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## Pre-gaming St. Patrick's Day

### A letter from Ireland

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Greetings from New York, where I am pre-gaming St. Patrick's Day with Louise O'Reilly TD and Greg O'Loughlin, Executive Director of Friends of Sinn Féin USA. In Albany, we had the opportunity to attend events at the Governor's residence and a dinner in the AOH Hall hosted by the Irish-American State Legislators Caucus.

In the State Capitol, we had the opportunity to discuss advancing the cause of Irish Unity with supporters and members of the State Senate and Assembly. We are now in New York City to meet with the Labour leaders, Irish American medical professionals, Lawyers, political leaders, and supporters.

There is an old joke that there are only two kinds of people in the world: those who are Irish and those who want to be Irish.

In all the events I have attended this week, there is a grain of truth in the joke. There is immense pride in those with a tie to Ireland. It has held strong over generations.

Stories of forced immigration and hardship. A shared love of Irish culture, music, stories, songs, art and literature. The hyphen in Irish-American is a bridge between the past and the present.

Where there is Irish history, there is also hope, a desire for the best for our island and our people. It crosses social class, geography, and politics. Today, it is finding voice in rising support for Irish Unity. The recognition that Irish America can and will play a role

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choice and not a necessity, and where the path back home is clear.

But what about those who are not lucky enough to be Irish or have an Irish heritage?

Next week, many will join in with the wearing of the green. Irish culture is celebrated across the globe. We are renowned for our welcome, the céad míle fáilte, and the place at the table. That openness is a mark of who we are as an Irish nation.

Our culture has never been exclusive; it is shared, shaped, and changes over time.

The Dubliners were once dismissed and devalued for popularizing the culture.

The Pogues, a London Irish phenomenon, shaped Irish Traditional music and paved the way in the US for the Dropkick Murphys and, in turn, shaped a new generation of traditional musicians and ballad bands in Ireland.

The same can be said for the language, which is experiencing a resurgence thanks to Kneecap and a group that raps in Irish.

Today gaeltachts are popping up from East Belfast to East Nashville.

Gaelic games are played by men and women with a ferocity and skill unmatched by anytime in our history. The GAA remains the anchor of communities in Ireland and across the globe.

Cultures that do not evolve and change with each generation lose relevance and decline.

Ireland is changing, as it always has, our culture is stronger than ever, and our values are steadfast.

So true to those values, whether you are Irish or not, you are all welcome to celebrate with us.

Have a great weekend.

Ciarán

**Ciarán Quinn is the Sinn Féin Representative to North America**

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## March Video Update

It's St. Patrick's Day season, and we discuss the vital role of Irish America and diaspora, meetings and labor events in New York, and more!



## Louise O'Reilly TD in New York

Louise O'Reilly TD was in New York this week for a series of meeting and events celebrating the St. Partick's Day season.

While in Albany, she met with elected representatives, community leaders, and members of the the American Irish Legislators Society of New York for discussions about this special moment in history and the vital role of Irish America.

In New York, Louise addressed the Brehon Law Society's annual banquet, thanking the assembled judges, lawyers, and community leaders for their continued commitment to human and civil rights as we continue the journey for the right to self determination and the need to plan and prepare for Irish Unity.

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## Sinn Féin North Belfast MP John Finucane Attends civil case in London

Sinn Féin North Belfast MP John Finucane attended the civil case involving Gerry Adams in London this week.

Speaking outside the Court, John Finucane said, "This morning we had the conclusion of the evidence of Shane Paul O'Doherty. I think what was very striking about that evidence was that Mr. O'Doherty was unable to provide any evidence around the three bomb attacks that are central to this claim.

"He also accepted that he has never met Gerry Adams, he's never been in a meeting with Gerry Adams, he has never spoken to Gerry Adams and he accepted that no one had ever told him that Gerry Adams was in the IRA. And in fact the very first time he was ever in contact with Gerry Adams was in the court yesterday and today.

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“Mr. O’Doherty was followed by the evidence of former British intelligence officer Richard Kemp. Mr. Kemp made a number of assertions on intelligence but was unable to provide a single document to back up any of the claims he was making in court. For me that was also very striking.

“Mr. Kemp was asked about the conclusion of reports that centre around collusion. Reports such as the Stevens 1, 2, and 3; the De Silva Report and the Operation Kenova report which criticised the failure of intelligence and the fact that it can often be inaccurate.

“When it was put to Mr. Kemp that the British Army was dependent on intelligence from the Force Research Unit, a British Army organisation that led to the deaths of multiple people, including my own father, he admitted that they were. When asked if that information could be highly misleading he said that in line with the reports it could.”

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**IRISH REPUBLIC**  
TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

**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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## Diaspora: Virtual

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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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.

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NA hÉIREANN

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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 neighbors.



## Busting United Ireland Myths

As you're making your plans for St. Patrick's Day events, why not print these out and share them with your friends, colleagues, and any dignitaries speaking at your parade and celebrations? Everyone will be excited about being seen to be green - let's make sure they know that it's time for unity!

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# BUSTING THE UNITED IRELAND MYTHS

**Irish Unity is the future.**

A United Ireland – a new and shared Ireland – will unlock the full potential of our island people and provide the basis on which a stronger and fairer society can be built.

Ending partition and the Westminster control of part of our island is central to building a modern, inclusive, fair society, and a country, within the EU, which can play its full part in the world.



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#Time4Unity  
Am d'Aontacht

However some myths about Irish Unity remain – **let's deal with them....**

**MYTH**  
**THE SOUTH CAN'T AFFORD THE NORTH**

**FALSE**

Academic research shows how reunification could provide a major boost to the all island economy. The southern economy, while in need of reform, is consistently ranked highly on global performance indexes. However, border counties and the west of Ireland are disadvantaged by partition and Dublin government policy. Reunification would unlock the full potential of our island economy.

**MYTH**  
**I'D HAVE TO PAY FOR HEALTHCARE**

**FALSE**

Reunification paves the way towards a universal, free at the point of delivery healthcare system for the whole island. Sinn Féin is committed to a single all-island healthcare system. This is the most sensible way to plan and deliver healthcare to the whole population of Ireland.

**MYTH**  
**MY STANDARD OF LIVING WILL DECREASE**

**FALSE**

Irish Unity will not threaten anyone's standard of living, it will boost the island economy meaning that more people will be working and contributing. That means more money is available for public services.

**MYTH**  
**THE NORTH HAS A BETTER EDUCATION SYSTEM**

**FALSE**

Educational outcomes in the north compare poorly with the south and many areas of Britain. Irish unity will enable the redesign of the education system across the island so that all children fulfil their potential.

**MYTH**  
**I WON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME BENEFITS**

**FALSE**

Social Protection and Pension payments in the south are significantly more generous than the north. The British government's policy of cuts is unfair and people in the north of Ireland should not have to live under Tory austerity.

**MYTH**  
**BRITAIN PAYS A €9BILLION SUBVENTION TO THE NORTH**

**FALSE**

British spending on military, servicing huge debt and overseas interests should not be shouldered by anybody in Ireland. When this spending is removed, and pension obligations are met, the true subvention value could be as low as £2.5 billion. However the subvention is only necessary because the economy of the north is held back by partition. The economic dividend brought by unity would make the subvention unnecessary.

**MYTH**  
**A UNITED IRELAND WILL NOT ACCOMMODATE PROTESTANT, UNIONIST AND BRITISH IDENTITY**

**FALSE**

The Good Friday Agreement provides protections for identity. The Good Friday Agreement will also protect identity in the new united Ireland. Furthermore, people of all traditions will be protected in law. The new Ireland provides an unparalleled opportunity to end divisions. Sinn Féin envisages a future based on equality and the unity of Catholic, Protestant and Dissenter.



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