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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 healthy, 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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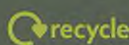
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'We're aware of the dangers Cluj pose, but confidence is high within our squad after a very good start to the season'



GOOD evening and welcome to Celtic Park for tonight's UEFA Europa League match against CFR Cluj, and I would also like to welcome our opponents from Romania, who are making their second visit to Glasgow this season.

It was certainly an eventful game back in August when we last met, although it was ultimately disappointing for ourselves as it was Cluj who won the game and the tie.

However, the way the players have responded since then has been excellent, and having qualified for the group stages of the UEFA Europa League, we began this stage of the competition with an excellent performance and result away to Rennes.

Indeed, I felt that our display merited all three points, and we showed, against one of the top sides in the French league, that we can compete

at this level. Now, we want to follow that up with all three points in our first home game of the group stages.

We're already familiar with the Cluj squad and the dangers they will pose, and they also got their UEFA Europa League campaign off to a successful start with an impressive home win over Lazio. So they will come here full of confidence, and we know we will have to be at our best if we want to be successful tonight.

Confidence is also high within our squad. We've had a very good start to the season, the team has been playing well and we're looking forward to playing in front of our own fans tonight.

European nights at Celtic Park are always special occasions. I've been lucky enough to experience plenty of them as a player and manager, and I'm sure this game against Cluj is going to be another great occasion under the lights.

It will also be an experience to enjoy for the players who've just joined the club in recent months. I know they will all have heard just how special our stadium can be, and they will hopefully play their part in making it a night to remember.

It's going to be a packed stadium, and your support on these occasions is absolutely vital. The backing we get from our fans is always one of our greatest strengths, and I know you will play your part as we look to get an important victory tonight. Enjoy the game.

Neil Lennon



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'We know the Celtic support here for the match tonight are certainly up for the game'

WELCOME back to Celtic Park tonight for our first home game in Group E of this season's UEFA Europa League, and we go into this match intent on topping the section after our opening 1-1 draw away to Rennes.

Our visitors, Cluj, though, will have the same intentions following their home win over Lazio in their first game, but we fully intend to make up for our performance the last time we played Cluj when they were here for the UEFA Champions League play-off game.

We just didn't put on the sort of display the supporters deserve and we want to put that right tonight and get the fans behind us right from the start.

We're expecting a good game tonight as both teams go into the match knowing they could top the group, and, as we have played each other fairly recently, both sides know a bit about each other and no-one is taking a step into the dark here.

So we know what to expect and we are up for the game – and we know the Celtic support here for the match tonight are certainly up for the game.

We will react to the support, and the support will react to us, so together we can make Celtic Park the fortress that it often is on these European nights under the lights, and I know that the fans will play a crucial part tonight.

We got off to a great start in France, and our supporters know that they

can help us maintain our European adventure beyond Christmas by gaining three valuable points tonight.

It's important for the team and the supporters to be involved in Europe after Christmas as we've experienced that over the past couple of seasons and we all want to go even further this time.

The next step towards that is tonight, and we want you all to raise the roof in Paradise and help us on the way there.



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IT'S EUROPEAN TIME AGAIN IN THIS WEEK'S *CELTIC VIEW*



THERE'S more European action in this week's *Celtic View* as Thursday night football returns to Paradise in the Hoops' first home game of their UEFA Europa League Group E fixtures with the visit of CFR Cluj.

The official magazine of the Treble Treble winners has been behind the scenes with the players ahead of the Euro tie, and is on sale now, packed with all the news from Celtic Park and Lennoxtown.

- We have an interview with Celtic manager, Neil Lennon as he awaits the visit of Cluj.

- John Kennedy also speaks to the *View* and he is looking for a real Celtic performance against the Romanian champions.

- Callum McGregor analyses Celtic's magnificent start to the 2019/20 campaign.

- We also have an exclusive interview with Jeremie Frimpong

following his excellent debut in last week's 5-0 win over Partick Thistle.

- Scott Brown is also in the *View* and knows what Celtic have to do against Cluj.

- Moritz Bauer looks back at the game against Hibernian in the capital.

- Youngster, Jonathan Afolabi talks about his first goal for the reserves.

- Reserve player, Scott Robertson is in the hot seat for this week's 'Tic-Fire' questions.

- We revisit the *Celtic View* archives for Jackie McNamara's final interview as a Hoops player.

- Keeva Keenan speaks about her call-up to the Irish international squad.

- And we have a superb centre-spread poster of Scott Sinclair.

There's all this and much more in this week's action-packed *Celtic View*.



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