

NEWSLETTER



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Hello! Dia dhaoibh and welcome to the Consulate's second newsletter for the Irish Community in Wales, as we celebrate St Patrick's Day. Indeed this year, it seems like St Patrick's Season, with so many online events to mark the occasion. Stars of the show include the ongoing five-day St Patrick's Festival - featuring some great Welsh performances – in addition to Seoda, the Global Greening and a Late Late Show special! From 10.30 on St Patrick's Day, you can watch [President Higgin's](#) message.

In Wales, the Consulate team would love to welcome you to our [virtual reception](#), online [table quiz](#), or [pop-up Gaeltacht](#) this week. All are welcome/ Fáilte roimh cách - just click the link to register.

It's been a difficult year for many of us, not least being unable to visit family and friends at home. The aim of the diversity of St Patrick's events is to unite Irish people in Britain, Ireland, and around the globe in a moment of renewed connection and celebration. Full details are in the St Patrick's section below.

The Consulate team - myself, Niall Veale, Luke Pearson and Luke Webber - continues to work remotely for now, but can be contacted by email or phone. For regular updates, do follow us on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#). We hope to move into the new Consulate premises in early Summer, and look forward to welcoming you in person once that is possible.

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir - a very happy St Patrick's Day!

Denise Hanrahan
Consul General

LATEST NEWS

Earlier this month, on St David's Day, we were proud to launch of the first ever [Ireland Wales Shared Statement & Action Plan](#), through which the Irish & Welsh Governments will have created a framework to work with organisations and individuals to showcase and strengthen

the many existing partnerships, as well as to identify new opportunities to support new connections.

Also this month, the renowned [Other Voices Cardigan](#) Festival over two beautiful evenings at the National Museum streamed as part of Gwyl 2021. The fantastic bringing together of Irish & Welsh musicians, included Catrin Finch and Aoife ní Bhriain - the whole programme can still be watched for a few more weeks online..

Last but not least, many of you have been in touch with questions about changes arising from the UK's departure from the EU, and may find this "[Brexit & You](#)" information centre a useful reference.



First of all, do register your team in our [quiz this Friday night at 7pm](#) - there are prizes! In addition, you can watch the Consulate's virtual reception, or join the "ciorcal cómhra Cymru" at 7pm on Wednesday.

This year, St. Patrick's Day will also see a host of open online events - we've highlighted just a few here:

St Patrick's Festival

From 12th – 17th March, St. Patrick's Festival under the theme of "Dúisigh Éire! Awaken Ireland!" features more than 100 events, created by artists, performers, makers and dreamers across Ireland. With programming strands for music, young people, illuminations, conversations, and virtual parade workshops, there is something for all tastes, showcased through St. Patrick's Festival TV - SPF TV - at www.stpatricksfestival.ie.

For six great virtual days and nights, you can stream the full programme of events in real time, or replay favourite shows on the Festival website player. **Wales** features this (Tuesday) evening with [Seoda: Celtic Connections, hosted by Huw Stephens](#) with stellar performances from leading artists from Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

The Late Late Show St. Patrick's Day Special

Join Ryan Tubridy at **9.35pm**, for the first Late Late Show ever broadcast on a Wednesday. It is hoped the event will become a "global hub", attracting hundreds of thousands from around the world to celebrate "the joy, beauty and passion of being Irish". The Late Late will stream around the world on the RTÉ Player www.rte.ie/latelate

Enterprise Ireland, UK

At 14.30 on 17th March, Enterprise Ireland are hosting 'Nua: A Celebration of Irish Innovation', featuring a keynote address from Tánaiste Leo Varadkar. This virtual event will showcase some of the Irish solutions that have played an integral role in helping the UK navigate through a challenging and unprecedented year and celebrate the Irish- UK relationship. You can register [here](#).

St Patrick's Day at Home with Tourism Ireland

This unique 90-minute broadcast will beam out from three much-loved pubs in Dublin, Belfast and Dingle in County Kerry. There will be a huge welcome, traditional and modern Irish music and dance, fantastic fun and lots of surprises. SPD @ Home will be streamed on Tourism Ireland's Facebook and YouTube channels, with the event also including footage of the landmarks around the globe that are turning green for St Patrick's Day -keep an eye out for Castell Coch and Gwylch, lighting up in green this year for the first time! Tune in [here](#) from 7pm.

Culture Ireland - SEODA

Immediately after the St Patrick's Festival, over 100 artists will feature in Culture Ireland's SEODA, an online festival and global celebration of Irish culture that runs March 17-21, 2021. SEODA (Irish for 'jewels') celebrates Irish arts worldwide at a time when Irish artists would normally be supported by Culture Ireland to travel the globe. The 5-day festival will offer audiences more than two dozen events to enjoy. All events are available free through Culture Ireland's YouTube channel [here](#).

Mary Sullivan and The Newtown Association



We were very saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Sullivan on the 9th of November, 2020. Mary was a remarkable woman. She was Chair and Co-founder of the Newtown Association, an organisation she set up in 1996 to record the history of the Newtown community in Cardiff and to keep its memory alive. She was also instrumental in the creation of the Newtown Memorial Garden on Tyndall Street, where many of her friends gathered to pay their last respects and to commemorate her achievements.