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## **Home Page**

Welcome to the official website of **Illistrin Football Club**. Our club is proudly rooted in the townland of Illistrin on the outskirts of Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. As a club with deep local ties and a dedication to developing players of all ages and abilities, we are more than just a football team — we're a football community.

//\*\* NOTE: Maybe one or more of the photos of form the ppt Website Photos - or if you have any suggestions of what you might be looking for - I can try to dig out \*\*/

## About us

Illistrin FC was established in the mid-1970s, with local figures such as Fr Kieran McAteer laying the foundations for the development and facilitating of youth underage football in the Letterkenny area from his arrival in Letterkenny in 1975. The first formal record of Illistrin's teams competing in amateur football came about when the *Letterkenny and District League* was established with 6 teams - Illistrin, Lurgybrack, Iona, Glencar, Oldtown and Ard O Donnell, with the first games kicking off in October 1976.

Over the ensuing decades, Illistrin FC grew steadily, entering boys' and girls' teams into local academy and district leagues. Success followed: the U-12 boys, U-14 and U16 teams having won Donegal Schoolboy league and Champions League, while girls' teams claimed U-12, U-14, and U-16 titles in Donegal Women's League competitions.

The club's commitment to the development of youth football saw strong progress in the early noughties with success both on and off the pitch seeing Illistrin FC move to the next level over the preceding years. In the club's earlier years its training and home games were played in the Ballyare pitch(s) and facilities. In 2007, the committee under the stewardship of Chairman Paul Skinnader set out as a key objective to develop a suitable ground and facility for the club. This culminated in the official opening of Illistrin grass and astro pitches in 2012 adjacent to Scoil Naomh Fiacra, Illistrin, Letterkenny.

On the field, in 2013 Seamus Devine's U12 and Paddy Carr's U14 teams both took SFAI Ulster titles, making it to the last 32 in Ireland in the same year. In 2019/20 Dermot McGuiness's U13 squad made it to the last 16 in Ireland in the same competition. In more recent years, Seamus Murphy's U14 squad made it to the Last 16 in the SFAI National cup in 2025.

The club's facilities were renamed *Corry Park* in August 2022 in memory of Seamus Corry—a lifelong Illistrin player, coach and founding member of the girls' teams—who passed away in 2019.

Today Illistrin FC has over 300 registered players, with over 18 squads competing at U8 - U16 Level in boys and girls blitz age and league ages.



One of the earlier teams of Illistrin FC from the early 1980s under the stewardship of Terry Leydon and Tom McGinty



One of the Illistrin Teams from the mid 1980's under the stewardship of Terry Leydon



2018 U12 Illistrin Team - Ulster champions in the SFAI Cup



2025 U14 Illistrin Team - Ulster champions and Last 16 in the SFAI cup

# Illistrin FC to open Corry Park, in honour of the late Seamus Corry

Illistrin FC's grounds are being renamed after the popular coach who passed away in November 2019



Illistrin will officially open Corry Park, named in honour of the late Seamus Corry (inset) on Friday evening

**By Chris McNulty**

18 Aug 2022 10:48 AM

A press release on the renaming for illistrin Pitch as Corry Park in 2022 in memory of former player and coach Seamus Corry.

## **News and Media**

### **Social Media**

**Can you have the Facebook feed showing in this panel as per the original website.**

**Print media - down through the years.**

**I will try to get about 10-12 screenshots of printed news stories on Illistrin FC from the local papers down through the years to add in there**

## **Teams**

Below are the 2025 teams with contact information for the lead coach.

### **Boys**

U16 - Div 1

U14 - Premier; Div 1; Div 2 \* 2 Teams

U12 - Premier; Div 1; Div 2 \* 3 Teams

#### **U16 - Division 1**

**Lead Coach:** *Annraoi Cheevers*

**Contact Number:** 085 1543212



#### **U14 Premier Division**

**Lead Coach:** *Seamus Murphy*

**Contact Number:** 085 1543212



## **U14 Division 1**

**Lead Coach: Nial Toner**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**



## **U14 Division 1**

**Lead Coach: Paul Doherty**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**



## **U14 Division 2**

**Lead Coach: John Haran**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**



## **U12 Premier**

**Lead Coach: Kieran Doherty**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**



## **U12 First Division**

**Lead Coach: Ciaran Mc Elwaine**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**



## U12 - Second Division - A League



**Lead Coach: Karl Sweeney**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**

## **U12 - Second Division - B League**

**Lead Coach: Dara Patton**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**



## **U12 - Second Division - B League**

**Lead Coach: Sammy Bogan**

**Contact Number: 085 1543212**



## Girls

**U16**

**Lead Coach:** *Philip Robinson*

**Contact Number:** 087 1235867



**U14**

**Lead Coach:** *Martin Temple*

**Contact Number:** 086 1724474



## **U12**

**Lead Coach: Tommy/Amy McLaughlin**

**Contact Number: 085 7622488**



## **Contacts**

**Chairman - Annraoi Cheevers - (086) 1546644**

**Secretary - Ciaran McElwaine - (086) 381 8634**

**Treasurer - Greg Devine - (086) 1011666**

**PRO - Karl Sweeney - (086) 1548379**

**Child Welfare Officer - Greg Devine - (086) 1011666**

**Maybe a facility to send an email to club secretary at  
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## **Policies and Procedures**

**I will have 4 or 5 documents here ... our safeguarding statement etc.**