



Chieftain's Walk

Sunday 18th September again saw many hundreds of people gather in Derry to take part in the Chieftain's Walk.

For many of those taking part, the Walk has become an annual event where they can come together to remember Martin and to support the work of the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation, which is dedicated to building on Martin's legacy.

Of course, whilst the main event was taking place in Derry many more were gathered across Ireland and beyond to remember Martin in their own particular way.

The Chieftain's walk is the main fundraising event for the Foundation, and we would like to thank all of those who participated, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Féile Event

During the Féile in Derry the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation, in conjunction with the Gasyard Féile, hosted an event discussing the shape and form of a new Ireland.

The event chaired by Maria Doherty and invited speakers, Rev David Latimer, Mitchel McLaughlin and Mary Durkan spoke about how citizens from all backgrounds could engage and inform the debate and discussed what were the essential building blocks of a new Ireland. The topic also brought a range of questions from the many that attended. All in attendance were conscious that the subject of the shape and form of a new Ireland needed to be explored but needed to be done a sensitive allowing space for differing views on the issue.



Bursary awards

The Peace Foundation was delighted this year to launch a bursary scheme designed to help those facing the greatest obstacles when seeking to access third level education, vocational training, or employment.

Successful applicants stretched from Derry to Cork and the importance of the financial support was summed up in the comments of two of the successful applicants,

- The Peace Bursary had a life-changing impact for me as I was on the verge of needing to leave my MSc peace and conflict studies.
- This bursary has given me the means to be able to attend University, have access to a great education and prepare me for my future.

The Foundation wishes the 8 recipients well for the future and pays a particular thank you to those donors who helped make this year's scheme so successful. Anyone looking to sponsor a Bursary can contact the Foundation.

Details of next year's applications will be announced in the New Year.



Gaelic Blitz

On August 20th Derry was blessed with a beautiful sunny day as over 1,000 children from the of ages 9 1/2 to 11 1/2 took part in the annual Gaelic Blitz organised by the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation in conjunction with local GAA clubs.

Throughout the day the sound of young children enjoying themselves echoed across the city as the young people participated in boys and girls Gaelic Football, Camogie and Hurling.

The culmination of the Blitz took place in Páirc na gCeilteach, giving many of the young people their first opportunity to play there.

The young people were joined throughout the day by Abood Al Jumaili.

Abood, whose love of hurling is widely known across the island, and is reflected in his social media, was a very popular figure with the young people taking part in the Blitz.

Fly Fishing competition

Martin's love of fishing was legendary and on those odd occasions when he managed to find a bit of spare time, he would take the opportunity to do a bit of fishing allowing him not just some peace and quiet away from his hectic political duties but also provided him with a bit of space to reflect and recharge.

It is in that vein that the Martin Mc Guinness Peace Foundation in conjunction with the Buncrana Anglers Association, felt that organising it was a very appropriate way to remember Martin.

The annual competition which takes place at the Fullerton Reservoir in Donegal is always a popular event and we look forward to seeing all the anglers next year.

