

Dublin Students and Teenagers with Cancer in Charity Football Match

May 12th, 1.30pm Irishtown stadium, 3.30pm presentation Aviva Stadium

On May 12, students at St. Paul CBS in Dublin 7 have organised a charity football match in aid of *CanTeen*, an organisation supporting teenagers with cancer in Ireland as part of their Localise Community Service Schools Programme with the support and guidance of the U.S. Embassy. **The event will be held thanks to the support of the FAI, at 1.30pm in *The Irishtown Stadium*, followed by medals and photographs at 3.30pm in *the Aviva stadium*.** The match will involve the members of *CanTeen*, their families, staff and students from the school and staff members of *Localise* and the American Embassy in Dublin. **They will be joined on the day by Fair City actors Dave Duffy and Maclean Burke and well known Irish comedians Joe Rooney, Fred Cooke and Eric Lawlor.**

The charity match has been planned and organised by the students as part of their *Localise challenge* and it has been facilitated by their teachers, Localise staff and the U.S. Embassy over the last 10 weeks. The students aim to involve the entire school, hoping to see 150 -200 primary and secondary students attending.

All proceeds from ticket sales and match funding from corporate sponsors will go to CanTeen.

Localise is a youth and community development organisation with over 38 years of experience in community service work and volunteerism, which operates caring in the community programmes in both afterschool and school settings. The *Localise Schools' Programme*, which began in 2007, is the first programme in Ireland to focus on Community Service Learning within 2nd level education, engaging young people in direct community work within their own areas. To date, over 1800 students have taken part in the *Localise Schools' Programme*. Localise is supported by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs and the Office of the Minister for Integration within the Department of Justice and Equality.

CanTeen Ireland is a nation-wide support group for young people who have or have had cancer, their families and friends. The Chairty was founded in 1990 and they carry out weekends away and meetings where members had a chance to talk, share stories and experiences and have a bit of fun.

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