



# National Volunteering Week

National Volunteering Week runs from 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and we are asking all Gaelic games clubs and counties to get involved. See below for some ideas to get started but feel free to be innovative!

## Thought Starters to Celebrate Volunteer Week

### 1. Host a Volunteer Appreciation Event

- Organize a special event such as a coffee morning, big breakfast, BBQ, or social gathering to honor your volunteers.
- Recognition: Present certificates or small tokens of appreciation to each volunteer, or highlight their contributions to your club or county

### 2. Share Volunteer Stories

- Use your club's social media platforms to share stories and photos of your volunteers in action. Highlight their roles and the impact they've made.
- You can use the frame templates provided to assist you

### 3. Volunteer Spotlights

- Daily Spotlights: Feature a different volunteer each day of National Volunteer Week on your website or social media. Share their journey, contributions, and what volunteering means to them.
- Video Tributes: Create short video tributes where volunteers share their experiences and what they love about being part of the club.

### 4. Engage with your Community

- Open House: Host an open house or community day where potential volunteers can learn more about your club and how they can get involved.
- Volunteer Recruitment Drive: Use the week to recruit new volunteers by showcasing the benefits and rewards of volunteering with your club or county.

## 5. Thank You Messages

- **Personalised Messages:** Send personalised thank you cards or emails to each volunteer, expressing your gratitude for their hard work and dedication. These messages can come from players on the various teams also.
- **Public Acknowledgment:** Use your club or counties' platforms to publicly thank your volunteers. Acknowledge their efforts during matches or events.

## 6. Training and Development

- Engage with our lunch time learn events each day of National Volunteer week and explore other ways to engage your volunteers in training and development during the week.

## 7. Fun Activities

- **Fun Day:** Organize a fun day or fun games where volunteers can participate and enjoy the sports they support. Ensure to liaise with GAA insurance if this is an event.
  - **Team Building:** Plan team-building activities that allow volunteers to bond and have fun together.
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National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate the heart and soul of your club or county —your volunteers. By recognising their contributions and creating meaningful experiences, you can show your appreciation and inspire continued dedication.

These are just a few ideas so be innovative!

