

## **The Race Around Ireland Stops Off In Youghal**

**25<sup>th</sup> May 2010** – The Race Around Ireland have decided on the provisional route for September 2010 and it's passing through Youghal. The Walter Raleigh Hotel in Youghal has been named as an official time station and the Hotel has thrown its doors open for the race. Michael Davitt, Hotel Manager, said; *“We're very proud to be supporting The Race Around Ireland and Team Youghal as we see it as being a fantastic opportunity to enhance Youghal as a tourist destination while seeing up close what an extreme endurance race involves and supporting a well deserved local and international charity in the process.”* The Walter Raleigh Hotel has made accommodation available for all teams that are competing in the race and also will have a dedicated press room available for the media that will be following the event.

Time Stations will be set approximately 40 to 80 miles apart. At each Time Station a competing team must call into Race Headquarters and report their location and time. This information will be posted on the Race Around Ireland website and it will allow the officials, as well as team fans, to track the team's progress.

Ger Flanagan from Team Youghal said; *“We are delighted that The Race Around Ireland organisers have chosen Youghal as an official time station and also appreciate the support from Michael and The Walter Raleigh Hotel Team in putting Youghal on the cycling map for this endurance event. Team Youghal are training hard for the event and now that we have the provisional route we can start forming our race tactics to retain the eight man team accolade for 2010. We are still actively looking for sponsors to support Team Youghal and so far the response has exceeded our expectations but there is still a long way to go to reach our target. We are very appreciative of the support received so far considering the present economic climate. Our involvement in the race will be to raise awareness and funds for The Emer Casey Foundation which is doing very valuable work around the detection and treatment of ovarian and uterine cancer.”*

Team Youghal consists of an eight man cycling team with support crew. All cyclists are leisure cyclists who cycle for a hobby and include a Garda, Fire Officer, Electrician and a wide diversity of other professions.

Team Youghal will be competing in The Race Around Ireland which is part of the Ultra Marathon Cycling Association (UMCA) World Cup series which includes other huge endurance races such as The Race Across America.

Unlike other cycling races such as the RÁS or the Tour de France, the course is in no way roped off. There are no marshals controlling traffic flow and there are no planned rest stops or stages in this event. Once the clock starts in Navan at the starting time, it won't stop until each rider reaches the finish line at the end of the 2,100 km circuit.

Further Information:

<http://www.racearoundireland.com/default.asp> , <http://www.walterraleighhotel.com/>  
<http://www.emercaseyfoundation.com/>, <http://www.teamyoughal.com>

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