



Caoilfhionn Deeney-Edinburgh

So, where are you living now and what are you up to?

I have been living in Edinburgh for the last 10 years! I came across to study physiotherapy in 2011 and ended up getting a job here and staying on.

When did you play for the club and which teams were you on?

I played with Eire Og all the way up from U12 to the ladies team and finished with the club when I moved across to Edinburgh.

Did you have much or any success?

Our first taste of success came in the Cumman na mbunscoil competition when we were in 6th class in St.Bridgets, we were coached by Olly Leonard and Ms McKenna at the time and the majority of that team then went on to play for Eire Og. I was part of the Feile team at u14 level and part of the minor team who won the County championship beating Bray Emmets in the semi final and Arklow in the final! We won a Junior County Championship in 2008 and were beaten by Tinahely at intermediate level after that.

Is there a particular match that stands out in your memory?

I'd have to go with that junior county championship win. Its a different feeling winning with your club- with the girls you've played with since primary school. That's special.

What mentors stand out who had a big impact on you?

Early on it was Con and Oliver Leonard, I think Janey O'Halleron had a wee stint too and! Then Seamus Ahern, Billy Long and Sean Ryder- we were very lucky to have such dedicated coaches. Its down to them that we have gone on to have plenty of success over the years!

Have you played or been involved in Gaelic games at all since leaving the club?

Yes, since moving across to Edinburgh I've played with our club team here Dunedin Connollys - we have won 4 All British championships and have reached the junior all Ireland club final and an all Ireland semi final at intermediate level. I also represented Scotland in the junior all Ireland competition when we were beaten by Louth in the final in Croke Park in 2016.

Favourite team mate?

Oh now, I couldn't possibly choose. Laurie Ahern and Lorna Fusciardi, Tracey O'Halleron, Niamh "nelly" Kelly, Leslie Ann Long, too many favourites!

Any possibility of returning to Greystones and maybe evening wearing the jersey or getting involved in some capacity again?

I'd love to come home and retire in an Eire Og Jersey! Although, im not sure if I'm already past that. I broke my neck last year playing against Glasgow Gaels and was in a collar for 12 weeks so haven't played a match since! Would love to though!