and set dancing sections. The ballad group won the County Final in St Marks and progressed to the Ulster Semi-Final in April in Killeavy GAC. Unfortunately this was the end of the journey for our singers this year.

On 1st March 2024, one of our junior ballad groups were guest performers at 'A Night at the Movies' hosted by St Peter's Brass Band and Warrenpoint Silver Band.

In 2024, members of the cultural committee actively engaged with the primary and secondary school children in Warrenpoint. We encouraged the children to attend our workshop that would take place in August.

As a result of this, 3 half day workshops from 14-16 August were planned and these offered children the opportunity to participate in coaching in singing, music, dancing art and drama. 30 children under the age of 17 participated in this workshop. As a result of this we had an increased number of Scór na nÓg entries for 2024. 13 mentors volunteered their time in the delivery of this workshop. We also had a number of key mentors who prepared the children for the Scór na nÓg 2024 competition.

Friday 18th- Sunday 20th October saw 30 children take to the stage in Glasdrumman, Dromara and Mayobridge. These children proudly represented the club in solo singing, recitation, ballad group, instrumental and novelty act. This was a very successful weekend for the cultural section of our club as 26 club members progressed to the County Final. We had 1 recitation, 2 ballad groups, 1 novelty act and 3 instrumentals making their way to Attical on the 10th November for the County Final.

The County Final was another successful day for our club as our Ballad and Instrumental group were crowned County Champions as well as our recitation representative taking 2nd place. We also won the Cathal Sands Memorial Cup for the most improved Scór na nÓg club.

All roads led to Co Cavan on Sunday 17th November for the Ulster Semi-Final. We were delighted when both our ballad and instrumental group qualified for the Ulster Final.

There was great support for our parents and friends in Silverbridge on Saturday 30th November for the Ulster Final. Unfortunately this was the end for our 2024 Scór na

nÓg Ballad and Instrumental Groups, however each participant did our club very proud and are keen to get back for 2025!

We have started preparations for Scór Síneair 2025 which is due to take place in the spring.

2024 / 2025 Cultural Group Objectives:

The Cultural Committee will continue to;

- Encourage young children and adults to share their talents in the form of cultural activities through summer workshops
- Promote club participation in Scór nÓg, Scor Sinsir, Fleadh Cheoil and community events
- Continue to seek interested volunteers and mentors to support the Committee in their endeavour to continue the development of cultural activities within the club
- The cultural committee will continue to encourage active fundraising events to help support their activities and the general running costs of the club

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