

Museum of Newport Irish History

We are sharing this wonderful opportunity to practice or learn the Irish language at the request of our recent Crowley Lecture guest speaker and Salve Regina University professor, Dr. Sean O'Callaghan.

If of interest, please respond directly to Sean.

Learning the Irish Language with tea, scones and soda bread

Newport is a very Irish-friendly city and has a long Irish history. I love the Irish flags, organizations and events, but one thing is missing- at least for me- and that is the Irish language. I grew up speaking Irish fluently and miss it a lot. I haven't spoken it for many years now and am very rusty at it, but I would love to start rediscovering it and am hoping that some others would want to join me on the journey.

An idea which has recently taken shape in cities and towns across Ireland and elsewhere is that of a 'Pop-up Gaeltacht.' A *Gaeltacht* is an Irish speaking area of Ireland and there are quite a few, but we can't all live in one or even near one, so a 'Pop-up Gaeltacht' is a version of the Gaeltacht which meets in a home, a pub or wherever.

The idea is that wherever people are speaking Irish, that is a Gaeltacht, even if only for an hour or two. It's an idea I'd like to try out in our home in the North End of Newport sometime in January. I thought anyone who is interested could come for tea, scones, soda bread and a bit of exploring the Irish language, learning some basics and having a fun, neighborly time doing it.

I have no idea how many people would be interested, so **please email me directly at the below address** so that I get some idea of the numbers and then I can contact you once I set a date. I envisage it lasting for about an hour, midweek, from 7pm-8pm, and, if there is enough interest, we could meet once a month after that. I have a lot of ideas for what we can do, so let me know if there is interest.

Sean O'Callaghan

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*The **Mission** of The Museum of Newport Irish History is to tell the story of Irish immigrants in Newport County from the 1600s to the present, to preserve artifacts and mementos of their experience, and to facilitate research into Irish heritage.*

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