

Paint Paris Green at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 17th at 13h

Paris, 08.03 - For only the second time ever, Paris will have its very own St. Patrick's Day Parade. Organised by the Irish in France Association, the parade will leave from the Centre Culturel Irlandais, 5 rue des Irlandais at 13h for a short route around the Pantheon, before returning to the Centre Culturel via one of Paris' most famous streets, la rue Mouffetard.

Leading the parade will be Minister John Halligan TD, Minister of State for Training, Skills, Innovation, Research and Development, Ireland's Ambassador to France, H.E. Patricia O'Brien, Ireland's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD, H.E. Ambassador Dermot Nolan, the Mayor of the 5th arrondissement, Madame Florence Berthout and the President of the Irish in France Association, Mr Paul Lynch. The Paris and District Pipe Band will be providing the music.

Minister Halligan commented, *"It is a real pleasure to be the first Minister to represent the Government of Ireland at the Paris St. Patrick's Day Parade. Ireland and France have long shared a special relationship, and this is a marvellous occasion to celebrate the relationship between our two peoples and join in the global St. Patrick's Day festivities."*

Ireland's Ambassador to France, Her Excellency, Patricia O'Brien, said, *"I am very proud to participate in the second-ever St. Patrick's Day Parade in Paris, and to see that our Irish community in France is going from strength to strength. St. Patrick's Day is an occasion to celebrate our vibrant, diverse global Irish community and their many contributions, and I am thrilled to share this special day with our French friends."*

Nora Hickey M'Sichili Director of the Centre Culturel Irlandais, added, *"This parade organised by the Irish in France association is a great chance to celebrate all the connections between our two countries and beyond. As Director of Centre Culturel Irlandais, I'm delighted to welcome all nationalities to join in festivities for Saint Patrick's Day – a truly global event!"*

Paul Lynch, President of the Irish in France Association said, *"It means so much to us as a community that we are able to celebrate this special day in the heart of Paris. London, New York and Tokyo all have their parades so we decided it was about time Paris had one too. The parade is not just about celebrating Irishness but is the occasion for Parisians from all backgrounds to come together to celebrate the cultural diversity and vibrancy that makes Paris so special."*

The parade is part of the Centre Culturel's St. Patrick's Family Day festivities. The parade brings together many different associations, from sports to culture and business and is very much a participative and collaborative event. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. There is only one condition, you must be wearing green!

The team organising the parade is hoping for better weather than last year when the parade took place in a snowstorm! However, not even the Parisian snow could dampen the spirits of the participants. So, if you are in Paris on March 17th, come by the Centre Culturel for face-painting, food trucks, colouring, performers and, of course, to join the parade and help to #PaintParisGreen.

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About the Parade

- **Date & Time** : Sunday, 17th March. Official start time is 1pm/13h. Doors at the Centre Culturel Irlandais open at midday.
- **Venue & Parade Route** : Centre Culturel Irlandais (CCI), 5, rue des Irlandais, 75005 Paris. The Parade route will begin at the CCI before returning to the CCI (CCI- Panthéon -rue Mouffetard--CCI). [Link to the parade route](#)

About The Irish in France Association

The Irish in France is a voluntary association whose mission is to support and strengthen the Irish community in France, in all its diversity, and to enable conversations on relevant issues in France, in Ireland and with the global Irish diaspora. The association receives support from the Irish Emigrant Support Programme.

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About the Centre Culturel Irlandais

Located in the historic building of the Irish College, in the heart of the Latin quarter, the Centre Culturel Irlandais is Ireland's flagship cultural centre in Europe. In addition to its diverse cultural programme, the CCI houses France's primary multi-media library of resources on Ireland as well as significant historic archives and an Old Library.
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