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## SOCIAL MISSION STATEMENT

### Introduction

Celtic Football Club is legendary and as with most legends as much myth as fact surrounds its history and what the Club stands for today. The Social Mission Statement aims to simply define what the Club stands for and seeks to promote within society.

### History

Celtic Football Club was founded in 1888. Its principal founder was a Marist Brother named Walfrid. The Club had two principal aims: The first aim was to raise funds to provide food for the poor of the East End of Glasgow, an area of the City that was greatly impoverished and had a high rate of infant mortality. Within the East End was a large Irish community and friction was growing between the native Glaswegians and the new influx of Irish. Brother Walfrid saw the need for social integration and his vision was a football club that Scottish and Irish, Protestants and Catholics alike could support. A new football club would be a vehicle to bring the communities together and this was the second aim. The Marist brother sought for the Club to have both a Scottish and Irish identity and hence, the Club's name "Celtic" came about, representing a bridge of cultures across the Irish Sea.

### Current Positioning of Celtic Football Club

Celtic Football Club is a Scottish football club with proud Irish links. The primary business of Celtic is as a football club. It is run on a professional business basis with no political agenda. However, the Club has a wider role and the responsibility of being a major Scottish social institution promoting health, well-being and social integration.

### Who is Celtic Football Club for?

Celtic Football Club is for people who want to support a football club that strives for excellence in Scotland and in Europe, is proud of its history, supportive of its local community and seeks to support the following aims: "To maximise all opportunities to disassociate the Club from sectarianism and bigotry of any kind. To promote Celtic as a Club for all people, regardless of gender, age, religion, race or ability."

### Summary

Celtic is a club for everyone who believes in football as a medium for healthy pleasure, entertainment and social integration. The Club always has been and always will simply aim to be the team of the people.

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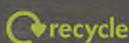


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# 'Our aim is to successfully negotiate four qualifying rounds in order to reach the group stages of the Champions League and our focus is on completing the job against Sarajevo'



**GOOD** afternoon and welcome to Celtic Park for today's pre-season friendly against Stade Rennais. It's good to be back home. I would also like to welcome our visitors from France – the players, management and supporters of Stade Rennais.

This is a game we're all looking forward to, not least because we're playing in front of our own supporters, and also because it is an important game in terms of our preparations for the season ahead.

We've enjoyed a good pre-season so far, and followed that up with our first competitive fixture of the new season last Tuesday against FK Sarajevo.

It was a fantastic win for us, in the first leg of our qualifying tie and we'll be looking to complete the job

this coming Wednesday. It was a really strong performance, especially considering where we are in terms of our condition and match fitness, and it was a game that we'll benefit from.

We scored three good goals away from home, there were plenty of good performances and we controlled most of the match, so I'm pleased with how the game went.

Today's game provides an opportunity to test ourselves against a very good side, who showed that last season by winning the French Cup. And it's also a chance to give some more of the players some game-time during what is a very important time of the season for us.

Our aim is to successfully negotiate four qualifying rounds in order to reach the group stages

of the UEFA Champions League, although we always take it one game at a time, hence the focus will be on completing the job against FK Sarajevo.

And with these ties coming so early in our preparations for the new season, games like today against Stade Rennais are important for us.

The aim as always, even in pre-season friendlies, is to win the match, and that's what we're be intent on trying to do as we enjoy playing again at a packed Paradise. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon





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## 'It was good to get the competitive football up and running and we thoroughly deserved the win'

**IT'S** always good to play at home in front of our supporters, so all the lads are looking forward to today's game against Stade Rennais.

These games are important for us to get some game-time, particularly against strong opposition, which will help us in the weeks ahead as we go through our European qualifying campaign.

It was good to get the competitive football up and running last week and I thought we played well against Sarajevo. We thoroughly deserved the win, and we'll be aiming to complete the job this Wednesday night.

Even though we conceded the first goal, the lads showed great character to bounce back and after Mikey equalised, I thought we controlled the game.



Odsonne's goal was of the quality that we've come to expect from him, while Scotty's back-heel was just brilliant. We know what he's capable

of, and he's even scored a goal like that before, and it was a great way to finish off the game.

This afternoon will also give some of the new players their first chance to experience Celtic Park and playing in front of our supporters. I'm sure it's something they'll all enjoy and will whet their appetites to experience it again when we play our first competitive game of the new campaign next week.





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## AS excitement rises for the Celtic FC Festival, the first-team players are wanting a piece of the action!

Each day across the three-day event, not only will you have the chance to see and hear from the manager and club legends, but you will also have the chance to meet the current heroes in the Hoops!

With special Celtic selfie zones set-up throughout the halls, supporters will have the chance to meet the players for some amazing photo opportunities, and with different players appearing each day - who knows who will be in your selfies!

So whether you're looking to meet players and legends, join in the manager's Q&A sessions, hear from the Chief Executive, witness the NB Third Kit Reveal, shop 'til you drop at the Celtic



Superstore, hone your football skills with the Soccer Academy or chill in the Fanzone with live music - you can do it all and more at the Celtic FC Festival!

If you haven't yet secured tickets for the Celtic FC Festival, you can book online now at [celticfestival.com](http://celticfestival.com), with tickets priced £15 for adults, £12.50 for concessions, £7.50 for juniors (aged 6-16) and completely **FREE**

**OF CHARGE** for kids under six.

With your first-team players appearing throughout the festival, and more legends still to be announced, here's how the schedule is shaping up so far:

### Friday, July 26

Lubo Moravcik, Tom Boyd, Murdo MacLeod, Jackie McNamara, NB Third Kit Reveal.

### Saturday, July 27

Peter Lawwell, John Kennedy & Damien Duff, John Hartson, Chris Sutton, Simon Donnelly, Stephen McManus.

### Sunday, July 28

Neil Lennon, Roy Aitken, Frank McAvennie.

### All Weekend

Selfies with our stars & legends, Fanzone, live music, free family fun!

We look forward to seeing you there for a fantastic celebration of Glasgow's green and white!

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WE are delighted to announce Magners Irish Cider as the headline sponsor of the inaugural Celtic FC Festival to be held at the SEC in Glasgow later this month, from July 26 - 28.

Magners has been a main club sponsor at Celtic since 2013, and today's announcement will see Scotland's No.1 Irish cider brand take on the headline sponsorship of the Celtic FC Festival, as well as delivering the event's Fanzone which will undoubtedly prove a huge hit with Hoops fans throughout the weekend.

With great live entertainment across the three days, supporters can also look forward to a special guest DJ appearance from former Celt, Bobby Petta.

With only two weeks to go until the doors open at the first Celtic FC Festival on Friday July 26, tickets are selling fast so book yours today to ensure don't miss out on the chance to celebrate Glasgow's green and white.

From free football activities including crossbar and top bin challenges, head tennis competitions, free Kick and penalty shoot-outs, to **FREE** selfie opportunities with the Treble



trophies, the iconic European Cup, and the chance to rub shoulders with Celtic legends and first-team players, this will be an unforgettable event, not to be missed.

Duncan Frew, Commercial and Marketing Director at Magners said: "We have been a proud supporter of Celtic FC over the last six years and this support continues with our commitment to the first ever Celtic FC Festival.

"This will be a brilliant event for Celtic fans across Scotland and beyond, celebrating the club's incredible history and unique position in world football"

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