



Éire Óg stories is a new series where we will be chatting to members of the club and getting to know what makes Éire Óg special for them. Next up is dual player on both the Ladies Camogie team and Ladies football team- Megan Healy

How did you get started playing in the club?



I started camogie in 2018 and I've played Gaelic football since I was ten years of age. There was no underage camogie when I started so that's why I started a little later. Ellie O'Neill introduced me to camogie and I've loved it ever since. Some of skills are different than Gaelic to pick up but other skills are transferable and I've definitely found it easy to pick up those skills such as catching.

Who supported you on your sporting journey?

My Dad started coaching me at U10 football and he has always supported my Gaelic journey and continues to support me with camogie as well. My camogie coaches Ger Whyte and Jim Darcy have supported and motivated me and helped boost my confidence throughout the years. All the ladies on the camogie team were so helpful and encouraging when I started. For Gaelic, Ray McTeague and Neil Randles coached me from U14 up all the way to forming the ladies football team that is there today.

What Advice would you give to other girls starting out or taking up the sport?

Practice your skills at home as much as you can. The most important thing is to enjoy it and remember you are part of a team, so you will always have their support. Have belief in yourself and don't be too critical of yourself starting out as you can only improve from the day you start.



Best sporting memories?

One of my best camogie memories is when we went to Belfast for a blitz in September 2019 for the day. It was a great trip, loads of matches and good fun. The best part was winning the shield at the end and going for dinner afterwards was really nice.

For Gaelic it was when we won Junior A in 2018. It was our second year after forming an adult team and since then we've managed to remain in intermediate level for the past 2 years so we are progressing well.



Another good memory is representing Éire Óg at the All-Ireland U17 football blitz in 2017 and winning the All-Ireland Shield with the Wicklow team beating Kerry in the final. Playing with Éire Óg gave me the opportunity to play with the Gaelic team in my college TU Dublin. We got to the All-Ireland Final in March 2020 but unfortunately it was called off due to COVID19.



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What do you love most about your club?

I've made lots of friendships through the club and it is great to see how ladies' football and camogie have developed over the years. It is also great to see the numbers of women involved in the club increase. When I started there were only a few girls and we trained with the boys. When the club made the decision to separate the girls from the boys it gave the girls more time to play and things grew from there.



*Ní neart go cur le chéile
There is no strength without unity*

If you would like to nominate someone to tell their club story, please contact Olive Farrell (farrell.olive@gmail.com) or Daniel English (englishdaniel@hotmail.com).