

# AISLING AWARDS FOR LEITRIM PEOPLE IN LONDON

*Report from Gerry Keaney*



IN AUTUMN 2019 special presentations were made to Leitrim people for their services to Charity and the GAA in London. At the opening of the new GAA clubhouse in London the president of the GAA, John Horan and the Irish Ambassador Adrian O'Neill made presentations to Proinsias Redican, Tony McGovern and Padraic Rodohan, in recognition of their great contributions to the GAA over many decades. A number of Leitrim people and long standing members of the TARA GAA club attended the lunch and presentation at Ruislip. A few weeks earlier the TARA GAA club which has a strong Leitrim association over the years, had held yet another successful fundraising Golf day where the Gerry Duignan Cup was played for in honour of a great Gael from Leitrim.



## **Presentation to Pat Gallagher from Aisling Charity**

The aims of the Aisling Project are



*Top: Irish Ambassador Adrian O'Neill & Alex McDonnell Founder and Director of Aisling, make a special presentation to Pat Gallagher, Aghnasheelin, assisted by Ardal O'Hanlon, Aisling Patron*

*Middle: Ardal O'Hanlon, Róisín Conaty, the headline act at 2019 Comedy evening, with Pat Gallagher, Adrian O'Neill, Irish Ambassador & Gerry Keaney, Glenfarnie, Organiser of the Event*

*Bottom: Long standing Aisling Volunteers, Patrice McManus, Glenfarnie & Siobhán Murphy, Kiltyclogher, along with Ardal O'Hanlon, Róisín Conaty & Gerry Keaney*

reaching out to Irish people who are vulnerable, isolated and alone and providing supported holidays in Ireland for long-term emigrants, fulfilling what is for many a dream of seeing their homeland again. The charity celebrated its 25th Anniversary in September 2019 and the Irish Embassy organised a reception in its honour which was attended by many of the volunteers who have carried out great work over the years, as well as the Charity Patron Ardal O'Hanlon who organises a Comedy evening each year to raise funds. Presentations were made to the three founders of the charity and to Aughnasheelin man Pat Gallagher, whose business and family have been stalwart supporters of the charity for many years.

It was a proud evening for the Gallagher family and their many Leitrim friends in the audience.

*Top: Proimnsias Redican, Fenagh, Sean Redican Kiltubrid, John McManus, Fenagh, Ann Duignan, Aughavas, Tony and Bernadette McGovern, Aughavas, Padraic Rodohan, Kitubrid, Mick and Josie Gallagher, Fenagh & Frank Keegan, Mohill*

*Middle: Irish Ambassador, Adrian O'Neill, Proimnsias Redican, John Horan, GAA President*

*Middle below: Irish Ambassador, Adrian O'Neill, Tony McGovern & John Horan, GAA President*

*Bottom: Sean Faughnan, Aughavas, Chairman of Tara GAA club, along with Joe Harte, Cloone, winner of the Gerry Duignan Memorial Cup*

