



Press Release

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Gort Charity Show a Huge Success

Over 300 turn out to raise over €4,000 for Croí

Over €4,000 has been raised thru a charity fashion show that was organised by teenagers from Gort No Name Club and brought over 300 people out. The event was held at The Centre on Friday March 25th and brought people from the local community and surrounding regions together to raise money for Croí.

Aoife O'Shea, a No Name Club teenage member whose father passed away suddenly from a heart condition last October, organised the fundraiser with the assistance of hosts and hostesses* and adult committee members of Gort No Name Club. They brought people from Gort, Kinvara, Ennis and surrounding communities together for the fundraiser that will support a charity that is working to reduce the impact of heart disease and stroke on families living in the West of Ireland.

Local businesses paid a contribution towards the event to have their clothing featured in it and the models came from Gort No Name Club, Gort ICA, Coole Soccer Club and the local community. Businesses, community groups and local people came together on the night to assist with the running of the show that also featured a raffle. Musical entertainment was provided by Kyle na Nó String Quartet (from Coole Music) and 'Biddy and Dan', aka Niall Perrill and Aisling Egan, delivered the comedic entertainment.

Aoife comments: "I'm delighted with how the show went and I'd like to thank everybody who helped make it the great event it was. This was a great project to work on and it will help Croí in its aim to deliver the highest levels of cardiovascular care to people in the West."

Trish Beakey, Gort No Name Club Secretary says: "The show was a huge success and brought the community of Gort and surrounding towns together for a very worthy,

charitable cause. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the local people, businesses and clubs and organisations that came behind the event and made it the success it was. We were delighted to see a crowd of over 300 come out to support it and the money raised will support Croí in the excellent work it does. I'd like to pay tribute to Aoife, Karen Moran and the No Name Club teenagers in particular for the outstanding work they did to put this show together. They should be very proud of their success and it highlights the kind of excellent work young people can carry out, when they are entrusted with responsibility and provided with support."

Con Nolan, No Name Club CEO attended the event. He says: "The No Name Club is a national organisation that works with young people in communities across Ireland to develop their leadership skills. The work of Aoife and her colleagues in Gort No Name Club is in keeping with the positive attitude we encourage amongst our teenage members. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Aoife, Gort No Name Club's Hosts and Hostesses*, the club's adult committee and the wider community in delivering this excellent event for a very worthy cause."

*Hosts and hostesses are teenage male and female members of No Name Clubs and develop their leadership and confidence skills thru their involvement with the national youth organisation. They work with adult committee members to run activities and events that bring benefits to the wider community.

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Note for the Editor

No Name Club is a National Voluntary Youth Organisation founded in 1978 and has 40+ clubs throughout the country. No Name Clubs are run by and for young people aged 15 years + who come together in a safe and lively environment where there's fun, friendship and enjoyment without the pressure of alcohol or other drugs. No Name Clubs were founded to provide an alternative to pub culture for young people in Ireland. They demonstrate a lifestyle in which the use of alcohol or drugs is seen as unnecessary to the enjoyment of a happy, cheerful and fulfilling social life for young people. Over the last 30 years, thousands of young people have valued their involvement in a programme of activities that allow them to enjoy themselves socially with their peers in a safe and

friendly environment, free from the dangers and influences of alcohol and drugs. At present there are over 15,000 young people involved with No Name Clubs throughout the country.