



IrishEcho

Big Irish Campfire 2021
10am-4:15pm Eastern,
Rosie O'Grady's, New York, NY
Friday 27 August
Hybrid
Followed by Gala Dinner
honoring The Rebuilders (6-9pm)



Community & Irish Centers



Festivals & Parades



Culture & Arts



An Ghaeilge



Sport



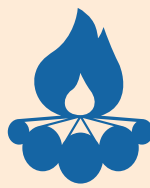
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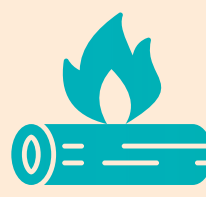
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Tourism



Business



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Program

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Agenda All times EST

*Moderator Leo McGuire, MBA, Head of Security/Dir. Of Risk Management, Paramus, NJ
Treasurer, AOH New Jersey*

- 10am** **Opening Address:** Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato, Assembly District 23, New York, NY
- 10:15am** **Rebuilding Community: A Call to Action for Irish American Colleges**
Chair Rob Walsh, Special Advisor to President of Manhattan College
Panel: Katie Conboy, President, St Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN
Seamus Carey, President Iona College, New Rochelle, NY
Lori Gallagher, Director William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies, University of St Thomas, Houston, TX
Brian Browne, Executive Director for University Relations, St John's University, Queen's, NY
- 10:45am** **Fuelling the Revival: Small Businesses at the Heart of Prosperous Communities**
Chair: Brian Moran, Small Business Edge Podcast
Panel: Kathleen Maguire, First Contact NY
Conor Hawkins, GM Curtiss Hotel, Buffalo, NY
Kathy Bellwoar, PPT Consulting, Philadelphia, PA
Larry O'Toole, President, Gentle Giant Moving Company, Boston, MA
- 11:15am** **When the Healing Has Begun: Irish American Arts as Post-Pandemic Tonic**
Chair: Maria Deasy, Chair Irish American Writers and Artists Inc.
Panel: Clodagh Bowyer, former Deputy Director, Irish Screen America, former Screen Ireland Los Angeles Representative, Film Producer.
Catherine Barry, VP The Irish Literary and Historical Society, San Francisco, CA
Bob Kearney, Maine Irish Heritage Center, Portland, ME
Larry Kirwan, Author, Playwright, Singer-Songwriter, New York, NY
- 11:45am** **Bouncing Back: Reinvigorating our Irish Museums, Arts and Heritage Centers**
Chair Elizabeth Stack, Executive Director Irish American History Museum, Albany, NY
Panel: Maureen Kennedy, Irish Heritage Center of Cincinnati, OH
Bernadette Foley, President Irish American Home Society, Glastonbury, CT
Natalie Nugent-O'Shea, Executive Director Celtic Junction Arts Centre, St Paul, MN
Representative of Irish American Cultural Center of New England, Canton, MA
- 12:15pm** **Rebuilding the Irish American Community: Irish Organisations Rising to the Challenge**
Introductory Presentation by Daniel O'Connell
Chair: Daniel O'Connell, President Ancient Order of Hibernians
Panel: Pat Uniacke, San Francisco GAA, Chair San Francisco Irish Famine Memorial Committee, Past-President GAA North America, San Francisco, CA
Sandra Feeney-Charles, Executive Director Aisling Irish Center
Lisa Maloney, Senior VP, Berkadia Commercial Mortgage, VP Irish American Business Chamber & Network, Philadelphia, PA
Maura Clare, Executive Board, Irish Network USA and New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade, New Haven, CT
- 12:45** **Irish America Giving Back: A Shoulder to Lean on for The Irish Diaspora**
Chair: Emily Ashinhurst, Executive Director, Irish Diaspora Center, Havertown, PA
Panel: Siobhán Dennehy, Executive Director Emerald Isle Immigration Center, Queen's County, NY
Marilyn Madigan, Vice President Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Liam Reidy, President, United Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA
Gwen Glazier, President, The Women of Irish Heritage Inc, Northern New Jersey, NJ

- 1:10pm. A Novel Podcast and An Historic Petition**
Sophie Colgan, Host Navigating New York podcast.
- 1:15pm Tús Úr: Lessons from Lockdown: How to Build on Increased Interest in Irish Language Across America**
Fáilte: Introduction by Representative of Foras na Gaeilge
Chair: Caoimhe Nic Giollarnáith, Irish Network NYC
Panel: Vincent Beach, Chairman St Pat's-St Jarlath's GAC, Cleveland, OH
Prof Keola Donaghy, University of Hawai'i, Maui College, Big Island, HI
Seoirsín Ní Mheachair, Dáltaí na Gaeilge, Rheinbeck, NY
Caitriona Weafer, Uachtarán/President, Conradh na Gaeilge, Los Angeles, CA
- 1:45pm Revamping Professional Irish Networks for a New Era**
Chair: Michael O'Brien, Partner Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC, Philadelphia, PA.
Panel: John O'Brien, Editor ilrish, Cleveland, OH
Peter F. Whalen, President Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, New York, NY
Eileen Scully, Founder, the Rising Tides Network, New Haven, CT
Jennifer Flynn, Section Manager, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Con Edison. Member Emerald Society of Con Ed. P
- 2:15pm A Camino for our Times: On the Trail of Frederick Douglass in Dublin, Belfast and New York**
Chair: Senator Tim Kennedy
Panel: Gerry Adams
Prof Christine Kinealy, Director Institute of Ireland's Great Hunger, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, CT
Nettie Washington Douglass, Chairwoman and Co-Founder, Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, Rochester, NY
- 2:45pm Ní Neart go Cur Le Chéile: In Unity is Strength – Reconnecting Irish American Veterans**
Chair: Séamus Ó Fiannghusa, SSG National Guard, Official Historian Fighting 69th, Old Bridge, NJ
Panel: Lt. Col. Michael Shinnery (rtd.), Alexandria, VA
Jay Hart, Chief of Police, Torrance Police Department, CA
- 3:15pm Lessons from Lockdown: A New Toolbox to Rebuild Transatlantic Bridges**
Chair Jim Lamb, President Ireland Institute of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Panel: Ciara Archer, Operations Director, Irish Cultural Center and McClelland Library, Phoenix, AZ
Prof Jim Walsh, University of Colorado, Rocky Mountain Irish Roots Collective, Denver, CO
Andrew Elliott, Director Northern Ireland Bureau, Washington D.C.
Representative of Solas Nua, Washington D.C.
- 3:45pm Encore! Resuscitating our Irish Fests, Radio Shows, Séisiúin and Concerts**
Chair: Andy Cooney, Troubadour, NY
Panel: Caron McMahon, Irish Heritage Club, Seattle, WA
Mike Mitchell, Executive Director Irish Fest, Milwaukee, WI
Kieran McGirl, Board Member Irish American Building Society, Great Irish Fair of New York, NY
Mike Shevlin, Windy City Irish Radio, Chicago, IL
- 4:15pm Close.**

6pm Gala Dinner honoring The Irish Rebuilders

Saturday 28 August

12 Noon Access all areas visit to the new Irish Arts Center which is due to open later this year.



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