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**EMBASSY OF IRELAND NEWSLETTER**

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A fireworks display on the Liffey during the annual St Patrick's Day celebrations

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY & SPRING EVENTS

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### **Polar Bear Pitching (Oulu)**

**12.3 – 13.3.2019**

If you are looking for the craziest and most efficient startup event in the world, it is probably in Oulu, Finland, where startup entrepreneurs must pitch their business ideas to investors from a hole in the frozen sea. The unique event, Polar Bear Pitching, will be organised for the fifth time in Oulu.

Oulu Irish musicians, Brent Ó Caiside and Markus Lampela, will possibly become the first ever to perform Irish music in an ice pool as part of this event in cooperation with The Irish Festival of Oulu and Tourism Ireland's Global Greening initiative.

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### **St Patrick's Day Ball (Helsinki)**

**16.3.2019**

The sixth St. Patrick's Day Ball organised by The ICA Helsinki Ry will take place on Saturday 16th March 2019. The venue for the event is Sipuli, Kanavaranta 7, 00160 Helsinki. The ticket price for the ball is 80 €, and includes a drinks reception, a three course meal and a live band.

Reserve your tickets by 12 March 12 pm at [st.patricksdayball@gmail.com](mailto:st.patricksdayball@gmail.com)!

## **St Patrick's Family Day (Helsinki)**

**17.3.2019 at 14.00-17.00**

IESAF is proud to host a fantastic day of family fun to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The event will be held at Molly Malone's Irish bar on Kaisaniemenkatu and will be packed full of entertainment for both kids and adults. Everyone is welcome to attend and entrance is free!

Please sign up by sending an email to [richard@iesaf.fi](mailto:richard@iesaf.fi) and letting us know how many adults and children you will be coming with. Family day programme available on [Facebook](#).

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## **Greenings of the Näsinneula observation tower & Tammerkoski rapids (Tampere)**

**17.3.2019**

Famous landmarks in Tampere will turn green again in celebration of St Patrick's Day! Visit Tampere's contribution to the Global Greening Campaign will illuminate Tampere's main landmark Näsinneula, the tallest observation tower in the Nordics. In addition, one of Finland's 27 national landscapes, the Tammerkoski rapids, will change the colour to green.

## **Irish Dance and Music (Tampere)**

**17.3.2019 at 15.00 and 16.00**

Irish music and dance in the shopping mall Ratina! Come and experience the performances of InSpiral Dance Company Finland, Ahjola Irish Music Group, singer-actor Nelli Sinisalo, and violinist Lotta Virkkunen. Céad Míle Fáilte!

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## **St Patrick's Day Party (Tampere)**

**17.3.2019 at 13.00**

Band of Shysters playing live at the O'Connell's Irish Bar in Tampere. Free Entry!

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## **Irish Wedding Adventure Contest**

**25.3.2019**

Would you love an Irish style Wedding in Oulu and a honeymoon to Ireland? Here's your opportunity! Numerous couples have met and fallen in love at the Irish Festival of Oulu since 2006, so this year, the festival will organise an Irish Wedding Adventure contest for one lucky couple to "Fill your Heart with Ireland".

Enter the contest by clicking on the form link and completing it. The contest rules are on the form: <https://bit.ly/2WVRNj2>

You can reply in English or Finnish. Deadline for registration is March 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Kangasala Irish Festival**

**25.4 - 27.4.2019**

Kangasala Irish Festival- the Spring Gathering will be arranged again for the second time in April 2019!

Tickets available at [Kangasala Arts Centre](#) and online at [lippu.fi](#). More details on [Web](#) and [Facebook](#).

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## ST PATRICK'S DAY 2019 ISSUE



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**Best wishes from all at the Embassy of Ireland.**