



## PTAA & Safeguarding Children

On 10 June last the Association adopted the Pioneer Policy for Safeguarding Children. This Policy was devised to direct all PTAA groups on the safeguarding of children with whom they interact.

This Policy is based on the principles and guidance set out in: **Safeguarding Children: Standards and Guidance Document for The Catholic Church in Ireland (2009)**. The guidance contained in the PTAA policy is, in turn, based on the civil guidelines of the two jurisdictions on the Island of Ireland.

The PTAA has adopted a comprehensive set of Safeguarding Children policies and procedures. This booklet has as its overriding concern the safety and welfare of all children who are involved in any way in activities of the Pioneers. The policy includes procedures for best practice for the prevention of child abuse and for an appropriate response where abuse is alleged or suspected.

All members and staff of the Pioneers are required to read and to adhere to our Safeguarding Children Policy and its resulting procedures. A full copy of the Association's Safeguarding Children Policy is available from [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

It should be noted that as of the adoption of this policy on 10 June last, it is no longer acceptable for any Pioneer member to have contact with Under 18s in the name of the Association unless they have been vetted and cleared by An Garda Síochána or the Police Service of Northern Ireland on behalf of the Pioneers. Pioneer members who require vetting to continue their volunteer work with Under 18s should follow the procedures outlined in our policy – they cover both jurisdictions north and south. Pioneers



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should note that non-members who assist at various PTAA events and activities must also be vetted and cleared by An Garda Síochána or the PSNI.

CEO Pádraig Brady is currently the Association's Designated Person and manages all matters arising in relation to the Safeguarding Children Policy. Priority will be given to the Pioneers' Safeguarding Children Policy at the forthcoming Board of Management meeting scheduled for 4 September and at the Central Council meeting due to take place on 12 September.

# Pioneers Take Part in the Dublin City Marathon



## Please support the Pioneer team

under the leadership of CEO, Padraig Brady – an experienced marathon competitor – in the Dublin City Marathon on

**Monday, 25 October, 2010**

Individuals taking part in the Marathon who are not committed to another good cause are invited to join us on that day. If you are interested, please let us know at the Pioneer Office so we can include your name in our publicity material.

Your participation in supporting the PTAA Marathon fundraising initiative will help us greatly in the promotion of temperance and sobriety in Ireland and in the Developing World.

## Sponsorship cards may be obtained from:

**Pioneer Central Office, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin 1**

**Tel: 01 874 94 64**

Main Email address: [pioneer@jesuit.ie](mailto:pioneer@jesuit.ie)

Padraig Brady's Email address: [pioneerceo@jesuit.ie](mailto:pioneerceo@jesuit.ie)

**Website: [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)**

**Alternatively, you can sponsor our team  
by using the form below  
and returning it to us at the  
Pioneer Office (address above).**

I wish to make a donation of € / £..... to sponsor the Pioneer team taking part in the  
**Dublin City Marathon on Monday, 25 October, 2010**

Name ..... Address .....

*All donations are greatly received and will be acknowledged.  
Thank you in anticipation of your much-needed support for our work.*





# Marathon Quick Facts

## The 2010 Dublin City Marathon Wants You!

The Association is calling on Pioneers and non-Pioneers to sign up for or support the PTAA's entry for the 2010 Dublin City Marathon. 2010 marks the 31st year of the Lifestyle Sports/Adidas Dublin Marathon.

This year for the first time in the history of the Association, our fundraising committee have decided to invite members and non-members to enter a PTAA-designated race team. This decision indicates a new direction for the Association as the fundraising committee continues to streamline and capitalise on the Association's ongoing fundraising activities.

The PTAA team will be led capably by Pioneer CEO and veteran marathon runner Pdraig Brady. Commenting on the marathon Pdraig said:

'Ideally we would welcome as many Pioneers and non-Pioneers as possible to take part in this year's marathon by supporting the PTAA team.

'We know that a large number of people throughout the Pioneers and other Jesuit apostolates take part every year in this event. We would encourage Pioneers, non-Pioneers and also our Jesuit colleagues to join the Pioneer team. We can offer each other support and could potentially generate increased funds for the Association at a time when finance is a concern and a priority.'

Participation in the marathon is open to both runners and walkers. The event is also looking for volunteers to help support participants. Of course offering sponsorship to the Pioneer team is an option open to all – Pioneer and non-Pioneer alike – and we would encourage as many people as possible to donate and support the Pioneer team. Sponsorship cards are available from Central Office or from any officer of the Association.

**2010 Registration for the marathon is now open. The closing date for entries is 17:00 hrs. C.E.T., Monday 4th October. There will be no late entries at registration or on race day. To register online visit [www.activeeurope.com](http://www.activeeurope.com). Registering by 17:00 C.E.T. September 1st costs €80.00 while registering before 17:00 C.E.T. on October 4th costs €90.00.**

❖ More than half of the expected entry of 10,000 will be made up of overseas runners

❖ The reaction of many thousands of spectators lining the city streets for the event has been largely responsible for the success of marathon down through the years. As a result the Dublin Marathon is internationally known as the 'Friendly Marathon'.

❖ Your entry to the race is **GUARANTEED** as you do not require a **QUALIFYING TIME** to enter.

❖ Walkers are welcome in the race as the route is open for eight hours.

❖ The course is largely flat and is a single lap, starting and finishing close to the City Centre. It will be marked in miles and every 5K.

❖ The average temperatures for October are around 12 - 14C. (53 - 57F). Ideal for running.

❖ Every finisher receives a marathon medal, and a special commemorative T-shirt. A finish photo detailing finish time will be available after the race. A finisher's certificate is available to all who complete the course within eight hours.

## Arrivals and Departures

The Pioneers are delighted to welcome on board Bill Taaffe, Financial Manager.

Bill's areas of expertise are auditing, financial control and accountancy. Bill previously worked extensively with London-based accountancy firms. On returning to Ireland Bill was self-employed until 2008 and then went on to join Block Property Management, Swords.

Commenting on Bill's arrival at the PTAA, Pdraig Brady said: "I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bill to the Association. He has taken up an important role within our finance section and we wish him every continued success during his time with the Pioneers."



## Information Note on PTAA Collections

The Association is asking members to kindly remember that any funds collected by the Pioneers are to be used to further the work of the Pioneers.

It is no longer acceptable for any member or centre of the Pioneers to donate Pioneer funds to any third party organisation or individual.

Under The Charities' Act, the Pioneer Association is no longer permitted to offer donations to any other organisation.

It is essential that every PTAA member adheres to this financial guideline. By doing so, members are helping the organisation to comply with ongoing and forthcoming finance laws that relate specifically to charities like the Pioneers. In the current economic climate the Pioneers, like every other organisation, need to maximise on their capacity to operate as a self-financing venture. Pioneer collections are a traditional and important part of the Association's ongoing fundraising effort. Every member has a role to play in helping us maximise on this valuable PTAA activity by managing funds collected within the required guidelines.



## Regional Conferences Update

Members will be aware that the Association has been engaging in a series of regional conferences since autumn 2009/winter 2010.

The conferences' primary purpose has been for members to discuss the Association's role and function and to explore possible new directions and opportunities for the PTAA.

The conference roadshow began on Saturday 10 October when members from numerous Connacht branches hosted their one-day event at The Park Hotel, Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo. There was a very healthy member turn-out for the event which led to lively debate and discussion.

The following month the Leinster conference was held on Saturday 10 November at the Hazel Hotel, Co. Kildare. Member turn-out was substantial and Pioneers from across Leinster worked well together on the day to offer robust feedback on the Association and its potential future role.

On 6 March last the Ulster Pioneers met in The Mellon Country Hotel, Omagh, Northern Ireland. A very strong member presence attended this gathering. Despite being very large in number, Ulster's Pioneers are to be complimented for managing the conference timetable and agenda in a timely manner.

Speaking about the conferences held to date, PTAA CEO Pdraig Brady said: "Every regional conference has been very well organized and attended by members from the Association. The organizing committees from the provinces visited are to be commended for their effort and hard work that have helped make these meetings the successes that they have been. The quality of debate and discussion offered at every conference has been both challenging and encouraging. Again, I would like to thank Pioneers who attended the conferences for their commitment and dedication on the day. The Association appreciates the critical role our members have played in making these conferences beneficial and productive."

Feedback from each conference has been recorded by the Association and will be presented to members when all conferences have taken place. It is hoped that the Munster conference will take place later this year.



## DATES for your DIARY

### Meetings Memo

The PTAA's Board of Management will meet on Saturday 4 September 2010

The PTAA's Central Council will meet on Sunday 12 September 2010

## Feedback

We welcome your feedback on any of the articles covered in this edition of *Pioneer Matters*.

Please send your comments, suggestions or recommendations to Pdraig Brady at

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