

Sean McCaffrey Foundation

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1. Help young people reach their full potential through coaching and development
2. Support patients attending the Rental Dialysis Unit in Cavan Hospital
3. Support groups that cater to animal welfare

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Looking Back at 2020



Christmas Youth Group Initiative

In December 2020, the Foundation donated 150 footballs to youth and community groups throughout Cavan, Monaghan and Dundalk. With football training and games suspended throughout level 4 and 5, this initiative was gratefully accepted by young people involved in youth work settings such as the Invictus Project in Dundalk, the House Youth Project in Dundalk, Teach Na Daoine Youth Club, Monaghan and Foróige Garda Youth Diversion Project in Monaghan and Cavan. This initiative was in memory of the 3 year passing of Sean.



Memorial Benches for Renal Unit in Cavan Hospital

Sean had experienced the loving care and attention of the Renal Unit in Cavan for many years while on dialysis. So when the staff of the Renal Unit identified that patients would benefit from a few rays of sun during long days on dialysis, Padraig McGeough of Mono Furniture, Emyvale stepped into the breach to provide two exquisite garden benches inscribed with the Foundation's logo. The presentation photo taken in November shows the Renal Unit staff accepting the benches from Kieran and Chris of the SMC Foundation.



Local Professional Players Webinar

During the early months of the pandemic, we produced a webinar with local players, Aaron McCarey, Mark Connolly, Jonathan Douglas, Jake Doyle Hayes and Cillian Sheridan. The lads gave a great insight into their journey from schoolboy ranks to the professional game. The video can be found on the Sean McCaffrey Foundation Youtube page.



Monaghan Cavan League Under 18 Sponsor

We were delighted to support the re-introduction of an under 18 league into the area in 2020. The league was hampered by COVID but was ultimately able to host a final. We hope that this league can grow from strength to strength when we get back to the playing fields once more.



Let's Talk Football, Mental Health Event

In February 2020 we hosted a mental health themed 'Let's Talk Football' Event at the Garage Theatre in Monaghan. This was the second show that we hosted at the Garage Theatre, following the previous year's successful show. Derek Pepper from Shine Mental Health brought the audience through some tips in maintaining positive mental health while former Irish International Keith Fahey documented his mental health journey during his career. The show concluded with local football player Jonathan Douglas sharing his journey from being a kid in Clones to pulling on an Irish jersey in Croke Park. Both interviews with players were conducted by Monaghan man Tom O'Connor.

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CMUL Airtricity League Sponsorship Partners

The Sean McCaffrey Foundation is delighted to partner with the Cavan Monaghan Schoolboy League and fund the National League squad's training requirements throughout the 2021 season. The Foundation had agreed to fund the Cavan Monaghan Schoolboy League training needs in 2020, but as all competitive football was abandoned in 2020, agreed to extend the sponsorship fund the coming season.

The Airtricity League competition offers young talent from the region the opportunity to play elite football at the highest standard. With past players such as Aaron McCabe flying high with Longford Town, the pathway is available to our young players to reach their full potential. The opportunity to contribute to the development of elite football talent was tailor-made for the Foundation.

What else in 2021?

Supporting the Renal Unit in Cavan Hospital & local Animal Welfare Services.

Regional coaching seminar in partnership with the FAI

Monaghan Cavan League Under 18 sponsorship

Christmas Youth Group Support

Grassroots Club Initiative

New Foundation Patron Scheme

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Down Memory Lane



Monaghan United Isle of Man trip 1982



Oriel Celtic Norway Cup 1990



Oriel Celtic Holland Cup Winners 1991



Oriel Celtic NECSL U18 League Winners 1992



Patron Scheme

Since 2018, the Foundation invested over €15,000 in its aims through your generous support. To continue to invest in football and the aims of the Foundation, we need to create a baseline of fund-to-secure a sustainable investment in the game over the coming years. Fund-raising opportunities in 2021 will be difficult. Our plans to host a fund Classic in 2020 were thwarted by COVID 19 and it is uncertain if we can arrange a fund raising event in 2021, due to public health concerns.

Therefore, to provide a sustainable income to sustain our support for the aims of the foundation we are proposing a model that I hope you can see fit to support in the coming months

In the coming months, The Sean McCaffrey Foundation will be seeking to enlist 100 Patrons who will commit €100 per year towards the Foundation and its goals. Your support can help us continue to make a difference.

For more information on the patron scheme get in touch with seanmccaffreyfoundation@gmail.com or call 0863026319. Alternatively keep an eye on our social media pages and website.

Benefits of the Patron Scheme

As a Patron of the Foundation, you will know that you are supporting grassroots football in both Cavan and Monaghan.

The Foundation will also issue you with a silver Patron's Pin to recognize your membership;

You will participate in a Free Draw for 2 tickets for each of Ireland's Senior Team's home international games.

Your will receive a biannual newsletter to update you on the activities of the Foundation, its events and achievements.

You are also invited to participate in/contribute to the Foundation's Action Plans and Proposals