

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the Consulate's newsletter for the Irish community in Wales, bringing you best wishes for St Patrick's Day – beannachtaí na Feile Pádraig oraibh go léir!

Ireland is strongly supporting Ukraine and we mark St Patrick's Day this year in solidarity with Ukrainians around the world.

This month we are pleased to bring you information about renewing your passport, updates about multiple Irish music events taking place for St Patrick's week in Wales and online, and information about joining the growing number of the local GAA clubs.

In Cardiff, the Consulate is hosting a formal reception on the 17th March, if you have not received an invitation, please register here: [St Patrick's Day Reception Tickets, Thu 17 Mar 2022 at 17:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Please do keep in touch and follow our [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest news.

Denise Hanrahan, Niall Veale, Luke Webber, Fred Till
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Cardiff Irish Community - Marking St Patrick's Day



St Colmcilles GAA are organising an Irish music night which will take place on Friday 18th March to mark St Patrick's Day. The event will take place upstairs at O'Neills on St Mary St. Cardiff from 8pm with live music from Fiddler's Elbow. Entry is £5 at the door and a fun evening is sure to be had. Further details can be found [here](#).

Comhaltas Irish Session Club Cardiff will also be hosting a special St Patrick's Day session at The Black Griffin Inn, Lisvane on 17th March, from 8:15pm. More information at their [Facebook page](#).

'A Celebration of Ireland' is a live concert featuring musicians and performers from the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama. The event is at Urban Crofters, Cardiff from 8pm on Friday 18th March. Tickets are available the door. £5 entry or £3 for students.

SEODA Festival

This week is Culture Ireland's SEODA Festival. SEODA brings you three exclusive performances everyday, spanning Irish music, theatre, opera, dance and more. All streaming on their [Youtube](#) channel.

St Patrick's Festival

It is back on your screens!

[Visit SPF TV](#) to watch hundreds of live and pre-recorded events showcasing the very best of Irish culture, including the legendary **St Patrick's Day Parade, live from Dublin!**

GAA growing in Wales



In January, Consul General Denise Hanrahan joined the FAW Chief Executive and Limerick man Noel Mooney at a special event with representatives from Limerick GAA County Board.

FA Wales welcomed the serial all-Ireland hurling champions to FAW HQ in the Vale to share knowledge on sports organisation and deepen the ties between Wales and Ireland and the GAA and association football traditions.

Limerick GAA also presented the Consulate with a jersey signed by the 2021 All Ireland hurling champions.

Get Involved!

The days are getting brighter, the league is underway - if you're in Cardiff, why not join [St Colmcilles GAA Cardiff](#) on Saturday mornings?!

And in Barry, there's the fledgling weekend [Barry Social Gaelic Football](#).

Or just a few miles over the road in Newport, [Pride of Erin gaa club Newport South Wales](#) are welcoming new players as they go from strength to strength.

And for would-be camogie players - check out [De Cymru Camogie Club](#), another new club who flew inspiringly high in 2021!

St Brigid's Day - Women's Voices in Arts & Media

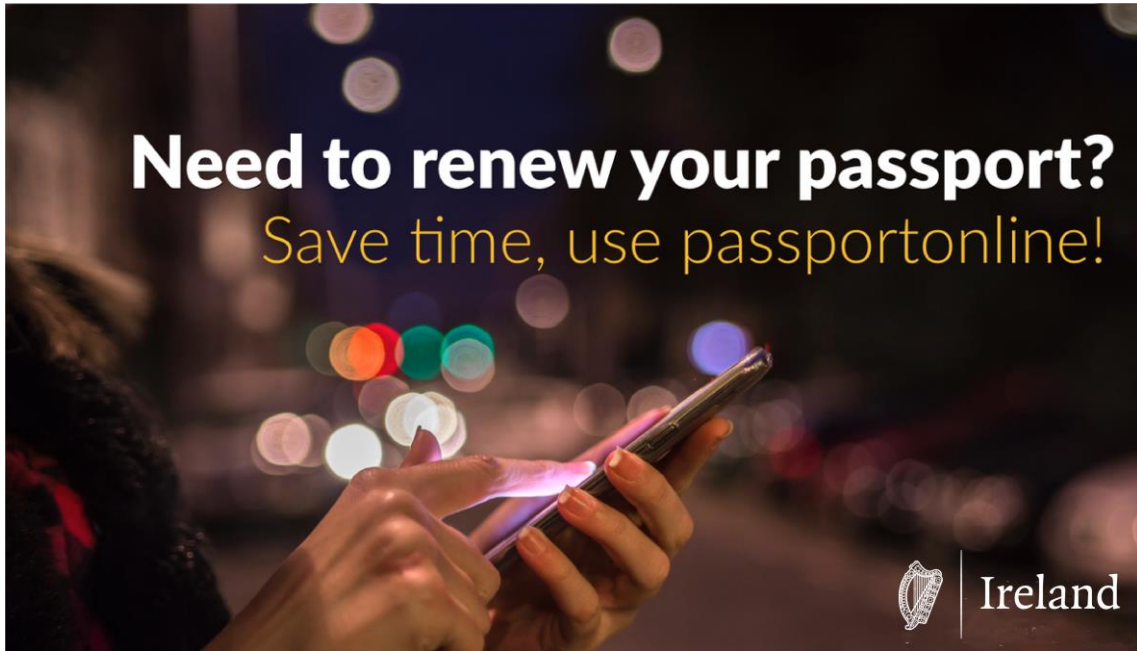
We marked St Brigid's Day 2022, by bringing together four women leaders from the arts and media to reflect on the power of women's voices in contemporary Ireland and Britain.

The challenging and thought-provoking discussion was a collaboration with our colleagues at [Consulate General of Ireland, Edinburgh](#) and Consulate General of Ireland, Manchester.

The panel was moderated by Ellen Coyne (Journalist - Irish Independent & Author of 'Are You There God?, It's Me Ellen') and features Sorcha Carey (current Director - Edinburgh Art Festival, Chair - Festivals Edinburgh & incoming Director of Collective – Centre for Contemporary Art), Emma Smith (Director, Liverpool Irish Festival) & Bethan Kilfoil (News Editor – RTE News & former Correspondent – BBC Wales News).

This fantastic panel was not to be missed, so we are delighted that the event video is now available on Youtube, for anybody who would like to watch it back...or again!





Do you need to renew your passport?

While [Passport Online](#) is the easiest and cheapest way for Irish citizens to renew their passport.

In cases of emergency only, the Passport Office in London has launched an innovative new Urgent Renewals Appointment Service.

To make an appointment for the urgent renewals appointment service, visit the Passport Office's [website](#).

Please be aware that:

- This service is not available for first time applicants
- Applicants with an existing online application cannot apply for the urgent renewal service
- There is an €75 appointment fee for each passport, in addition to the normal passport renewal charge

For any queries on this service, or any other passport queries for applicants resident in Great Britain, please [contact](#) the Passport Service.

COVID-19 – Updated Advice for Travel from Britain to Ireland

- Since Sunday 6 March 2022, travellers to Ireland are not required to show proof of vaccination, proof of recovery or a negative PCR test result upon arrival.
- There are no post-arrival testing or quarantine requirements for travellers to Ireland.
- Travellers to Ireland are no longer asked to complete a COVID-19 Passenger Locator Form.
- Travel carriers will not ask to check a PLF receipt prior to travel to Ireland.

[Click here](#) for more information.

