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Easter: A time to remember and to recommit to building a new and united Ireland

A Letter from Ireland

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Easter is the time when we remember Ireland's Patriots. Those who have struggled, and those who gave their lives for the cause of Irish freedom.

Marking the 1916 Rising and also the advent of Spring and renewal. It is a time to catch up with friends and comrades, to remember, and to recommit to building a new and united Ireland.

Unlike other generations, we have the Good Friday Agreement which provides a peaceful and democratic pathway to Irish unity. The years of conflict are over. Politics, dialogue, and campaigning are the way forward.

"Last week in Philadelphia, speaking at an Ireland's Future event, the former Taoiseach and leader of Fine Gael, Leo Varadkar said, "building a new Ireland, a united Ireland, is the political project of our generation".

Irish unity is no longer an aspiration or distant concept. We have a pathway, we now need a unity of purpose shared by all who believe in constitutional change in Ireland and abroad.

Following the signing of the Good Friday Agreement the Irish Constitution was changed to state that unity is the "firm will of the Irish nation" and would be brought

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Achieving Irish unity is a constitutional imperative, an objective meant to be shared between all Irish Political parties and the nation at large. Quite telling in the remarks of Leo Varadkar was the line, "As is always the case, the impetus for great change must come from below. It will not come from above."

Almost on cue the current Taoiseach Micheál Martin, leader of Fianna Fáil was interviewed and ruled out planning or preparing for unity referendums in the lifetime of the current government, When pushed about his vision for 2075 he could not even use the phrase united Ireland!

Martin represents the status quo mindset, that I guess, Leo Varadkar was addressing. Hiding behind a "now is not the time" manta to cover up for their lack of vision. Holding back progress to hold on to power and position.

In refusing to plan, prepare, or countenance unity referendums Micheál Martin is seeking to exercise an effective veto on the rights of the people to determine their constitutional future. A position that is an undermining of the Good Friday Agreement, an abdication of a constitutional imperative, and a refusal to vindicate the rights of Irish citizens to self-determination north and south.

Change must come from below. Irish governments and Taoisigh come and go. Their positions can be changed by popular opinion.

I do not doubt that if an Irish government began a serious process of planning for unity it would have the support of Oireachtas and the Irish nation at home or abroad. To do so would be wholly consistent with the Good Friday Agreement, a surprise to no one and a relief to many.

This Easter we must continue to build a unity of purpose for constitutional change with or without Micheál Martin.

I have an image of a small man calling out, "now is not the time, it should be all about building relationships ", as the volunteers marched to the GPO.

Thankfully the Volunteers marched on and the rest is history.

Have a great weekend and remember to wear an Easter lily to honor Ireland's patriots.

Is mise,

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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New Video Update

Sinn Féin Representative to North America Ciarán Quinn and Friends of Sinn Féin Executive Director Greg O'Loughlin discuss recent Irish Government and Opposition formation issues, discuss the latest in legacy news, preview upcoming Easter events, and upcoming Irish Unity People's Assemblies which will take place in Nashville, TN, Cincinnati, OH, and Chicago, IL.



Easter 2025 Events

Make your plans now to join us at one of these events across the country in the coming days and weeks. Wear a Easter Lily and honor Ireland's Patriot Dead.

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Easter Events with Sinn Féin Representatives in the US

CHICAGO

6:30pm Saturday, April 19th - Irish American Heritage Centre
Special Guest: Cathal Mallaghan - caseythepiper@gmail.com for info

SAN FRANCISCO

11:00am Sunday, April 20th Holy Cross Cemetery Colma
Special Guest: Louis O'Hara - loughscally@yahoo.com for info

NEW YORK

11:30am Sunday, April 20th Calgary Cemetery Queens
Special Guest: Kathleen Funchion - danielgbrowne@aol.com for info

LONG ISLAND

12:00 pm, Monday April 21st Irish Monument Mineola NY
Special Guest: Kathleen Funchion - mglennon@abglaw.com for info

PHILADELPHIA

12:30pm Sunday, April 27th Holy Cross Cemetery, Yardley PA
Special Guest: Linda Dillon - kthamelin@outlook.com for info



Nashville, TN, Cincinnati, OH, & Chicago, IL to host “Irish Unity People’s Assemblies” - Registration now open!

The “Irish Unity People's Assembly: Diaspora” is on the move and coming to [Nashville, TN](#), [Cincinnati, OH](#), and [Chicago, IL](#)! Pat Cullen MP will be our special guest. Info & registration links below.

Be a part of the conversation about creating a new & united Ireland!

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ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



Wednesday, May 28th, 2025
Nashville, TN
Scarritt Bennett Center

Featuring Pat Cullen, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



AN COIMISIÚN
UM THODHCHAÍ
NA hÉIREANN

NASHVILLE, TN

ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



Thursday, May 29th, 2025
Cincinnati, OH
Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati

Featuring Pat Cullen, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



AN COIMISIÚN
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NA hÉIREANN

CINCINNATI, OH

ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



Saturday, May 31st, 2025
Chicago, IL
Irish American Heritage Center of Chicago

Featuring Pat Cullen, MP

A conversation with the diaspora, the descendants of Ireland, and all those who support Irish unity.



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NA hÉIREANN

CHICAGO, IL

April 22 - Martin McGuinness Peace Foundation Dinner in New York

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The Martin McGuinness Peace Foundation 2025 Chieftain's Dinner NYC

Save the Date
April 22, 2025

Special Guest Speaker:
Kathleen Funchion, MEP

Date: April 22, 2025

Location: Bobby Vans

Address: 135 W 50th St, New York, NY 10020
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Easter 1916

The annual commemoration of the Easter Rising (Éirí Amach na Cásca) of 1916 will be held at St. Michael's Cemetery (1601 State St. Springfield, MA) on Easter Sunday, April 20th. Join us to celebrate the anniversary of the uprising which changed forever the course of Irish History.

At 4pm sharp, a procession will take place to the graveside of Irish Volunteer Patrick Hagerty. There will be a short ceremony, with readings in both English and Irish.

The annual presentation of the Hagerty Award for Selfless Dedication to the Cause of Irish Freedom will take place at the graveside.

Afterward, everyone's invited back to the Members Lounge of the John Boyle O'Reilly Club for an evening of fun and entertainment.

Music by the Bards

No Admission Charge

Photos below from an educational slide show to be shown at the club Easter Sunday



New Issue of Éire Nua

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NEW IRELAND EARRAIGH 2025 SPRING EAGRÁN ISSUE 9  **ÉIRE NUA**

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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KEEP TALKING ABOUT PALESTINE



Seasann Muid Leis an Phalaistín

Enact the Occupied Territories Bill and Illegal Israeli Settlements Divestment Bill.

Chicago Easter Commemoration

Saturday April 19, 2025, with Sinn Féin MP Cathal Mallaghan.

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Organized 1867
A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO IRELAND
Josie Connolly Camp / Chicago

109th Easter Commemoration Dinner and Dance Erin Ballroom

Saturday, April 19th, 2025 6:30 p.m.

At Irish Heritage Center
4626 N. Knox Ave. Chicago, IL

Tickets: \$50

Cocktails at 6:30

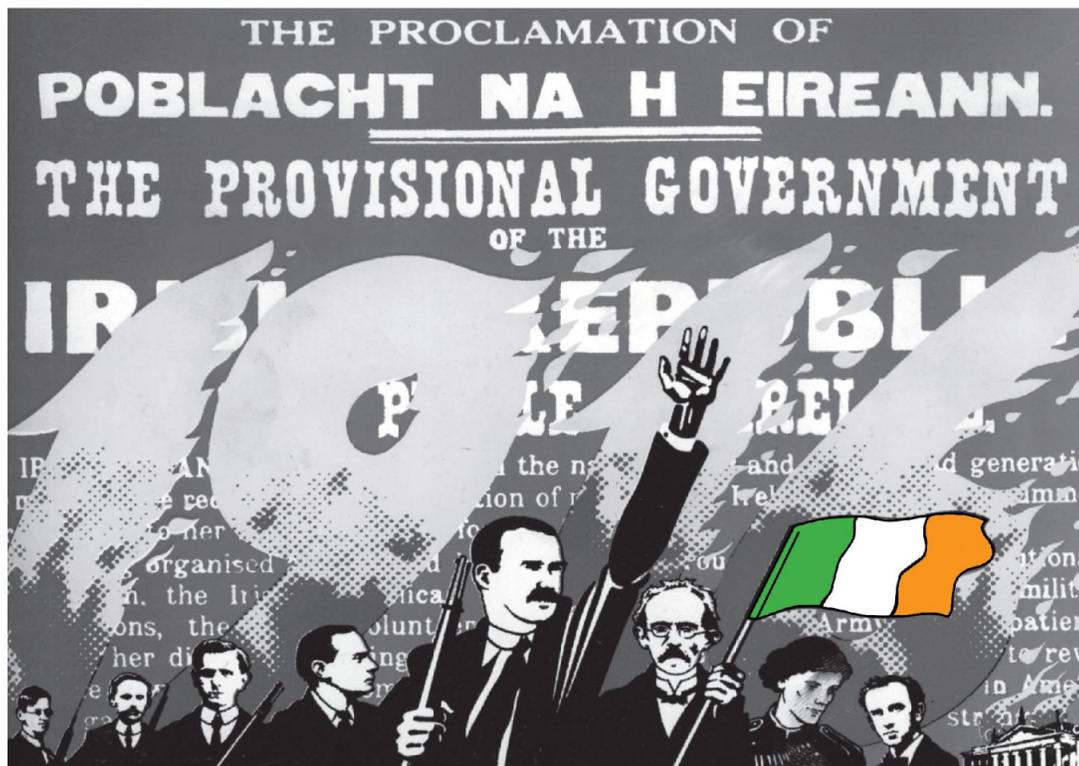
Guest Speaker: **Cathal Mallaghan, Sinn Fein**

Honoree: **Finola Fagan**

Cash Bar

Live Music by Joe McShane

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Sinn Féin delegation meets British Secretary of State and urges political action

Sinn Féin Leader Mary Lou McDonald TD, Deputy Leader Michelle O'Neill MLA, and MP John Finucane met today in Belfast with the British Secretary of State, Hilary Benn MP.

Following the meeting, Mary Lou McDonald said: "Our delegation urged the British Secretary of State to heed both the Courts and the widow of murdered GAA official and father of six, Seán Brown, who was murdered by a loyalist gang in 1997, and to do the right thing by granting a full public inquiry.

"The Court of Appeal ruled on 3rd April that the British Government's ongoing refusal to hold such an inquiry is 'unlawful and cannot stand' and gave the Secretary of State

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“With that deadline approaching, we impressed upon Mr Benn the need to act – both to ensure legal accountability and to deliver truth and justice to Mrs Bridie Brown and her family.”

She added: “We also raised the redevelopment of Casement Park.

“At the weekend, Gaels took to the streets of Belfast, demonstrating strong support for the new GAA stadium. We are doing all we can to get construction underway, but clarity is needed on the British Government’s financial contribution – beyond that of the Executive and the GAA.

“The Secretary of State informed us that a bid has been made to London and a decision is expected in June.

“Sinn Féin is fully committed to delivering Casement Park in the Executive. It is a necessary project, long overdue, and enjoys widespread public support across Ulster and the entire island. What we need now is swift, decisive action.

“Finally, we discussed the growing political momentum around constitutional change and the prospect of a border poll.

“Sinn Féin believes the Irish Government must begin preparations for an inclusive, informed public conversation involving all parties across the island.

“It is also imperative that the British Government recognise the significant change now underway and that they embrace the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement to hold a referendum and give people the democratic freedom to support Irish reunification, or the constitutional future they wish to live in.”

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

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ANNUAL 1916 EASTER RISING COMMEMORATION
AT THE GRAVE OF THOMAS DESMOND
Fenian Organizer and Catalpa rescue participant
HOLY CROSS CEMETERY, COLMA.
Easter Sunday 20th April
Assemble main Gate 11am.
March to graveside with the Pearse and Connolly Fife and
Drum Band
Reading of Phoblacht Na Eireann
Main Oration by
GALWAY EAST SINN FEIN TD.
LOUIS O' HARA



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