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Embassy of Ireland in Bratislava Newsletter Summer 2021

Welcome to our summer newsletter. We have some major announcements for you regarding the Embassy. Ambassador Hilda Ó Riain and our consul Connor McDonagh are leaving us to return to Ireland to pursue exciting careers outside the Department of Foreign Affairs. We wish them the best of luck and a great time back home, closer to their families.

We are continuing our celebration of the **20th anniversary** of the Embassy in Slovakia. Photographs from St Patrick's Day reception were posted on our Facebook page in March. Since April, we have been sharing memories of previous Ambassadors. We'd love it if you could share your pictures, stories and memories, either with us directly, or by sharing them on social media with the hashtag #20rokovIrskanaSlovensku. The anniversary will be our theme of the year, culminating in October. We will keep you posted on all our plans and activities. Until then, please follow our Facebook to walk down memory lane with us.

Have a great summer!

The Embassy of Ireland in Bratislava

Events and activities

Bloomsday 2021 – 16 June at 17:00

We are pleased to invite you all for an evening of Irish literature with a glass of wine on the occasion of James Joyce' Ulysses day globally known as Bloomsday. Bratislava joins Dublin and many other cities around the world to pay tribute to this Irish phenomenon. The event will take place on 16 June from 17:00 at Letná čítareň U červeného raka in Bratislava. Don't forget your outfits!



Farewell community event



Thanks to some amazing volunteers from the Irish community, you are all invited to an Irish **community family sport day** on 4 July at Mladá Garda in Bratislava. There will be kids' activities, something for adults, food and beverages, and events throughout the day. A link to Facebook event with further details is [here](#). Please register for the event on Facebook so that the organisers know how many people will attend. See you all there – at long last in person!

Ambassador Ó Riain's farewell

Dear Irish community and friends of Ireland,
A cháirde,

It's been almost 4 years since my daughters and I arrived in Slovakia, and the time has gone so quickly. When we came they were children, and now they are almost teenagers. We will miss Slovakia and our friends here a lot. This was my second posting to Slovakia, and I have really grown attached to this country, its beautiful nature, and above all the people I have met here.

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to meet as usual at St Patrick's Day. I am very pleased that we will have an opportunity to meet at the Family Sports Day on 4 July instead. It would be very sad if I didn't get a chance to say goodbye in person to as many of you as possible.

My successor, Dermot McGauran will take up his post later in the summer, and I am sure that you will be as welcoming to him and his family as you have been to us. I will visit Slovakia in the future, and maybe I'll see some of you when you visit Ireland, once it is safe to travel again.

Take care.

Hilda



Save the date

Summer of Irish music



We are working on bringing some Irish musicians, dancers and singers to Bratislava for the traditional Irish contribution to the Bratislava summer of culture. Given the pandemic, details are not finalised yet but we will make sure to keep you posted.

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