The Infinity Gala

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An event dedicated to acceptance and inclusion for all,

to benefit

THE KIDS COACH AUTISM COMMUNITY HUB

An autism community hub in Dublin,
supporting autistic children and their families.

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SPECIAL GUEST EMCEE

Jim Donovan



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Through my work with autistic individuals and their families, one of the most important lessons I have learned is to pause before making an assumption.

A child covering their ears might be experiencing sounds that barely register for someone else. Someone standing apart from a group may want to connect but find the noise, conversation or uncertainty overwhelming. A person who needs more time to answer may have plenty to say, if we give them the space to say it.

What we see on the outside does not always tell us what someone is experiencing.

Tonight, the Neumann University students have helped us explore sensory processing and communication. I encourage you to reflect on familiar moments in your own life: a crowded restaurant, an unexpected change of plans, or an instruction whose meaning you are expected to "just know".

For some autistic people, these situations can require considerable effort. Experiences vary, and the best way to understand someone's needs is to listen to them and respect how they communicate.

That understanding has shaped me personally and influenced the community we are building in Dublin. I have learned that connection can begin by joining a child in something they enjoy, allowing time for trust to develop, or recognising that a quieter moment can be just as meaningful as a shared activity.

My hope is that you take that curiosity beyond this evening. When someone responds differently from what you expect, pause and ask: What might I be missing? What could I change to help this person feel comfortable, understood and included?

We can all offer clearer words, more patience, fewer assumptions and room for people to be themselves.

Thank you for being here tonight and for helping us build a community where that understanding becomes part of everyday life.

David Nugent
Founder, The Kids Coach Autism Community Hub

PROGRAM

6.00 PM GUEST ARRIVAL & COCKTAIL RECEPTION
Welcome photos at the Gold Carpet Entrance
Signature Gold Cocktail and Hors d'oeuvres
Interactive educational tables for guests

7.00 PM CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME ADDRESS
Welcome by Emcee Jim Donovan

Video Introduction: The Kids Coach Autism Community Hub, Dublin

Dinner Service Begins (First Course)
Silent Auction open through 9.00 pm

Keynote Speakers
Charity Founder - David Nugent
Co-Host and Board Member – Adele Farrell

7.45 PM LIVE AUCTION & FUND-A-NEED

8.20 PM DINNER SERVICE CONTINUES

9.00 PM CLOSING REMARKS

9.15PM NETWORKING RECEPTION

10.00 PM CONCLUSION OF FORMAL EVENT

PLEASE NOTE:

The bar will be temporarily closed during the speeches and fundraising portions of the event (approx. 7.30 pm – 8.20 pm) so that everyone can enjoy the program without distraction. We invite guests to refresh their drinks beforehand and settle in to enjoy this special part of the evening.

The Silent Auction will be open from 6 - 9 pm, and guests are encouraged to browse and bid throughout the evening. During the speeches and fundraising, the bar will be temporarily closed, and guests are requested to remain seated to avoid disrupting the program.

LIVE AUCTION

Presented by Auctioneer Mike Ivankovich

An Extraordinary Day at Merion Golf Club
Value $3000

An Evening to Remember at The Union League
Value $1200

The Bantry Bay Escape, in West Cork, Ireland
(Golf & Hotel)
Value $1000

The Ultimate Philly Sports Doubleheader
(Flyers & Sixers Tickets)
Value $750

The Ultimate Irish Escape in Waterville, Co. Kerry, Ireland
Value $5100

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Thank you for joining us for the inaugural Infinity Gala, presented by The Rise Above Fund in partnership with the Irish American Business Chamber & Network (IABCN), in support of The Kids Coach Autism Community Hub in Dublin.

Founded in 2022 by Adele Farrell and John Cummins, the Rise Above Fund is dedicated to improving the lives of children in need. The Infinity Gala brings this mission to life through generosity, partnership, and a shared commitment to making a lasting difference.

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The Kids Coach Autism Community Hub,
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Co-hosting The Infinity Gala with the Rise Above Fund is a reflection of that commitment. Tonight, our Philadelphia and Irish communities come together to support The Kids Coach Autism Community Hub in Dublin and its mission of creating a more inclusive world for autistic children and their families.

We are proud to play a part in bringing this community together and grateful to everyone whose generosity makes this evening possible.

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