



To celebrate **International Human Rights Day 2018**,

The Ambassador of Ireland to Spain, Ms. Síle Maguire, is pleased to invite you to a discussion on the life of:

**Margaret Kearney Taylor**, founder of the Embassy tearoom,

with: **Richard Fitzpatrick**,  
producer of the RTE documentary, [Tearoom, Taylor, Saviour, Spy](#),  
and:

**Guy Hedgecoe**, journalist and former editor of El País English

Margaret Kearney Taylor or “Margarita” has a special place in Spanish hearts and it is clear from those who knew her that Ireland had a special place in hers. She founded the iconic Embassy tearoom on Madrid’s Paseo de la Castellana in 1931. Behind the façade of this fashionable establishment she bravely provided refuge for some of the 30,000 refugees who were evacuated through Spain during the war.

In a week in which the world celebrates International Human Rights Day and the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the UN Declaration on Human Rights, we look back on her life and recall her extraordinary contribution to the protection of human rights.

**The event will take place on Wednesday 12 December, at 7.30 p.m., at the Official Residence of Ireland, Calle Castelló 78, Madrid 28006.**

**Please note that seats are limited and participation is by registration only via: [event@dfa.ie](mailto:event@dfa.ie)**

