

March 16, 2020

**Dear members of the Newport Gaeltacht,**

These are difficult times in our community and in all communities, but I still want to wish you a very happy St. Patrick's Day for the 17th.

It was great to see so many of you on March 2 for our second gathering, discussed below. Those present seemed to really appreciate the chance to focus on words and phrases related to Saint Patrick's Day.

Unfortunately, I cannot schedule another Irish language session until we know as a nation how this virus is going to progress and until life returns to a state of normality where we can meet together again.

In the meantime, I am sending you the notes from our last session, which you can download by clicking the button, below. As soon as I can this week, I will send an audio-file to help you pronounce the phrases from the note sheets.

Stay well (*Slán agus beannacht*),

Seán

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**Museum of Newport Irish History**  
**Irish Language Learning Meetings**  
*Facilitated by Prof. Sean O'Callaghan*

Mon. March 2, 2020  
7-8pm  
Hibernian Hall  
2 Wellington Avenue  
Newport, RI 02840

*Cash Bar / Sweets provided*

**A Cháirde, Friends,**

Thank you for a great first meeting of the Pop-up *Gaeltacht* in Newport on January 29. I threw people in at the deep end of Gaeilge, but we came out of it able to introduce ourselves, say what county our ancestors came from and even tell the time as Gaeilge! A pretty good achievement. It was a great night and people seemed to enjoy it.

For the first night, I wasn't sure what the level would be, because some people were always going to have more Irish than others, so I aimed for a more middle level. Now I know we definitely have more beginners than those who are more proficient, so I can adjust the pace accordingly. In our next lesson, March 2nd at the Hibernian Hall, we will learn the vocabulary of St. Patrick's Day and - usually a big topic on St. Patrick's Day in Newport - learn how to talk about the weather!

Those of you who were unable to attend our first gathering on January 29 are very welcome to attend **March 2**. We're at the beginning stages of our learning and you'll be able to jump right in.

*Le gach dea-mhéin,*

Seán

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*If you have specific questions for Sean, please reach out to him at the above email address.*

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