

THE LIVING TRADITION

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CORONAVIRUS

The members of the Buachoiste have been inspired by the co-operation and support of so many people. With so many variables and uncertainties, our task is very challenging but we are strengthened in our resolve knowing that we have so many dedicated, understanding and loyal members in Comhaltas.

Each day we become keenly aware of the magnitude of the coronavirus crisis. This will continue to deteriorate on a scale beyond our comprehension. The responsibilities placed on us as individuals and as an organisation are immense. Our task is to inform ourselves, to the fullest extent possible and in a timely manner, of the unfolding crisis.

At all times we are subject to Government directives.

Following on from this, we must then endeavour to relate Government guidelines and directives to the Comhaltas structure and activities and convey, as required, outcomes to the appropriate units and membership and in a phased and easily understood manner and with the best chance of successful implementation.

As we live in exceptional times, we must devise exceptional responses which we have no guarantee will have successful outcomes. However, we all agree that to do nothing is not an option. Also, our responses of one day may have to be revisited as the crisis develops.

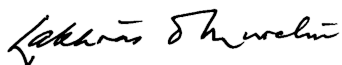
There is an onus on the recipients of our Communications to take ownership and responsibility for required action. Each County Board and Provincial Council could also consider the Ardchomhairle model of appointing an Action Team of, say, four or five who will monitor and respond to developments with particular emphasis on Buachoiste Communications.

This is an emergency which requires unity of purpose; positive and responsible action, and, yes, patriotism. Comhaltas has a proud record and a noble vision and I am confident that we will not be found wanting in this time of crisis.

We must look beyond our own needs and see how we can contribute to the needs of the greater community. How can we help to alleviate suffering? Do we look out for vulnerable people? By word and deed, can we help to raise the morale of our people? At a future date our music, song and dance will be more important than ever.

As a nation, we have a proud and noble history. Over the centuries, we overcame what seemed like insurmountable challenges. We survived and prospered. We will again.

Ní neart go cur le chéile.



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