

News about Ireland

The Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan, and Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Brendan Howlin, delivered the Government's [Spring Economic Statement](#), which outlined the approach to be taken to create jobs, sustain growth and invest in services between 2015 and 2020. Ireland's economy is forecast to grow by 4% this year, which would likely see Ireland again enjoying the fastest growth in the European Union.

Ambassador Anderson was interviewed during her visit to Charlotte by Chris William for the "[Carolina Business Review](#)". The Ambassador answered questions on US immigration reform, comparisons between the US and Irish health systems, and Ireland's economic recovery.

[The Irish Times](#) examined the success of the Fadó Irish pub company, led in the US by Atlanta-based Kieran McGill.

[Global Atlanta](#) took a look at the resumption of direct daily Delta flights between Atlanta and Dublin.

Enterprise Ireland focused on "[Irish entrepreneurs – the heroes of our economic recovery](#)".

Registration is now open for the first [Global Irish Civic Forum](#) which will be held at Dublin Castle between June 3 and 5.

A new documentary "[Gallipoli: Ireland's Forgotten Heroes](#)" is now available on the RTÉ International Player to mark 100 years since a battle in which 3,000 Irishmen died. Meanwhile, Atlanta's Jon Kiger is leading a delegation of 100 visitors from the US to Cork, Ireland, for the centenary commemoration of the sinking of the [Lusitania](#).

And voters in Ireland will have their say on two proposals in [referenda on Friday, May 22](#). The questions posed will ask whether two people should be allowed to marry regardless of their gender and whether the age for candidates to contest an election to become President should be reduced from 35 to 21.

Upcoming Events

The 150th birthday of W.B. Yeats – perhaps the greatest poet of the twentieth century – falls on Saturday, June 13. To mark the occasion, the Consulate, together with Emory University's Irish Studies Programme and W.B. Yeats Foundation, will be organising a major event at Emory that evening. If you are interested in joining this celebration of the finest Irish poetry ever written, please [contact us](#), marking 'Yeats Event' in the subject line. In the meantime, Tourism Ireland has produced this "[journey through Ireland with W.B. Yeats](#)" to whet your appetite.

The Rí Rá Clan na nGael Golf Classic, the main annual fundraiser for Gaelic Games in Atlanta, will take place this year on Saturday, May 9. Capacity is limited for what is a great event; you can register to play [on their website](#).

[Irish Theatre of Florida](#) in Delray Beach will produce performances of John B. Keane's play 'The Chastitute' at The Arts Studio (1201 North Federal Highway) on May 15 and 16.

Molly Darcy's and the Seanacháí Social Club will host a series of [Irish concerts in Charleston](#) this month.

The Atlanta Celtic Camp, with Irish music and Irish language lessons for kids aged 6-17, takes place in Roswell over June 8-12. You can register and find out more [on their website](#).

If there are Irish events you'd like us to highlight in future newsletters, please [contact us](#).

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