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Happy Saint Patrick's Day

A Letter from Ireland

a Chara,

It is that time of the year again. Happy Saint Patrick's Day, or Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona Daoibh, or even Happy Saint Paddy's Day. But never Happy St Patty's!

March 17th will be celebrated around the globe with music, parades, dancing, recitals, and landmarks illuminated green. There might even be the occasional party and a toast raised.

Ireland is an outlier as our national day is celebrated across many nations. It is an inclusive celebration at which all are welcome. A day when céad míle fáilte is more than a sign over the door, it is an invitation to come in and take a seat.

I have always wondered why St. Patrick's Day is celebrated so widely. Sometimes it takes an outsider to look in. I recently read Tom Hayden's, "Irish On The Inside". He details his journey as a sixties radical to uncover his Irish roots. A voyage of discovery is detailed in Tom Keneally's, "The Great Shame" about the Irish in Australia.

Both are books embedded in the emigrant experience. Generations that faced hardship, discrimination, and poverty. In Britain it was, "No Blacks, No Irish, No Dogs" and in the US it was, "No Irish Need Apply".

The Irish abroad balanced the need to assimilate to survive with the urge to hold onto their Irish culture and heritage. A pride in Ireland, but a recognition in the words of the Pogue's song, "Where e'er we go, we celebrate, the land that makes us refugees". Many could not contain these contradictions and got lost in despair, longing, and addiction.

Our history is one of colonialism and repression with the banning of the Irish language, music, dance, and the catholic religion. In 1603, Elizabeth I concerning Ireland, proclaimed, "Hang all harpers where found and burn the instruments".

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Through all of this, the culture endured in Ireland and traveled with the people into exile. Celebrating St. Patrick in Ireland became a religious duty, a cultural celebration, and an act of resistance. The wearing of green became a symbol of resistance for the United Irishmen. Across the globe, it became an act of solidarity and community.

The Irish Republican values of liberty, equality, and fraternity are universal. They define what is best in the Irish nation in all its diversity. Our culture is evolving, and thriving. Last weekend ten thousand turned up in Melbourne to support the Irish language rap trio, "Kneecap".

Some want to narrowly define what it means to be Irish. They are ignorant of our history. Ours is a shared culture, open and inclusive. We have never set out to conquer any nation or exclude others. The Irish people have set up homes across the globe, contributed, and maintained the connection to Ireland.

So here's to celebrating all that is good with Ireland, our culture and experience.

Remember sixty-two nations celebrate Independence from Britain, this St. Patrick's Day let us commit to making Ireland the sixty-third.

Slánite!

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

Irish America believes it's time to plan for unity

On page A7 of Wednesday's New York Times, Friends of Sinn Féin raised the call of Irish America:

Irish America believes that the Irish Government has a constitutional obligation to plan for the unity referendums promised in the Good Friday Agreement. It is failing to meet that obligation.

Irish Government Ministers will travel across America this St. Patrick's Day.

This St. Patrick's Day, let them know it's time to commit to building a new and United Ireland!

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This St. Patrick's Day - is the Irish Government listening?

***The new Irish Government has dropped Irish
Unity from its Programme for Government.***

*It has also dropped its long standing promise
to permit the diaspora to vote in the Irish
Presidential elections.*

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Are they listening?

*It is time to respect the right of all Irish Citizens to elect the Irish
President. It is time the Irish government planned and prepared
for Unity.*

***This St. Patrick's Day, let the Irish
Government know it's time to commit to
building a new and United Ireland.***



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A Plan for Unity

Sinn Féin is a United Ireland party. Our core political objective is to achieve Irish Unity and the referendum on Unity contained in the Good Friday Agreement that is the means to secure this.

In a new publication Sinn Féin sets out our Plan for Unity: A United Ireland – A Plan for Reunification/Plean d’Aontacht na hÉireann. Our goal is to build a new Ireland – based on the 1916 Proclamation - that is home to all of our people and which is dedicated to equality, reconciliation, opportunity, and prosperity. A new Ireland which ends divisions, embraces those who define as British and unionist and which in the words of Wolfe Tone unites Catholic, Protestant and Dissenter. A United Ireland offers a new beginning. A new start which will provide a greater range of economic, employment and improved public services than ever before.

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Let's build the future of Ireland together - major speech by Michelle O'Neill

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People's Assembly on the future of Ireland called on all those with a stake in the question to come together and play their part in road mapping out how best to achieve a future Ireland based on equality for all its citizens.



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Leveraging the St. Patrick's Day Season: A Strategy to Press Irish Government Officials on Unification

By Brendan McGovern

As the St. Patrick's Day season approaches, Irish government officials will once again make their way to the United States for parades, cultural celebrations, and political events. From New York to Washington, D.C., to Boston and beyond, these visits present a unique opportunity for Irish America to hold them accountable on one of the most pressing issues of our time—Irish unification.

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interests. But too often, discussions of Ireland's constitutional future are sidestepped in favor of safe diplomacy and business investment. This St. Patrick's season, we must ensure that the issue of unification is not just on the agenda—it must be at the forefront of every conversation.

Why Now?

Momentum for Irish unity is growing. Changing demographics in the North, shifting political landscapes, and Brexit's fallout have all fueled renewed conversations about a referendum on unification. Polls indicate increasing support for a border poll, and Sinn Féin's electoral success on both sides of the border has further demonstrated the demand for change.

Yet, the Irish Government—the co-guarantor of the Good Friday Agreement—has been hesitant to take the necessary steps to prepare for unity. A Citizens' Assembly, a White Paper on unification, and active engagement with nationalist and unionist communities in the North are all necessary measures that have yet to be taken. The Irish Government must be reminded that its role is not to act as a neutral observer but to actively plan and advocate for a united Ireland.

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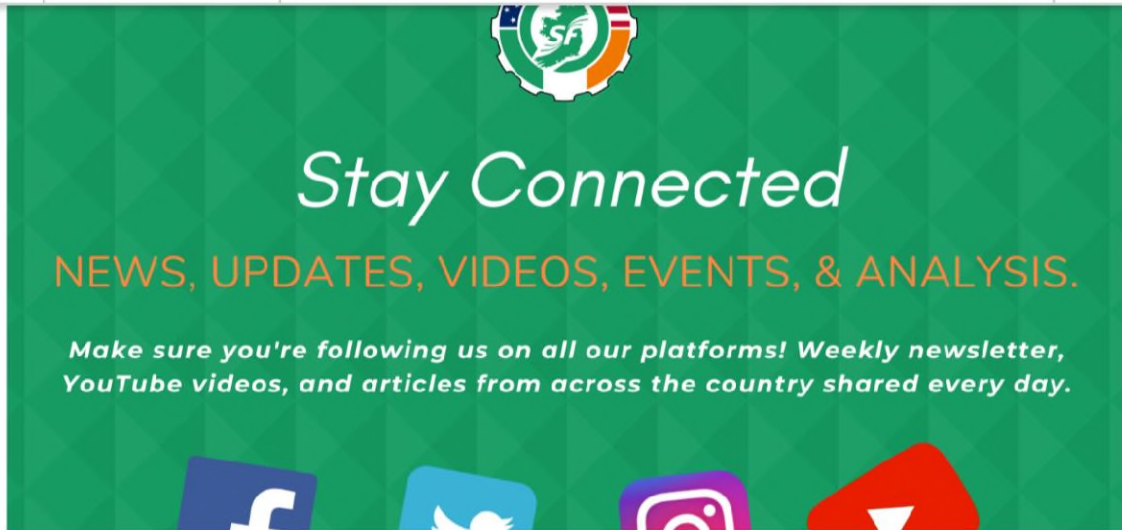
Brendan McGovern is an Irish American activist and community organizer who wrote and submitted this piece for publication. Readers can submit stories for publication and consideration at admin@friendsofsinnfein.com.

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Easter Commemoration in San Francisco with Galway East Sinn Féin TD Louis O'Hara

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Sinn Féin Senator Conor Murphy delivers Mike Quill Lecture at Quill Connolly Day in New York

On Thursday night, Sinn Féin Senator Conor Murphy delivered the 2025 Mike Quill Lecture at the Quill Connolly Day event hosted by the Transit Workers Union.

Senator Murphy said, “Like Connolly, he came to America as a rebel. He knew injustice when he saw it. And he saw it on the New York Transport system. Working twelve hours a day, seven days a week he vowed to build a union in the tradition of Connolly and Larkin. A Transport Workers Union.

He drew on the talents of other Irish Republicans in exile. The members of Clán na Gael knew how to organize in secret and were prepared for the fight.

We have a saying in Ireland that a life in struggle is a life well lived. Mike Quill led a life well lived.

His legacy is found in this room and wherever workers meet.”

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