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**UNITED STATES**  
**UNITED IRELAND**

Hello!

It's time for our next meeting!

**Monday, March 9 at 7:00pm ET, right here: <https://zoom.us/j/92086241930>**

### **Outreach and engagement:**

Update: We've been meeting often to put together the plan for our first **Virtual Irish Unity People's Assembly for the Diaspora!** It's scheduled for **Sunday, March 29th at 3:00pm ET**. We will be joined by **Dáire Hughes MP** and we'll host a modified version of the in-person Assemblies you all joined.

### **GOAL - more details for the Online Assembly**

#### **Education:**

Ben Collins reviewed the Study Guide and was "impressed"! He also offered to join one of our Study Group calls once we get a schedule and plan set up.  
Outstanding work!

### **GOAL - Schedule, plan, and outline for the "Irish Unity Dividend" Study Group**

#### **Resolutions:**

Update: As you may have seen in the last newsletter, the Mayor and Council of Columbus, OH - the capitol and largest city in Ohio, and 15th largest city in the United States - expressed their support for need to plan and prepare for Irish Unity earlier this month.

Impressive work, Mike, Colleen, Sean, and Resolutions crew!

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need?

I will be travelling to Albany, NY during this meeting, but you'll be in good hands - Tricia and Savannah from the Outreach and Engagement Committee will be facilitating the call, so we can keep our regular day and time, and not lose a step. Thank you both!

Remember - it's better when you're there, and we have a lot of work to continue to do!

Sincerely,

Greg O'Loughlin  
Executive Director  
Friends of Sinn Féin

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# ON THE FUTURE OF IRELAND



Sunday, March 29th, 2026

3:00pm ET

**Virtual - Zoom**

**Featuring Dáire Hughes**

**Sinn Féin MP for Newry and Armagh**

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



AN COIMISIÚN  
UM THODHCHAÍ  
NA hÉIREANN

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Sethuraman**

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## Norms

**Participate to the fullest of your ability, respect others when they are talking, and be present.**

This can look like:

- Keeping your mic on mute when you are not speaking
- Refraining from chatting about unrelated topics
- Cameras on during calls and meetings

**Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing**

Speak from "I" instead of "they," "we," and "you".

**Our goal is not to agree on everything -- it is to advance the cause of a new and united Ireland.**

We all share the same goal, but we don't all have to agree on every detail of politics, current events, or analysis. Disagreement is ok - healthy even - but we are working together to advance the cause of a new and united Ireland, and anything else that detracts attention, resources, or energy away from that has no place on our calls. Disagreements can come out of committees and into a smaller discussion.

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their minds over time, and some projects are best served by a lack of attention. All of that is better served by a sense of confidentiality. There are no secrets, but there is an expectation that everyone will have had a chance to review any and everything that is shared publicly.

### **Some practices that help support the work:**

**Parking Lot:** If you have an idea, question, or some feedback that is important for the group, but not pertinent to the goals or conversation during the limited time we have, add it to [The Parking Lot](#). Ideas and questions can be addressed and answered asynchronously and raised at future meetings as needed.

**Three Before Me** - In virtual group work, it can be challenging to get a word in or to monitor how much air-time you're taking up. A good rule of thumb can be: once you've spoken up in the group, let at least three people speak before you chime in again.

**It's better when you're here** - We're all volunteers and we're all trying our best. We don't take attendance, but we do rely on one another to get the job done. Let your committee chair know if you said you'd do a task or get something done but now can't for whatever reason. If you're in a season in your life where you can take on a little more work, let your committee chair know. If you need to take a break from the meetings and the work, let your committee and chair know. We're making extraordinary progress as a team, and we should do our best to treat one another as teammates.



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