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Ambassador Dan Mulhall to address international affairs, culture and community in visit to Atlanta next week.

Message from the Consul General

A chairde,

I am looking forward to a packed and exciting programme in Atlanta next week with [Dan Mulhall](#), Ireland's 18th Ambassador to the United States.

His visit will be built around three great public events: a [lecture](#) entitled "*To Sweeten Ireland's Wrong': W.B. Yeats in the 1890s*" at Emory on Monday evening; a lunchtime [discussion](#) on Ireland and its European Future at the World Affairs Council of Atlanta on Tuesday; and a [community breakfast](#) hosted by the Irish Chamber of Atlanta on Wednesday morning.

Having worked with the Ambassador in 2014 (during his time in London) on the first ever Irish State Visit to the UK and having brought him to Miami in September this year, I cannot wait to get started.

We look forward to meeting up with the Irish community and all our friends in Atlanta out and about next week.

Shane Stephens November 1, 2017

Irish Business and Culture Around the Southeast

Visit to Augusta, Georgia – the State's second city, with strong Irish connections



Above, with Mayor Hardie Davis, Augusta University Professor Debbie van Tuyl, and Augusta Metro Chamber President Sue Parr

Left: Meeting with the [Augusta Gaelic Sports Club](#)

Wonderful visit to what may be the most Irish place in the U.S., Murphy Village, North Augusta, SC. Here CG Stephens is welcomed to St Edward's Church by members of our Irish Traveller community & Fr Thalakulam



Ancient Order of Hibernians
State Convention in Myrtle
Beach, SC, with leaders of Ladies
AOH and AOH





Fantastic special screening of *In the Name of Peace: John Hume in America* with director Maurice Fitzpatrick, Carter Center CEO Ambassador (ret) Mary Ann Peters and The King Center's Director of External Affairs, Barbara Harrison.

Also in Atlanta:



Gabriel Moynagh, Sysnet's CEO, addresses great FINTECH Bridge event with @FinTechIreland & @fintechatlanta

Warm & wide-ranging discussions with American Jewish Committee Atlanta as part of their annual Diplomatic Marathon



Left: CG Stephens speaks on Ireland's strengths at the Stone Mountain, Georgia Rotary Club

Right: Congratulations to Anna Kate Sweeney & Lambert HS on the Irish Culture Project





With UK's Atlanta CG Jeremy Pilmore Bedford and a great Tourism Ireland delegation from Northern Ireland at the 45th Stone Mountain Highland Games

Fantastic to have the Stonewall from Armagh back at the Highland Games



CG Stephens enjoyed the annual Shamrock Open, the fundraiser for the Atlanta St Patrick's Day Parade at Atlanta's outstanding Peachtree Golf Club Why not [book now](#) for next year?





Ireland's Honorary Consul in North Carolina, John Young, with Meath County Council delegation members Brian Fitzgerald and Damien O'Reilly during their sister-city visit to Cary, NC



Honorary Consul in Miami, Ian O'Flaherty with the Mayor of the City of Miami, Tomás Regalado, and Joanne Nowlin, American Red Cross CEO for the South Florida region. O'Flaherty attended Red Cross briefing on foreign nationals impacted by Hurricane Irma.



Irish News

The Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, has expressed his [condolences](#) following the attack in New York.

Today, he has embarked on a [trade mission](#) to Seattle, Silicon Valley and San Francisco. The primary focus of the visit is on growing trade, investment and tourism opportunities between Ireland and the US, and on highlighting Ireland's priorities in the context of Brexit and other international developments.

Minister [Simon Coveney TD visited Washington DC](#) in early October. His programme included meetings with the US Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mick Mulvaney, speaker Paul Ryan, and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. He also spoke at the Centre for Strategic & International Studies about Brexit and its potential impact on the island of Ireland and met with the US Chamber of Commerce.

The President, Michael D. Higgins, announced the opening of our new Embassy in New Zealand during his State Visit to the country. Minister Coveney announced that Ireland will open [new resident diplomatic missions](#) in Chile, Colombia, Jordan, Vancouver and Mumbai as part of the Government's overall Budget 2018 package. The new missions are part among a [series of measures](#) to further prepare Ireland's economy for the significant challenges due to the UK's looming departure from the EU.

Minister Coveney also announced the names of the recipients of the [Presidential Distinguished Service Award](#) for the Irish Abroad for 2017, which recognized the contribution of members of the Irish diaspora.

Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Ciarán Cannon T.D. [launched Back for Business](#), a new initiative to support entrepreneurial activity among emigrants returning or recently returned to live in Ireland.

The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Michael Ring TD, announced that [281 rural towns and villages across the country](#) are set to benefit from over €21 million in funding under the 2017 Town and Village Renewal Scheme. The scheme is a key part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development.

Minister Coveney issued a statement which criticized [recent decisions by the Israeli authorities](#) advancing the expansion of Israeli settlements in Palestinian territory.

On UN Day, October 24th, Minister with Responsibility for Defence, Mr. Paul Kehoe T.D., paid [tribute to the work of the United Nations](#), stating that "Ireland makes a substantial contribution to international peace support missions relative to its size, operating in Africa, Europe and the Middle East."

On October 28th, the Government stated "We are all concerned about the crisis in Catalonia. Ireland respects the constitutional and territorial integrity of Spain and we do not accept or recognise the Catalan Unilateral Declaration of Independence. The resolution of the current crisis needs to be within Spain's constitutional framework and through Spain's democratic institutions. Ireland supports efforts to resolve this crisis through lawful and peaceful means."

Ambassador Dan Mulhall contributed a commentary in the [Miami Herald](#) that addressed Ireland & Florida, ambitions for deeper economic links.

Upcoming Events in the Southeast

IrishFest Atlanta 2017 is THIS weekend – we hope to see you there! Check out the great line-up of performances, workshops and cultural activities to be enjoyed Nov 3rd-4th at the Doubletree by Hilton Atlanta Perimeter Dunwoody: <http://irishfestatlanta.org/>

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Irish musicians Kevin Crawford, Dylan Foley and Patrick Doocey – performing as [The Drunken Gaugers Band](#) - will perform Nov 6 at Fat Man's Mill Café in Augusta, GA, and Nov 7 at The Java House in Harlem, GA, both 7:30pm. Limited seating, call 706-267-5416 for reservations or additional information.

[Máire Ní Chathasaigh & Chris Newman](#) ("blazing guitar and dancing harp") will perform in concert at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in downtown Knoxville on Nov 7 at 7pm. For more information contact info@knoxvilleirish.com. Performances also in Memphis, TN (Nov 5), Pass Christian, MS (Nov 10), Mobile, AL (Nov 15) and Winter Haven, FL (Nov 18), information links at the musicians' website link above.

The USGAA 2017 National Convention will take place Nov 10-12 in Virginia Beach, VA. Schedule and logistics information at: <http://usgaa.org/2017-usgaa-convention-details-announced/>

Do not miss a unique opportunity to hear renowned Irish writer [Colm Tóibín at Emory University](#). The author of *Brooklyn*, Tóibín will deliver the prestigious Richard Ellmann Lectures at Emory's Schwartz Center for Performing Arts Nov. 12-14, 2017. Tickets are free but limited to 2 per person. His programme is titled "Writers and their Fathers: Wilde, Yeats and Joyce", the schedule as follows:

Sunday, Nov 12, 5:00 pm: "Sir William Wilde: An Eminent Victorian in Ireland."

Monday, Nov 13, 8:00 pm: "John Butler Yeats in Exile: Why Should Not Old Men Be Mad?"

Tuesday, Nov 14, 4:00 pm: "John Stanislaus Joyce & Dublin: Old father, old artificer"

Tuesday, Nov 14, 8:00 pm: Reading and Signing (*Three book limit per person please*)

[Celtic Thunder's US Symphony tour](#) will include Miami, Sarasota, Clearwater and Jacksonville, FL Nov 6-18, and Atlanta with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra on Nov 19.

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