



Welcome to the Consulate General's May newsletter for the Irish Community in Wales.

This month, our big news is that we have moved into the dedicated Consulate premises in Cardiff Bay -more below.

Although Irish citizens do **not** need to apply for Settled Status, due to the [Common Travel Area](#), we are asking you to remind your friends, colleagues and neighbours to be aware of the 30 June deadline for EU citizens to apply for Settled Status.

**Some dates for your diary:**

- **Ciorcal Comhra Cymru:** Our relaxed Irish language conversation group "[Ciorcal Comhra Cymru](#)" meets next Tuesday, 25th May at 7pm on Zoom. Bígí linn!
  - **The Vulcan Pub project:** National Museum Wales is hosting a talk on 24 June about the recreation of Cardiff's famous Vulcan Pub. The St Fagan's Historic Building Team dismantled The Vulcan in 2012 and are carefully rebuilding it using the original stones, bricks and woodwork, bringing back to how it was as refurbished in 1915. They are also keen to hear about any stories, pictures or objects connected to the pub. Register at this [link](#).
  - **Holyhead Port Fest:** as part of "Ports Past & Present" is on next Friday 28th May - See more details and [sign up for free here](#).
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## NEW CONSULATE GENERAL OF IRELAND PREMISES



In late April, we were proud to take up our permanent office space within the Consulate General established in our permanent office in Cardiff Bay.

In line with Welsh Government guidance, we remain closed to the public but very much open for business by phone and email. As we finalise the moving-in process, we are delighted with the potential this new building has to offer.

We are still working within Welsh Government guidelines around office work and are still closed to the public, but we are looking forward to welcoming guests and hosting events as soon as we are able. Watch this space!

Our new address is:  
2 Caspian Point, Cardiff CF10 4DQ, United Kingdom

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## PASSPORTS & LATEST TRAVEL REGULATIONS



Currently, passengers arriving into Ireland, including those whose journey originated in Great Britain, are required to have a negative / not detected result from a pre-departure COVID-19 RT-PCR test taken within 72 hours before their arrival in Ireland. Further information and latest updates on this requirement are available at [gov.ie](https://www.gov.ie)

The Passport Service is now processing Passport Online applications and is scaling up operations to clear all applications on hand within 6-8 weeks. The fastest and cheapest way to get your first Irish passport or renew your passport is to apply [online](#). Latest information on passport processing arrangements can be found on the [Passport Service's Website](#).

Up to date information on Foreign Birth Registrations can be found on the dedicated [Foreign Births Registration webpage](#).

For regular travel and health updates, please visit our [website](#) and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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## GAELIC SPORTS RETURN TO THE FIELD



With the easing of Coronavirus restrictions in Wales, GAA clubs have been able to return to the field, with leagues restarted and players active again. If you or someone you know fancy trying their hand at an Irish sport, contact your local club and join the fun!

With the help of staff from St Joseph's Primary School in Swansea, Gaels from the 11 clubs that make up Gloucestershire GAA County Board (which is home to the Welsh clubs) to record a Welsh language version of the GAA manifesto, 'Where We All Belong', that beautifully illustrates how GAA members all belong to the same community regardless where they are in the world. Clips came in from the wilds of snowy Carmarthenshire to the south coast sunshine of Dorset! You can watch the video on youtube [HERE](#).

[Camarthenshire GAA](#)

[St Colmilles GAA](#) (Cardiff)

[Pride of Erin GAA](#) (Newport)

[St Josephs GAA](#) (Swansea)

[De Cymru Hurling Club](#) (South Wales)

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## INTERREG PROJECT OF THE MONTH -CHERISH



The Ireland Wales 2014-2020 European territorial Co-operation programme is a maritime programme connecting organisations, businesses and communities on the West coast of Wales with the South-East coast of Ireland. Once a month, we will be highlighting a project in the programme, sharing the latest updates and how you can learn more about it.

CHERISH (Climate, Heritage and Environments of Reefs, Islands, and Headlands) is a 6-year European-funded Ireland-Wales project, bringing together four partners across two nations: the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales, the Discovery Programme: Centre for Archaeology and Innovation Ireland, Aberystwyth University: Department of Geography and Earth Sciences and Geological Survey, Ireland. The project began in January 2017 and will run until June 2023.

CHERISH is a truly cross-disciplinary project aimed at raising awareness and understanding of the past, present and near-future impacts of climate change, storminess, and extreme weather events on the rich cultural heritage of our sea and coast.

The project recently hosted a Coastal Cultural heritage and Climate Change Conference with a whole range of international presenters discussing topics set around the world. If you missed it, the conference will be uploaded on the [CHERISH website](#) over the summer.

You can learn more about CHERISH by following them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).