

## **Irish News**

In his [address](#) to the American Chamber of Commerce in Ireland Thanksgiving lunch, the Taoiseach announced that “Next year, for the first time since the [financial] crisis began, we expect to welcome home more people than will leave”

Minister Flanagan launched our 2016 [Programme of Commemoration events in the UK](#) on Nov 23

300 key influencers from 29 countries attended the 2015 [Global Irish Economic Forum](#) Nov 19-21. The forum continues to generate job-creating initiatives and deepen links with the global Irish diaspora. A delegation of six represented the South East of the U.S. at the forum.

On Nov 18 the World Trade Centre Savannah announced that Ireland has been added to its list of target countries for economic cooperation during an Investing in Ireland seminar. That evening, the [Centre for Irish Research and Teaching](#), Georgia Southern University hosted a celebration of Irish Savannah and the Wexford-Savannah Axis Research Project. Consul General Stephens and Mr Larry Byrne of Club Choice Ireland spoke at both events

Another milestone peace agreement was signed by the Parties in Northern Ireland on Nov 17. Read the Statements by the [Taoiseach](#) and [Minister Flanagan](#)

Ireland grieved the terrible attacks in Paris on Nov 13

The High Level Steering Group for the Boston College-Georgia Tech Game in Dublin visited Atlanta on Nov 12 to spread the good news. Georgia Tech President Bud Peterson and Bill Duffy, the new President of the Irish Chamber of Atlanta, hosted [pitch-side events](#) and a major lunch meeting ([covered by Global Atlanta](#)) for the delegation led by Glen Dimplex Chief Executive Neil Naughton. Irish newspapers, including the [Irish Independent](#), Sunday Times and Sunday Business Post, also covered the visit

Minister Flanagan commented on news of [changes to the operation of the J1](#) student work and holiday scheme on Nov 12. The Consulate website has an information [note](#) on the changes.

Apple announced plans to [expand its operations in Cork](#) to allow for 1000 new employees

The Government published the details of its [programme](#) to mark the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme

## **Upcoming Events in the South East**

The 8th Annual [Celtic Kid's Christmas event](#) will take place at Ri Ra Irish Pub on Dec 13 2-4pm.

The [Lisa Kelly Celtic Christmas Concert](#) will take place in Peachtree City on Dec 13

Na Fidleiri and guest John Doyle perform a [Christmas concert](#) in Savannah on Dec 13 and Dec 14 in Charleston

The Celtic Company's [Celtic Christmas Concert](#) will take place on Dec 19 and 20 at the Rialto Centre for the Arts, Georgia State University. This long-running event is well known for its celebration of Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Appalachian music, dance, song, poetry and mirth

On Dec 21 at 11am and Dec 24 at 7pm, Georgia Public Broadcasting will broadcast the award-winning [Southern Celtic Christmas Concert](#) produced by the W.B. Yeats Foundation under the direction of James W. Flannery. The program celebrates the Christmas traditions of Ireland in music, dance, poetry, song and story and the continuation of many of the same traditions here in the American South.

If there are Irish events you would like us to highlight in future newsletters or if you know others who would like to receive these newsletters [please let us know](#)

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