

CPI2 IRELAND Guardian documentary « Pitching Up »

Go to the *Guardian Documentaries* channel on YouTube and look up the documentary “Pitching Up”.

Answer the questions below.

1. What is the population of Ballyhaunis?
2. How is the town described?
3. About how many different nationalities are there? Name at least 5.

4. What is the GAA?
5. How is the sport of hurling defined?
6. Why has Ballyhaunis lost a lot of young people?

7. What has been built in Ballyhaunis for Pakistani and Syrian communities? Give two examples.

8. What caused the rise in the number of Eastern European residents permanently living in Ballyhaunis?

9. How much contact do the different communities have with each other outside of the GAA?

10. What is one of the main challenges that Darran Conlon faces when training children in the GAA?

11. Why does Darran Conlon say his home community is “like the Mafia”?

12. When did Hannan Iqbal start learning hurling?
13. Why do so many people think he was born in Ballyhaunis?
14. How does Hannan respond when youths of his culture reproach him for spending all his time at the GAA?

15. What proportion of the local school children are immigrants?
16. Why does the school teacher think the arrival of the immigrant children was “one of the best things that happened”?
17. What is “direct provision”?

18. Where is Francisca Yobouet from?
19. How long was she in direct provision?
20. What was her weekly income for herself and her child?
21. Why does Darran Conlan say “It’s not Nirvana”?