

Árd Chonsalacht na hÉireann - Consulate General of Ireland

Newsletter – Nuachtlitir

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Consul General's Memo Teachtaireacht an Árd Chonsul

- **Fáilte - Welcome** to the Consulate's newsletter in which we highlight some interesting activities over the St Patrick's Day period & look ahead too! Thank you to all of the groups which make St Patrick's Day so special here in New York & in the Tri-State area. Your hard work means that our National Day is uniquely celebrated & the contribution of the Irish marked & remembered.
- In this issue we will look back at the recent visits of the Taoiseach and Government Ministers for St Patrick's Day related activities as well as focus on some new initiatives to promote business & tourism to Ireland. We will also provide some important consular information & update you on recent & upcoming cultural events in addition to updates from some of the many wonderful Irish & Irish-American networks in New York & the surrounding area.
- Enjoy our newsletter – Bainigí taitneamh as ár nuachtlitir - & make sure to share & keep in touch with us – whether directly or via Twitter or Linked In.
- *Noel Kilkenney, Consul General*



Go raibh maith agaibh – Thank you

The Consulate is honoured to have been invited to numerous St Patrick's Day related & community events since the beginning of the year. We recognise the incredible effort & devotion of so many members of our community in organising events to mark Ireland's National Day. There is nowhere in the world which celebrates St Patrick's Day like the United States of America and we were delighted to be able to attend many of the events including parades, installations of Grand Marshals, annual gatherings & cultural performances. Special thanks to Mayor Bloomberg, Governor Cuomo, Speaker Quinn, Comptroller Liu & the Borough Presidents for hosting events & honouring distinguished Irish & Irish-Americans for their service.

A very sincere go raibh maith agaibh – thank you - to everyone involved in organising St Patrick's Day-related events. We hope you get some well-earned rest before the planning begins for bigger & better events in 2013. If we can be of any assistance, just let us know.

St Patrick's Day Visitors – Cuairteoirí don Lá Fhéile Pádraig



Minister Burton at the Emerald Isle Centre with NY Jimmy Van Bramer, New York City Council Member for Queen's & Siobhán Dennehy, Director of the EIIC



Minister Lynch with Adrian Flannelly

The **Minister for Social Protection, Joan Burton** travelled to New York to represent the Government at a range of community & business events including;

- Visits to the Aisling, Emerald Isle & NY Irish Centers & meeting with the LGBT representatives;
- Irish Business Organisation event showcasing Irish food & drink at the Consulate;
- St Patrick's Day Parade;
- BNY Mellon briefing;
- Ireland Day at NYSE;
- Matheson Ormsby Prentice event marking 15th anniversary in US;
- Terry Rooney media event;
- Media briefings including Bloomberg, Forbes, MSN Money & Irish Radio Network.

The **Minister of State, Department of Health and Department of Justice, Equality & Defence with responsibility for Disability, Older People, Equality & Mental Health Kathleen Lynch** visited New York to attend & address the Council on the Status of Women at the United Nations. In addition, the Minister undertook a series of community-related activities. She officially opened the exhibition on emigrant women at the Mission of the Holy Rosary at State Street. She also marched in the St Pat's for all Parade in Queen's, the first Government Minister to do so. She also marched in the Rockaway Parade.

Ard Chonsalacht na hÉireann, Nua Eabhrac



The Taoiseach was interviewed on the trading floor of the NYSE by CNBC's 'Squawk on the Street'



Padraig Rushe, Bank of Ireland & member of the Green IFSC Steering Group, Andy O'Callaghan, Partner PWC, An Taoiseach Enda Kenny, Adrian Crawford, Tax Partner, KPMG and Gary McSharry, Arthur Cox.

Taoiseach at the NYSE

An Taoiseach Enda Kenny made his third trip to New York in recent weeks, stopping off en route to the White House, to deliver opening remarks at the second annual Ireland Day at the New York Stock Exchange.

In his comments, the Taoiseach reiterated his theme from the Clinton Investment Roundtable that 'now is the time to invest in Ireland'. He also briefed attendees on the progress which the Government has made in addressing our fiscal & economic challenges.

He highlighted a number of new initiatives including the Green IFSC initiative, a public/private project tasked with accelerating the growth of Ireland's green finance sector, where finance, trade, products and services are developed and exchanged in support of the global transition to a low-carbon economy. See

New initiatives – Dhá tionscnamh



- **The Gathering Ireland 2013** is a year- long celebration of everything great & unique about Ireland. It is an opportunity for us all to join a countrywide, citizen-led initiative to reach out to Ireland's global diaspora & their connections and to bring them to Ireland in 2013.
- The Gathering is something that has *never* before taken place in Ireland. We are inviting everyone who has ever felt or wanted to feel a connection to Ireland to visit and join in the many festivals, events and gatherings focusing on Ireland's vibrant living culture, our entrepreneurial spirit • & to celebrate a country steeped in natural beauty & history.
- We need everybody to tell family, friends and connections whether through business, associations, clubs or socially that now is the time to plan for 2013, *the* year to visit Ireland or come home.
- **Spread the word as much as possible, be part of it and embrace this wonderful year.** For more information Visit www.thegatheringireland.com

Connect Ireland: The aim is to find a connection in a company that is expanding internationally and introduce them to Connect Ireland. If that introduction leads to jobs being created in Ireland, then a Connector will receive a minimum of €1,500 per job (to a maximum of 100 jobs), subject to certain terms and conditions. The reward can be used personally, donated to a charity or waived as a mark of support for Ireland.

Succeed in Ireland is part of the Irish Government's 2012 Action Plan for Jobs. The initiative is designed to create jobs by attracting more foreign direct investment to Ireland and is being delivered by Connect Ireland.

For more information visit
www.connectireland.com



SHOW PRIDE — BRÓD - IN YOUR LANGUAGE.

USE WHAT YOU HAVE.

- Retired boxer Bernard Dunne has caught the imagination with his campaign to sign up 100,000 people who use little or no Irish now to use their Irish again, however much or however little that is. His RTÉ series 'is not a learning series. It's an appeal to show your pride, your "bród" in your language by using what you have – and we all have some'.
- 'It is a multi-platform campaign and once signed up to the **Bród Club**, members will be plugged into an entire community of like-minded people, spinning off into a range of Facebook and Twitter conversations. This online social network will also give you access to a wide range of tools to help you use the Irish language in your everyday lives.
- The campaign wants to make noise and will use a combination of guerrilla tactics, publicity stunts and local advocacy to re-ignite the spark in people to use Irish.
- This campaign is a national call to action. Sign up now at www.rte.ie
- Just in case you missed it, **Scéal na Gaeilge**, an RTÉ documentary charting the history of the language, can be accessed on [TG4 Player](#).

Investment news – Nuacht infheistíocht

- **BlackRock Inc**, the world's largest asset manager is to open a new office in Ireland, housing over 25 employees.

BlackRock, which manages \$3.5 trillion in assets and employs 10,100 people, is opening the office to serve its growing client base in Ireland. This client base is valued by BlackRock at over \$5bn. BlackRock serves Irish retail clients, Irish financial institutions and Irish pension schemes.

BlackRock is a worldwide investment manager, headquartered in New York, and its new Dublin office will be in Grand Mill Quay, Dublin.

IDA Ireland is targeting international financial services and investment management as key growth industries for Ireland.

- **Pay Pal**, the leading online payments provider, has announced 1000 new jobs in Ireland. The new roles will support PayPal's fast growing European business, which achieved \$1 billion in revenues for the first time in 2010.
- PayPal's European operation centre opened in Dublin in 2003. Since then the number of staff has increased from just 25 to more than 1,200 today. In 2009, PayPal invested €15 million in the establishment of a European Centre of Excellence in Blanchardstown, with the support of IDA Ireland. The Dublin centre manages all direct customer contact for PayPal's businesses across Europe.

For more information on why Ireland continues to such an attractive destination for US & global companies, visit <http://www.idaireland.com>



Euroscience Open Forum 2012

Dublin City of Science



- The Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF 2012) will take place in Dublin from 11-15 July.
- ESOF is an interdisciplinary, pan-European meeting, held under the auspices of Euroscience, which aims to showcase the latest advances in science and technology, promote a dialogue on the role of science and technology in society and public policy and to stimulate and provoke public interest, excitement and debate about science and technology.
- Dublin is shaping up to be the best and brightest ESOF to date. Across the four days there will be over 120 science, careers and science-to-business sessions, with 400 plus speakers, including 23 keynote speakers and five Nobel Laureate's, an interactive exhibition and busy marketplace and of course a lively social programme.
- Highlights include the keynote lecture by Jules Hoffmann, 2011 Joint Nobel Prize winner for Medicine, at the ESOF 2012 Opening Ceremony on 11th July, Policy Day on 13th July with the keynote address by Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science.
- The science programme includes current and relevant topics across a spectrum of disciplines. Highlights include sessions on exoplanets, planetary robots, building better athletes (timely as ESOF 2012 is just before the 2012 London Olympics), water-challenges for a changing world, science and innovation in the Islamic World, urban sustainability and the young academy movement.
- The event, which is held biannually in a European city, will bring together over 5,000 scientists, business leaders, government officials and international science and related media to discuss the best of European science and to address all of the major global challenges, including Energy, Climate Change, Food and Health. Visit www.dublinscience2012.ie & www.esof2012.org

Consular News



Travelling abroad this summer? Make sure to check your passport!

The Passport Office in Dublin has asked us to remind everyone to check their passport dates well in advance of any planned travel. Do make sure to get your applications in to us in plenty of time if you need a new one. For more information, [click here](#).

Citizenship News

There are new application forms for obtaining citizenship through Foreign Births Registration. [Click here](#) for more information on the process.

Register if you're travelling overseas

We encourage all Irish citizens travelling abroad to register their contact details with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Registration is voluntary; it's a facility available to all Irish citizens and is intended for use by

- people travelling on holidays;
- business travellers; and
- Irish citizens living overseas.

Registration is especially useful for people travelling to remote destinations, or locations where they may be at risk. It means that you can be contacted by the Department if an emergency arises.

You can find out more about the registration facility - and fill out a registration form - by [clicking here](#)

Need a certificate?

Irish birth, marriage, adoption and other civil certificates may now be bought online at www.certificates.ie

Business Networks – Na Gréasán gníomhaíocht

- **IBO News:** The Irish Business Organisation held a showcase for Irish food & drink which was hosted by the Consulate on 14 March & working closely with Susan Weldon of Bord Bia.



Gloria with at the launch of Opportunity Ireland

- **IBO President** Sheila Lynott-Hourican was honoured by Speaker Christine Quinn at a wonderful event on 27 March at the American Historical Society. News of IBO events, including the annual golf tournament can be found at ibonewyork.org

Opportunity Ireland: A unique public-private partnership trade mission to Ireland in June, is being led by the Irish Examiner USA in unison with the James Joyce Foundation, USA. It will be both a business and leisure/cultural experience that will showcase Ireland to companies with innovative technologies as a prime world class location to scale their business. Contact info@opportunity-ireland.org

IN-NYC: Belfast City Council and Northern Ireland Bureau hosted the Lord Mayor of Belfast, Niall O'Donnghaile & Alderman Christopher Stalford, Chairman of the Development Committee at Belfast City Council on 21 March.

The youthful & enthusiastic Lord Mayor & Alderman were excellent champions for Belfast & urged everyone to visit for the upcoming Titanic-related events.

- **IN-NYC** continues to develop its Mentoring Programme & in doing so is working closely with the IIBN. The Consulate is looking forward to hosting a mentoring breakfast on 18 April. For more information on this & on upcoming events, including an evening featuring Brendan Farrell of XSP & the annual soccer tournament visit www.irishnetwork-nyc.com



On the occasion of the **96th Anniversary of the Easter Rising**, the Consulate worked with Údarás na Gaeltachta to host a series of special screenings of documentaries produced by Abú Media, dramatising the life of the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Independence. Four of the seven signatories spent time in New York in the years leading up to the Rising & the Irish community in the United States was specifically referenced in the Proclamation.

Tuesday, 10th April – Glucksman Ireland House of Studies, New York University – *Patrick Pearse*: NYU History Professor Joe Lee hosted a Q&A after the screening.

Wednesday, 11th April – Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk & Queens: *Eamonn Ceannt*

Thursday, 12th April – Consulate General of Ireland: *James Connolly*

Friday, 13th April – New York Irish Center, Long Island: *Sean Mac Diarmada*

Saturday, 14th April – Irish American Heritage Museum, Albany: *Thomas MacDonagh*

It is expected that the complete series will be on sale later this year. For details of the series, see <http://www.consulateofirelandnewyork.org/home/index.aspx?id=87711>



Bunaíodh Údarás na Gaeltachta sa bhliain 1980. Tá an ghníomhaireacht Stáit seo freagrach as forbairt eacnamaíochta, shóisialta is chultúrtha na Gaeltachta.

Founded in 1980, Údarás is the regional authority responsible for the economic, social & cultural development of the Gaeltacht – the Irish-speaking region of Ireland.



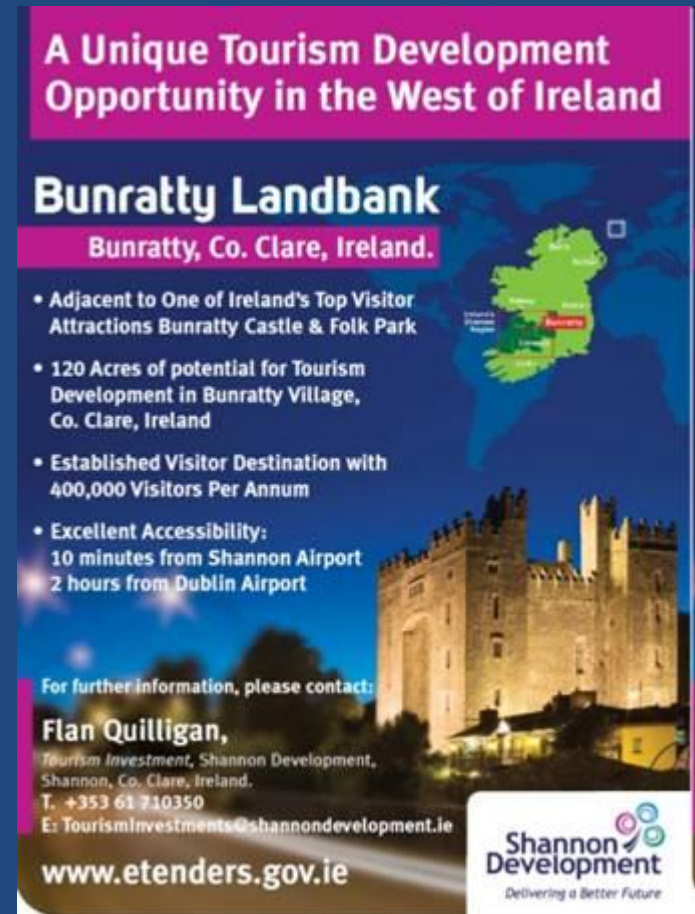
1916 Seachtar na Cásca is a major 7 part historical documentary series telling the stories behind the 7 signatories of the 1916 Easter Proclamation. Each episode tells the story of one of the signatories of the proclamation.

Established in 2000, Abú Media are an award winning Television & Film Production company producing a wide range of media content. The Television & Film division produces Feature Film, Drama, Documentary and Light Entertainment for both English and Irish speaking markets.

Abú Media also specialise in co-productions and co-financing International projects and are always keen to explore new partnerships with like-minded partners. The company is also one of the leading 'dubbing facilities' in Ireland, producing over 250 hours of material each year, primarily children's animation and international documentary series.

Shannon Region – Tourism & Investment Potential

- The Consulate was delighted to work with Shannon Development on an initiative to support their efforts to develop a 120 acre site at Bunratty, Co. Clare – for details see brochure on this page.
- Shannon Development are also working to promote the opportunities at Shannon Airport. There is a very strong case for airlines to look at increasing capacity into Shannon and Shannon Development have introduced a new incentive fund for airlines.



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Cultural News – An tÚll Glas

- Once – the musical inspired by the movie of the same name is playing on Broadway to rave reviews. Don't miss it. <http://oncemusical.com/>
- Craic Festival - The Consulate was also happy to support the ever popular Craic film and music festival from March 8 – 10. This year the Festival hosted a great mix of modern Irish film and music to New York audiences. Highlights included the showing of Parked, starring Colm Meaney, Limerick phenomenon “The Rubber Bandits”, as well as the very popular Kids Fleadh.
- Irish Arts Centre : in the spirit of St Patrick, the IAC once again organised a giveaway of 10,000 books by Irish authors in all five boroughs of the city. In the words of the CBS news report from a Chinatown venue ‘the curious swarmed the table, and eagerly grabbed copies’. <http://www.irishartscenter.org/>
- Chieftains in New York – Six-time Grammy winners celebrated with an appearance on the Jimmy Fallon show & anniversary concerts including New Jersey & Carnegie Hall with dancing, bagpipe playing & even space travel being showcased! Comhgairdeachas.
- Lehman College held a symposium on the short story in the Irish language on 24-25 February. Comhgairdeachas do an tUllamh Dr Tomás Ihde agus a cooibrihite;
- St John Fisher University hosted its first Irish Studies Conference on 19 March. More information can be found at; <http://www.sjfc.edu/news/detail.dot?id=9069dc8b-726e-4395-8a8e-d77437544fce>

Ireland House, New York – Áras na hÉireann, Nua Eabhrac



Ireland House New York was the first in the world to bring together all of Ireland's key agencies and is home to the Consulate General of Ireland & the investment, trade & tourism promotion agencies - Bord Bia (The Irish Food Board) - IDA Ireland – Enterprise Ireland – Tourism Ireland – CIE Tours.

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