

Irish Autism Action & the 32 Marathon Challenge Team pay tribute to Niall McCrudden

Farewell to a Good Friend

Irish Autism Action and the 32 Marathon Challenge Team would like to pay tribute to a very good friend of the charity; Niall McCrudden who sadly passed away at the weekend.

Niall was a generous person with his time and his friendship. The contacts that he made on behalf of the I.A.A. have been a major factor in raising the profile of the charity in this country.

Niall brought his energy, ideas and ability to make connections to the benefit of all the charities he supported, especially Irish Autism. Pictured above at the IAA World Autism Day Penalty Shoot in 2009, Niall was generally agreed to be the life and soul of any event he supported and contributed hugely to its success.

Kevin Whelan, Irish Autism's CEO worked very closely with him and a strong friendship evolved. He is very greatly saddened by his death. He is however comforted by having had the pleasure of knowing such a generous man. Ken Whitelaw and Gerry Duffy of the 32 Marathon Challenge echo that sentiment.

IAA's Patron Keith Duffy said recently that Niall was "one of life's true gentlemen and had a heart the size of Ireland. Niall was such a selfless guy. This is a very sad day".



Niall McCrudden (right) with good friend Keith Duffy