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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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# 'Sarajevo showed that they are a very competitive team who are dangerous on the break, so we will be focused on the task ahead and determined to finish the job'



**GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League qualifier against FK Sarajevo, and I also want to welcome our visitors from Bosnia and Herzegovina to our city and our stadium.**

It's our first competitive home game of the new season, and we want to start with a positive result.

The aim, of course, is to book our place in the next round of the competition, and we got a good result in the first leg last week.

Despite conceding the opening goal, I thought the players responded very well and certainly from when we equalised, I thought we controlled the game.

We scored three good goals on the night, and it's always pleasing to get goals away from home in Europe, so we're set up nicely to complete the job tonight.

However, there are still 90 minutes ahead of us and we will not be complacent or underestimate FK Sarajevo.

They showed from the first leg that they are a very competitive team who are dangerous on the break, so we will be focused on the task ahead and determined to finish the job.

Even in these early qualifying stages of the UEFA Champions League, it's clear that the standard of the teams is very strong and so we know, should we progress, that we face several more difficult ties.

However, it is a challenge that we are looking forward to, and our target is to progress through these qualifying rounds.

Saturday's friendly against Rennes was a valuable one in terms of our European preparations. Even though it is early

in their pre-season preparations, you could tell they are a quality side who move the ball about the pitch and close down very quickly.

I thought we did well, and it was good for a lot of the players to get some valuable game-time. We were also able to give Chris Jullien and Luca Connell their first starts, and it was great for both of them to experience playing at Celtic Park.

Thanks, as always, for your support. It's one of our greatest strengths and I know that, in the months ahead, you'll give the team the backing that we need and always appreciate. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon



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## 'Your backing from the stands tonight will be every bit as vital as the two-goal cushion we have'

**WELCOME** back to Paradise for our first home competitive match of the new 2019/20 season and I'm sure you're all as delighted as I am that we go into tonight's UEFA Champions League qualifier against FK Sarajevo with a 3-1 first-leg lead.

We are taking nothing for granted, though, and your backing from the stands tonight will be every bit as vital as the two-goal cushion we have over the visitors thanks to our performance last week.

Sarajevo are a skilful and battling side, as we saw when they took the lead on their home patch, and we will be wary of their threat in tonight's game, while we focus on getting safely through to the next qualifying round, which is only a week away.

So, while we welcome the players, staff and supporters of FK Sarajevo here to Celtic Park tonight, it's back to business once the whistle goes,



and we will be going all out, not only to protect our lead, but to increase it by recording another win.

Since our win in Bosnia and Herzegovina last Tuesday, we have also played Stade Rennais here at Celtic Park in our pre-season friendly on Saturday, and both games gave

us the chance to introduce the new Bhoys, and Boli Bolingoli, Christopher Jullien and Luca Connell all donned the Hoops for the first time.

We'll be seeing a lot more of them as the season progresses and they are welcome additions to the squad as we not only take our first steps on our European campaign once more, but also look towards having another successful domestic season after our Treble Treble achievement of last season.

So enjoy the game and get behind the Bhoys tonight in our first home UEFA Champions League game this season and hopefully it will be the first of many.



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## GET BACK INTO THE SWING OF THINGS WITH THIS WEEK'S *CELTIC VIEW*



**THE Hoops are set for their UEFA Champions League qualifier second leg this week and the *Celtic View* is right there with them to report on all the action.**

The official magazine of the Treble Treble winners is on sale now, and it's packed full of features and interviews from the players over the past week.

- We speak to manager, Neil Lennon with an exclusive interview ahead of the Celts' European tie with FK Sarajevo.
- We also have an exclusive interview with Nir Bitton on his stellar start to the season.
- Kristoffer Ajer also speaks about his European aspirations in this week's magazine.

- Sarajevo scorer, Mikey Johnston, winger Lewis Morgan and midfielder, Ryan Christie also feature this week.

- New Bhoys, Luca Connell takes part in our new 'Tic-Fire Questions' feature.
- Irish youth keeper, Liam Hughes speaks to the *View* for the first time.
- We chat to former Celt, Danny Crainie about his life at the club.
- The *View* marks the anniversary of George McCluskey signing for the club.
- We have a superb centre-spread poster of new Bhoys, Christopher Jullien.
- There's all this and much more in this week's action-packed *Celtic View*.



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