

NEWS RELEASE

Event: Gallagher Clan launch the Gallagher Global Award and announce the itinerary for their 2nd Gallagher Global Gathering.

Venue: Glenveagh Castle, Glenveagh National Park, Co. Donegal.

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On the Ireland AM programme on TV3, which was broadcast today from Glenveagh Castle, Co. Donegal, the Gallagher Clan launched a detailed itinerary of the 2nd Gallagher Global Gathering, which is being held in Co. Donegal from 6th – 14th September 2013. They also launched the search for nominations for the Gallagher Global Award, which will be presented at that event to the Gallagher who gives most reason for Gallaghers to be even prouder to be Gallaghers.

This morning TV3 broadcast their Ireland AM programme (see http://www.tv3.ie/ireland_am.php?video=55813&locID=1.65.74), which was sponsored by Failte Ireland, from Glenveagh National Park, Co. Donegal. Anna Daly of TV3 interviewed Adrian Gallagher, who is one of the organising committee, live on air. This gave the Clan an opportunity to launch the detailed plan for their 2nd Gallagher Global Gathering, which will be based in Gortahork, Co. Donegal. Gallagher also announced the Gallagher Global Award. The interview also included a live phone call with Ian Gallagher, a businessman from Namibia, South Africa, who attended the 1st Gallagher Global Gathering, which included the successful Guinness World Record attempt and who now plans to return in 2013 with a large family contingent. His immediate family roots were in Co. Armagh.

The week-long Gathering will see local communities along Donegal's north and west coast celebrate their Gallagher and Donegal heritage and in so doing, welcome both local and visiting Gallaghers to join with them in events to celebrate that heritage.

Starting with Gortahork, where the Óstán Loch Áltán Hotel will be the base for the week, Gallaghers in such areas as Ardara, Arranmore Island, Gweedore and the Carrigart/Downings area will welcome all Gallaghers, those with Gallagher family connections and their friends to their areas. The locals will introduce them to their local heritage and guide them around their areas.

Nightly events will be taking place in various venues that will showcase the best of the great Donegal tradition of music, song and dance in venues such as Teach Leo, which is home to Altan, Maire Brenann and Enya. As in 2007 the locals will also look forward to an input from our visitors and we hope all will join in the fun. There will also be plenty of opportunity to chat and converse as should be the case with any good family get-together.

The Donegal Gallaghers are looking forward to a large contingent of their Mayo cousins turning up for the first playing of the Gallagher GAA World Cup between Gallaghers representing Mayo and those of Donegal.

The Gallagher Global Award is a new concept where both Gallaghers and non-Gallaghers are being asked to nominate a Gallagher. Only persons, who have been given the surname Gallagher at birth or those given one of the recognised variants of the surname, will be eligible to be nominated. It will be made to the person, in the opinion of the judges, whose achievements at a local, national or international level has made Gallaghers most proud to be Gallaghers. There will also be a draw for a substantial prize to be given to one of the nominators and one of the nominees. Already international interest has begun into who may be nominated and who might capture the Gallagher Global Award.

Further information, including the Award nomination details, can be had at www.gallagherclan.org or in writing to the Gallagher Global Gathering, Gallagher Clan, Lisnanees, Letterkenny, Co Donegal, Ireland.

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