

ICGAC - Gaelic tour Summer Grant Application 2014

Purpose of Tour:

The sports of Gaelic football have been growing strongly in Europe over the last number of years. The spread of Gaelic football has in recent years encouraged its recognition as a BUCS sport but on a larger scale, its recognition on a world stage such as the Olympics.

The Imperial College Gaelic team has seen its best year to date reclaiming the men's All England Hurling Championship title and the ladies team leaping up the division table to finish third in the division 3 British championships.

Playing European teams over the summer as we have done on previous tours to Berlin, Prague and Budapest allows the team to gain international match experience as well as offering the unique experience to strengthen our team and club.

We intend to play challenge games against GAA teams in both Munich and Split. After these games we will go for a meal with the teams, sharing our experiences and strengthening our ties with clubs across Europe as we did last year.

It is an aim of the club to run an international 7 a side tournament in London in the future and by building links with European clubs we can make this tournament happen sooner rather than later.

Finally, going on tour helps the club to bond. This is a very close club and with many of the senior members leaving the university this year, this club will give the newer members a chance to bond and insure the long and lasting success of the club for years to come.

Tour activities:

This year we propose a tour, staying 5 night from 04/07/2014-09/07/2014.

The itinerary is to fly to Munich on 4/07/2014 staying 2 nights and playing a game against Munich GAA on the 5th, we will then board a sleeper train to Split on the 6th where we will spend 2 nights competing against Split GAA on the 8th. We will fly back to London on the 9th of July.

Tour Dates: 04/07/2014-09/07/2014.

No. Approx: 20

NOTE:

It is with deepest regret that I missed the deadline for summer tour application. I was unaware of the imminent deadline and have been preoccupied with my final exams and project. I would dread to think that my error has cost the club an opportunity for funding. We have always been so thankful to the union for the grants and support we have received over the past number of years to allow the club to achieve as much as it has. Please direct any questions to myself smw210@ic.ac.uk or contact my via 07843437329.

My apologies for any inconvenience caused.
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