

Community Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest community newsletter from Consulate General of Ireland in Cardiff.

Many of you have been in touch about the current travel restrictions, and we are pleased to share [a full update below](#) on the easing of restrictions which took effect yesterday, 19th July.

We have had a busy month over June, with our [Ambassador Adrian O'Neill visiting Cardiff](#), and a welcome new addition to Team Ireland in Great Britain in the opening of the new [Consulate General for the North of England](#), located in Manchester. We will be working closely together, beginning with tomorrow's [live webinar on the Common Travel Area](#) and what it means for Irish citizens in Britain. All welcome, sign up below.

The next Pop Up Gaeltacht - informal chat as Gaeilge on Zoom for all standards - will be on 28th July. You can register for the event [here](#).

We're looking forward to the Olympics starting in just two days - follow all the Team Ireland developments [here](#). Closer to home, GAA in Wales has been flourishing with the easing of restrictions and the energy and commitment of many. Best of luck to De Cymru Camogie in the All Britain Championship [Camogie Final](#) this Saturday, 24th July, and hard luck to St Colmcille's Cardiff senior men's team who just lost out in the Gloucestershire semi final.

We will take a little break, so the next community newsletter will be released in September. Until then, we hope you all have a lovely summer!

**UPCOMING EVENT:
THE COMMON TRAVEL AREA AND THE RIGHTS OF IRISH CITIZENS**

The **Common Travel Area (CTA)** is a long-standing arrangement between Ireland and the UK 

It ensures that Irish and British citizens can **live in and travel freely** between the UK and Ireland



Irish and British citizens continue to enjoy **reciprocal rights and privileges** on the same basis as citizens of the other State, including access to **employment, healthcare, all levels of education and social benefits**



Irish
in Britain

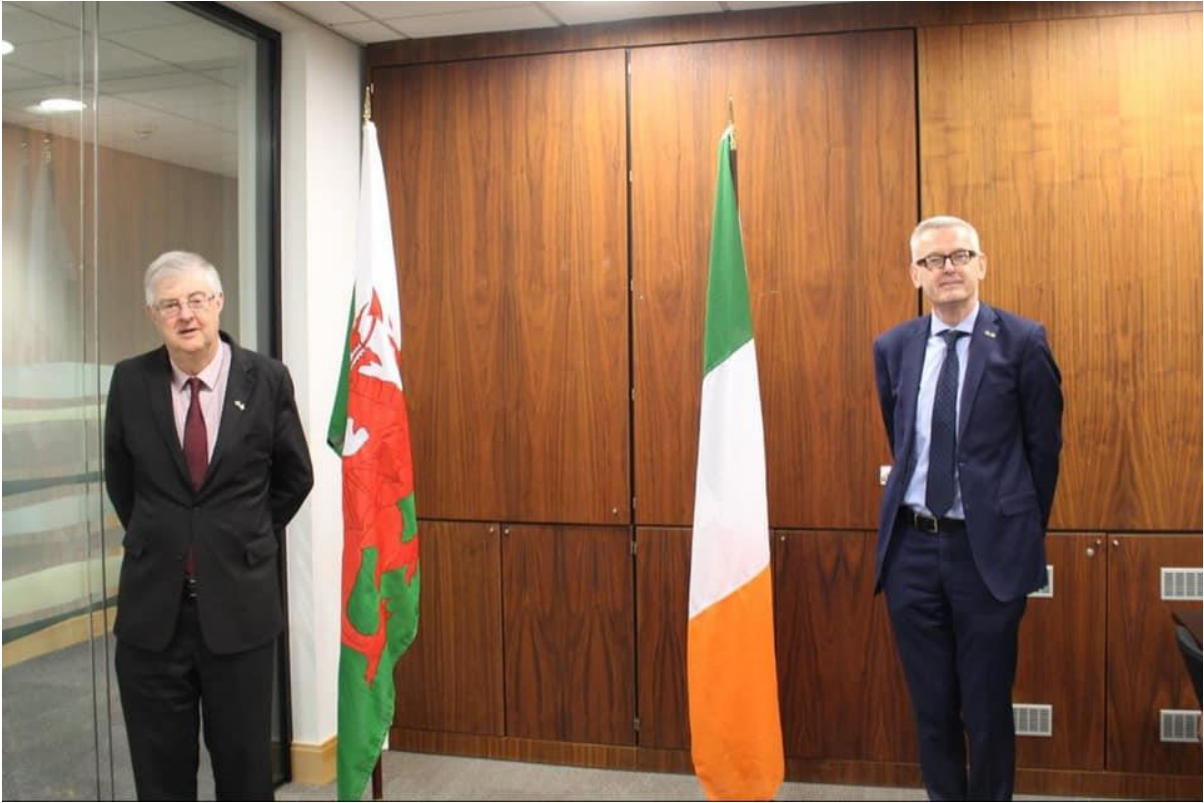

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Ireland Scotland Business Exchange

Are you familiar with the rights of EU citizens in Britain post-Brexit, & want to understand how the rights of Irish citizens differ due to the Common Travel Area? Join the Embassy of Ireland, London together with Consulates General Edinburgh, Manchester, and Cardiff for an online information webinar on the CTA, in partnership with Irish in Britain and Causeway.

You can register for the event at [Common Travel Area & what it means for the Irish in Britain Registration, Wed 21 Jul 2021 at 14:00 | Eventbrite.](#)

THE IRISH AMBASSADOR VISITS CARDIFF



Ambassador Adrian O'Neill paid a visit to Cardiff on 14 June, and had a very positive meeting with the First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford. Together with Consul General Denise Hanrahan, they discussed the historically strong relationship between Ireland and Wales and how we could deliver on the priorities agreed in the Shared Statement and Action Plan. Covid restrictions meant that the Ambassador was only able to meet with a limited number of contacts from academia, the Irish community, and the National Museum, and he was also delighted to see the new Consulate premises first hand.

The Statement outlines our joint commitment to bringing Ireland and Wales closer, improving on a modern and vibrant relationship, made up of links and collaboration across many and varied spheres of activity. You can read about the Shared Statement [here](#).

PASSPORTS & LATEST TRAVEL REGULATIONS



Passports

The Passport Service is now processing Passport Online applications. The fastest and cheapest way to get your first Irish passport or renew your passport is to apply [online](#). Latest information on passport processing arrangements can be found on the [Passport Service's Website](#).

Up to date information on Foreign Birth Registrations can be found on the dedicated [Foreign Births Registration webpage](#).

For regular travel and health updates, please visit our [website](#) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Travel

From Monday 19th July, travellers arriving in Ireland from Great Britain will not be required to quarantine if they have valid proof that: they are fully vaccinated, or recovered from Covid-19 (NHS Covid Pass, vaccination status letter or paper vaccine card will all be accepted).

Travellers who are not fully vaccinated will need a negative pre-departure PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival in Ireland. 14 days home quarantine will apply but people who take a second RT-PCR test, provided by the HSE, from day 5 after arrival can end quarantine early with a negative result.

Passengers arriving into Ireland/returning to Ireland must fill out the online Covid-19 [Passenger Locator Form](#) before departure.

From 19 July, children between the ages of 12 and 17 will be required to have a negative RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival into the country, unless they have valid proof of vaccination or recovery. Children of any age, travelling with accompanying vaccinated or recovered adults will not be required to self-quarantine post arrival. However, where one accompanying adult needs to self-quarantine, then all children must also self-quarantine.

Individuals travelling from Great Britain to Ireland via Northern Ireland should also complete the online Covid-19 [Passenger Locator Form](#) and follow the guidance above.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, and in particular the prevalence of the Delta variant, travel continues to carry an element of risk and travel rules are subject to change at very short notice, including the potential application of the “emergency brake” mechanism. We advise checking [Gov.ie](#) in case of updates before travel.

A NEW CONSULATE OPENS IN THE UK



We are delighted to welcome a new addition to Team Ireland in Great Britain with the opening of the Consulate General of Ireland in Manchester. The new Consulate General of Ireland for the North of England will work alongside & in partnership with the Manchester

office of Enterprise Ireland, which was established in April 2019 to support the growth of Irish businesses and trade.

The new Consulate is headed by Consul General Sarah Mangan with Vice Consul Carina O'Brien and will work to strengthen the many economic, community, and cultural links between the North of England and Ireland.

You can find out more about the new Consulate by visiting their [webpage](#).

INTERREG PROJECT OF THE MONTH -BLUEFISH



The Ireland Wales 2014-2020 European territorial Co-operation programme is a maritime programme connecting organisations, businesses and communities on the West coast of Wales with the South-East coast of Ireland. In each newsletter, we will be highlighting a project in the programme, sharing the latest updates and how you can learn more about it

Bluefish was created to develop knowledge and understanding of the marine resources of the Irish Sea and Celtic Seas by addressing knowledge gaps regarding the effects on and potential vulnerability of selected commercial fish and shellfish from predicted climate change. Through the combination of art and science, BlueFish set out to demystify climate change, build resilience and raise awareness of the effects on the coastal communities. The programme was led by Bangor University, bringing together Aberystwyth and Swansea Universities in Wales, the Marine Institute, Bord Iascaigh Mhara, and University College Cork in Ireland.

The Bluefish team has recently completed their project operations and held a closing conference on 24 -25 June Called "Dynamic Seas", when they shared thier key findings on the impact of climate change on the fishing industry.

You can explore highlights from their Dynamic Seas conference and other project activities on [Twitter](#) and on their [website](#).