

Good afternoon everyone,

Thank you for being here today.

My name is Bernie Mulligan Dolan and I am Leitrim GAA Health and Well-being officer.

I'm delighted to welcome you all here today as we officially launch Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada as a smoke- and vape-free campus.

This is a proud day for us in Leitrim GAA. By going smoke- and vape-free, we're creating a healthier, safer environment for everyone who visits our grounds – especially our young people. It's about setting a positive example, protecting our members from second-hand smoke, and reinforcing the GAA's role as a hub for healthy living.

We're joining a number of individual Healthy Clubs across Leitrim who have already taken this step, and we're proud to be leading by example in Leitrim County grounds.

A special word of thanks to Blánaid Carney, our committee member and HSE Health Promotion and Improvement Officer / Stop Smoking Adviser, for all her help and guidance in getting us to this point.

Thank you also to the County Board officers who are here today supporting the initiative: Declan Bohan, Chairperson; Attracta O'Reilly, Secretary; and Martin McCartin, Treasurer and Brendan Doyle, PRO. Your support is very important to us all.

Thank you also to Sean McGoldrick who was responsible for erecting the signage for us.

We're also very grateful to Willie Donnellan from the Leitrim Observer for being here to help share this message with the wider community.

And sincere thanks to Lorraine Mulvey and Lisa Mulligan from our Health and Wellbeing Committee for being here today, and for their – and the entire committee's – hard work and support throughout this process.

It's important that we continue working together to build a healthier future for our clubs, our players, and our communities.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

I'm now hand you over to Declan Bohan our GAA county Board Chairperson , who will say a few words.