

IRISH DIASPORA CENTER

The Irish Diaspora Center has been serving the needs of the Irish and Irish-American communities in the Philadelphia region since 1998. Our mission is to strengthen our heritage by providing the Irish Diaspora in the Greater Philadelphia area with consular, immigration and community-building social services.

Our aim is to promote Irish culture and identity by creating strong local networks of individuals, organizations and businesses. We work with the government of Ireland and other Irish organizations throughout the U.S. The Irish Diaspora Center is a voice for Irish Philadelphia on both national and international levels.

The Center is located in Delaware County and everyone is welcome.

Please call ahead to book an appointment.

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Foróige Youth Club



Foróige is Ireland's leading youth organization. Here at the Irish Diaspora Center we have opened our doors to Foróige's first international youth club. This youth program aims to foster a sense of Irish identity and heritage among the young people who participate. The club provides a safe place for young people (ages from 11-18 years old) to hang out and meet new friends.

We encourage volunteer leaders to help the group organize both fun and community activities. All are welcome to join and bring friends along.

Summer Immersion Program

We are proud to offer a summer immersion program to rising sophomores to seniors each summer. Our program consists of two weeks traveling in and around Ireland, meeting peers from Ireland, participating in adventure sports like surfing, kayaking, and horseback riding, and seeing the beautiful sights of Ireland that are a bit different than the tourist hot spots.

We accept 25 students to travel with us each summer. Applications are available by calling our office or emailing ciaran@icphila.org.

Partnerships

We collaborate and partner with a variety of local, national and international Irish organizations.

- **Foróige** - Youth Organization
- **Irish Center** - Commodore John Barry Arts and Cultural Center
- **Irish Network Philadelphia**
- **Coalition of Irish Diaspora Centers**
- **Brehon Law Society**
- **Irish American Business Chamber & Network**

The Irish Diaspora Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We are supported by the generosity of the Irish Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and through contributions by individuals and organizations in our community.

Sign up to our email newsletter via our website or email us at info@icphila.org.

SERVICES

Legal Services

Every month we host two free legal clinics offering access to the expertise of licensed immigration attorneys. These legal clinics provide professional, confidential consultations and services to all, regardless of their immigration status. Our attorneys speak English and Spanish and give their services at our clinic pro-bono.

Key Services:

- Consultations on immigration, family, and criminal law queries;
- Assistance with U.S. citizenship applications;
- Assistance with Permanent Resident Card (Green Card) renewals;
- Guidance on obtaining family-based petitions;
- Guidance on obtaining other visas to live and work in the United States.

Irish Passport & Citizenship Services

We provide a wide range of Irish passport and citizenship services including:

- Passport renewals;
- First-time passports;
- Passports for minors;
- Passport cards;
- Passport photos;
- Assistance with emergency travel documents;
- Irish citizenship applications for eligible Irish Americans;
- Information and advice for new arrivals and those returning to Ireland.

Senior Outreach Program

We are dedicated to engaging older people within our community. We do this by hosting our thriving Senior Outreach Program. In addition to providing a social and cultural outlet for seniors, the program also offers support and education on health and elder care. Seniors are encouraged to maintain ties to their heritage, community and friends.

Our Senior Outreach Program consists of:

- Weekly group meetings in the Irish Diaspora Center;
- Social, cultural and educational events, including day trips, guest speakers, music, films, trivia, bingo and health screenings;
- Information on benefits;
- Social networking with other retirees;
- Friendly visits.

Genealogy Group

Second Tuesday of each month at 11 am and the final Thursday of each month at 7 pm.

This group employs the self-help method of research. Each gathering highlights a special topic of interest related to Irish history and culture as well as the following features:

- Resources and tips for collecting genealogical information
- Information on local events associated with genealogy
- DNA studies
- Shared library of books and articles on Irish history and culture
- Community of sharing and support in tracing family connections