



**Embassy of Ireland Brasilia
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**St Patrick's Day 2016 – Save the Date
16 -19 March**

The Embassy will organise events in Brasilia on 16 and 17 March and in Manaus on 18 and 19 March.

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the Easter Rising of 1916, which was one of the landmark events leading to the independence of Ireland in 1922. In Brazil, the Embassy and Consulate General in São Paulo will be marking 1916 with a series of commemorative events on Roger Casement, one of the leaders of the Irish independence movement and a significant figure in the development of international human rights.

Casement lived in Brazil for several years between 1906-1913 as British Consul in Santos, Belém do Pará and Rio de Janeiro. **A seminar and exhibition on his life will take place in the Centro Cultural do Banco do Brasil, Brasília, on 17 March and will be one of the principal commemorative events of the centenary outside of Ireland.** The seminar and exhibition will focus on his work in favour of the protection of the human rights of indigenous peoples in the Putumayo region and will also trace his evolution from British diplomat to Irish revolutionary. In a slightly different format, the seminar and exhibition will also move to Manaus on 18 and 19 March and will be hosted by the Universidade Federal de Amazonas.

The seminar will be preceded on the evening of 16 March by a staging in Portuguese of a documentary play on Casement's life at the Teatro Eva Herz, Livraria Cultura, Iguatemi Shopping Centre. The play deals with his trial for treason in 1916 and his subsequent execution. It also looks at Casement's legacy as a nationalist hero and human rights defender.

If you would like to attend any of these events, please contact the Embassy at:
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#GlobalGreening: Five Cities in Brazil

The Embassy and Consulate General in Sao Paulo, working with Tourism Ireland, are delighted to announce an expanded greening programme for 2016. Prominent landmarks will be greened in honour of Saint Patrick's Day and include the Christ the Redeemer Statue and the Arcos da Lapa in Rio de Janeiro, the Bandeirantes Monument in São Paulo, the Elevador Lacerda in Salvador, the Cathedral and the CCBB in Brasilia, and the Teatro Amazonas in Manaus. More details available here: <https://www.tourismireland.com/Press-Releases/2016/February/Tourism-Ireland-announces-Global-Greening-lineup-f>

Six Nations Rugby Championship

All Black- São Paulo

Members of the Irish Community in São Paulo will gather together in All Black Pub, to cheer on Ireland in the RBS 6 Nations Tournament. It is expected that this will be the first of many community get-togethers for exciting sporting events in 2016 including Euro2016 and the Rio2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Check out the Irish in São Paulo and Irish People Living in Brazil Facebook pages for more information.

Other Information:

#GE16

Although you are far from home, you may be interested in following the coverage of the upcoming General Election on 26 February. RTE, The Irish Times, The Irish Independent and The Examiner, amongst others, already have live dedicated feeds.

Zika Virus

The Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade recently updated its travel advice for Brazil and 31 other countries following the current outbreak of the Zika Virus. This updated advice is based on information provided by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre in Ireland.

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