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The Legacy of St. Patrick's Day

A letter from Ireland

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What unites seven diverse Irish American groups, President Trump, New York Mayor Mandami and Governor Hochul? All raised the prospect of Irish Unity and self-determination.

To mark St. Patrick's Day, seven Irish American groups signed on to advertisements calling on the Irish and British Governments to plan, prepare, and set a date for the Irish Unity Referendums.

It was a diverse group with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians representing the largest Irish American groups, alongside the Brehon Law Society, an umbrella group for Irish American lawyers across New York and the James Connolly Irish American Labour Coalition, the Irish American Unity Committee, the Knights of the Red Branch, and Friends of Sinn Féin.

The advertisement was carried across Irish American Media and on St. Patrick's Day, placed in The New York Times. On the same day, New York Governor Kathy Hochul restated her support for Irish Unity, and Mayor Mamdani recognised the resistance and solidarity of the Irish and their right to self-determination.

In Washington D.C., speaking at a lunch in Congress attended by members, the Taoiseach and the DUP's Deputy First Minister, President Trump floated the idea of a

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That must have been uncomfortable listening for a Taoiseach who refuses to plan, prepare or advocate for Irish Unity.

Across the US and Canada, the Irish Unity message was shared at parades and functions.

This reflects the growing support for unity that we are witnessing across North America. The call for unity has been made in state houses, Irish Centres, Congressional Offices, across dinner tables, and in conference centres.

Friends of Sinn Féin USA has an online activist group that meets monthly and has produced a series of online video interviews, is producing study guides, and is issuing calls to action.

It is the classic approach of educate, activate and organise, brought up to date for the online generation. This month, the Cleveland Mayor issued a proclamation, and the City Council recognised both the right to self-determination enshrined in the Good Friday Agreement and the motion agreed by the Dáil on the need to plan and prepare for unity.

An Taoiseach Martin recently said the calls for unity were "not much substance" and "premature." It would appear that he is not listening to Irish America, the New York Mayor and Governor, or getting reports from various St. Patrick's Day parades, such as Toronto, where Irish Unity was front and centre.

The work across the US and Canada continues to build and manage a coalition for unity and the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. At present, the only group opposing this is the Irish Government of Micheal Martin.

Your voice can and must be heard across the US and in Dublin.

Have a great weekend, and remember that Irish Unity is not just for St. Patrick's Day, but forever.

Ciarán

Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America

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Irish America Says: Time to plan for Irish Unity

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LET THE IRISH HAVE THEIR SAY.

In 1916 the leaders of the Easter Rising, with the support of their “*EXILED CHILDREN IN AMERICA,*” declared a free, sovereign and United Ireland.

In 1998, the Good Friday Agreement was signed, with the support of Irish-America. It provides a peaceful and democratic pathway to Irish Unity.

In 2025 the Irish Parliament unanimously called on the Irish Government to plan and secure a date for the Unity Referendums provided for in the Good Friday Agreement.

This Saint Patrick's Day, we call on the Irish government to **establish Citizens' Assemblies** to encourage the conversation on the shape of the New and United Ireland.

We urge the Irish and British governments to honor the commitment in the Good Friday Agreement and **set a date for Unity Referendums.**

IT'S TIME FOR THE PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR SAY.



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Cathal Mallaghan MP in New York City

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officials, labor unions, and community leaders to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the strong connections between Ireland and the Irish diaspora.

While in New York, he said, "It is fantastic to be in New York celebrating St Patrick's Day and to meet with Mayor Mamdani.

"On days like this we are reminded about the courage and ambition of the Irish men and women who crossed the Atlantic and helped build this city.

"Their legacy lives on in every corner of New York.

"The ties between Ireland and New York remain as strong as ever.

"I was honoured to speak about Irish unity to a packed room with the James Connolly Irish American Labor Coalition. A really inspiring discussion on the future of Ireland.

"It was also great to join the fantastic St Patrick's day parade along 5th Avenue, passing landmarks such as St Patrick's Cathedral and to celebrate with the communities that keep their Irish heritage so alive in New York.

"Seeing Mary Robinson recognised at the Mayor's breakfast reception was also a special moment.

"A proud celebration of Ireland in America."



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Join us on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 3:00pm ET for the next Irish Unity People's Assembly for the Diaspora. This is a virtual event that will take place on zoom. Special guest Dáire Hughes MP for Newry and Armagh will provide an update on the latest news and analysis and then registrants will join small discussion groups focused on next steps for Irish America. Registration is free and space is limited.

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Sinn Féin MP for Newry and Armagh

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



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Irish Unity Education Webinar with Rev. Karen Sethuraman

Watch the latest episode of the Irish Unity Education Webinar series. Friends of Sinn Féin USA Executive Director Greg O'Loughlin was joined by Rev Karen Sethuraman. She is the first female Baptist Minister on the island of Ireland. She also serves on the board of Ireland's Future and has decades of community organizing and leaders experience.

Our conversation covered a lot of ground - from the Belfast Mayor's office to community centers, from international perspectives to the importance of knowing your

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