

Dear Team Manager

On behalf of Visit Derry and Northern Ireland Athletics Masters Association, we look forward to welcoming you to the British and Irish Masters Cross Country Championships to be held at Gransha Park, Derry~Londonderry, Northern Ireland, on Saturday 18th November 2017.

Idyllically located in the stunning North West of Ireland, the charming city of Derry~Londonderry is renowned as one of the finest Walled cities in Europe, full of fascinating history and culture. This vibrant destination offers a unique combination of rich heritage and a contemporary social scene for visitors. Take a trip back in time and discover the historic 17th Century Walled City which celebrates its 400th Anniversary in 2018. The city walls house one of the largest collections of cannon on display in Europe. Enjoy magnificent historic buildings, cathedrals or why not check out one of the many attractions and tours on offer to uncover this unique destination's fascinating story and journey to peace. An internationally renowned City of Culture, discover Derry's unique offering and see home grown artists and performers in action at one of the many cutting edge live music venues or chill out at an array of cosmopolitan cafes and bars.

The Race day is guaranteed to work up an appetite and with the city named as runner up in the prestigious *'Restaurant Association of Ireland's 'Foodie Town Awards'* in 2015 & 2016 we guarantee a fabulous culinary experience at the gala dinner in the Hastings Everglades Hotel not to mention our Legenderry hospitality and "craic"!

For anyone wishing to extend their stay, less than a 1 hour transfer takes you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site the Giant's Causeway and Bushmills Whiskey Distillery, the oldest licensed distillery in the world! To the South of the city lies Strabane and the Sperrin Mountains, a stunning Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and to the West you can marvel at the magnificent natural beauty of Co. Donegal gateway to the spectacular 'Wild Atlantic Way' - the longest defined coastal touring route in the world!

Please find enclosed some visitor information and a listing of hotel accommodation rates for the event. For further information or accommodation enquiries please contact the Visitor Information Centre on T: +44 (0)28 7126 7284 or E: info@visitderry.com W: www.visitderry.com

You are cordially invited to attend a Welcome Reception hosted by the Mayor of Derry & Strabane District Council on **Friday 17th November 2017 at 6.00pm in the Guildhall.**

We look forward to welcoming you and your team to Derry~Londonderry in 2017 where a LegenDerry experience awaits!

Yours sincerely



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