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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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'Nomme Kalju will make things difficult for us, but confidence is high and we're determined to do everything we can to ensure we're in the next round of the competition'



GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Champions League tie against Nomme Kalju, and I would like to extend that welcome to our visitors from Estonia.

These ties come around so quickly following on from the previous round, but we have been preparing well over the past week since our game with FK Sarajevo, and we're all looking forward to tonight's match.

We had two good performances in the last round in what were our first two competitive games of the season, and that has also proved beneficial in terms of the overall fitness of the squad, with the players getting valuable game-time.

We hope that will stand us in good stead over the two legs of this

tie, here tonight at Celtic Park and then next Tuesday in Estonia.

Nomme Kalju are halfway through their domestic season, and they will make things difficult for us. They had a great result in North Macedonia to get through the last round, so we know they will be tough opponents.

However, confidence is high in the squad and we're determined to do everything we can to ensure we're in the third qualifying round of the competition.

The draw for that was made earlier this week, so we know that should we get past Nomme Kalju, we face a trip to either Romania or Israel. However, our focus is always on taking it one game at a time. That has been a key element in our success here over the past

few years, so we will be looking no further ahead than tonight's match at Celtic Park.

I have said many times before, and will no doubt do so many times in the future, but our supporters can and do play a key role for the team.

Home and away, the backing you give the players is incredible, and we will need that again tonight as we look to get a positive result and take a lead with us to Estonia next week. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon



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'There is a long way to go to the UEFA Champions League group stages and a win tonight is our only focus'

IT was great to be back home last week, and all the lads are looking forward to playing at Celtic Park again tonight against Nomme Kalju.

This is another important game for us as we look to reach the group stages of the UEFA Champions League. We know there is still a long way to go, and our first task is to get a win tonight that we can take over to Estonia for the second leg next week.

That is our only focus, and whoever might lie ahead in this competition is something that we will deal with as and when it comes around.

We played well over the two legs against FK Sarajevo in the previous round, and we're looking for two more good performances against Nomme Kalju.

They got a good result in the



previous round, so they will come here full of confidence and determined to frustrate us ahead of their home game in Estonia.

However, we're also confident after a good pre-season and two positive competitive games, and it's a game that we're all looking forward to.

Last week also gave some of the new Bhoys their first taste of playing here at Celtic Park, and I know it's something they all enjoyed. It will just make them all the more determined to experience it again.

We don't have a game this weekend, but I know many of you will be heading to the Celtic FC Festival at the Glasgow SEC, which is on this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

And over the course of the three days, we hope to see you there for what I'm sure will be a great Celtic event.



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SUNDAY, September 8 marks the 20th anniversary of the annual Pedal for Scotland event and we're encouraging supporters to get on their bikes and join Celtic legend, Tom Boyd to take part in the event's big finale, in support of Celtic FC Foundation.

Pedal For Scotland's Classic Challenge is a closed-road, Glasgow-to-Edinburgh ride and is suitable for people of all ages and abilities. Whether you're an experienced cyclist, cycle occasionally or would like to start cycling more, the ride can offer a brilliant challenge and fun day out.

Starting at Glasgow Green, the Classic Challenge offers a beautiful, closed-road cycle heading east, through the stunning Scottish countryside. There are rest stops roughly every 10 miles with plenty of food for fuel - and, 45 miles later,

you'll be crossing the finish line in Edinburgh and getting your well-earned medal.

Classic Challenge entrants can choose from the Standard (£31) or Gold (£43) entry - Gold entry offers a host of additional benefits including start line queue skip, priority queuing at rest stops, bag transfer from start to finish and access to showers.

Participants also have the choice of taking part in the Big Belter or the family-friendly Wee Jaunt Edinburgh.

The Big Belter, is aimed at the more experienced cyclist, looking to push themselves in this 100-mile challenge.

Those taking part will also begin at Glasgow Green and finish in Edinburgh, however, they will encounter some steep climbs and challenging descents along the way. Standard (£51) and Gold (£61) entry are once again available.

The Wee Jaunt Edinburgh is more suited to families, as well as beginners and people keen to get back into cycling.

Starting in Linlithgow, the 10-mile cycle takes place on closed-roads to the finish line, with the event village offering a range of activities for all ages, as well as lots of refreshments.

This option is open to adults and children, priced at £9 and £6 respectively, with family prices available from £15.

You can register for any of these event now at www.cycling.scot/pedal-for-scotland. Following registration, please contact us on 0141 551 4204 or email cfcfoundation@celticfc.co.uk and we will provide you with a fundraising pack including sponsorship form, guidance on how to set up an online fundraising page and an official Celtic FC Foundation t-shirt.