



Embassy of Ireland Brasilia Newsletter Summer 2016

St Patrick's Day 2016 and Casement Events

The Embassy organised a series of commemorative events relating to the legacy of Roger Casement in Brasilia and Manaus. These events, funded by the Ireland 2016 Fund, included a play in Portuguese on Casement in Brasilia, and a seminar and exhibition at the CCBB in Brasilia and at the Federal University in Manaus. The Portuguese translation of Casement's Amazon Diaries was also launched at events in the University of São Paulo. The events received significant traction on twitter in Ireland with the use of 1916-related hashtags. The Brasilia seminar was addressed by Casement's cousin, Susan, who grew up in Magherintemple and is a long-time resident of Brazil. The British Ambassador also spoke briefly and eloquently of the changed circumstances in the bilateral relationship.

An exhibition on artefacts and knowledge of indigenous peoples at the Casa do Maranhão in São Luís featured a panel in homage to Roger Casement and runs until 6 May. More details are available at: <https://t.co/HX7NYhY65Q>

The Federal University of Tocantins will also pay homage to Casement during a seminar and exhibition to begin on Monday 9 May at the main UFT campus in Palmas. Ambassador Glynn will attend and speak at the seminar.

#GlobalGreening: Five Cities in Brazil

For pictures of the successful greening of buildings in Brasilia, São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Manaus and Salvador, please check our twitter account @IrlEmbBrazil

Regional Heads of Mission Meeting, Brasilia

Embassy Brasilia played host to a regional meeting with colleagues from Mexico City, Buenos Aires and São Paulo, as well as a visiting delegation from HQ. In the course of the two day visit, our visitors were briefed on the current economic and political crisis in Brazil, business opportunities and growing education links between Ireland and Brazil. Preparations for the Olympic and Paralympic Games were also discussed, with all Brazil-based staff looking forward to welcoming athletes, their families and supporters. The HQ delegation also participated in political consultations with our opposite numbers in the Brazilian Foreign Ministry, focusing on burgeoning people-to-people links.

<https://twitter.com/IrlEmbBrazil/status/720691854233055232>

Brazilian Student Numbers in Ireland

According to the latest figures from the Irish Immigration and Naturalisation Service, there has been strong growth in the number of Brazilian students registered in Ireland. We hope to see this positive trend continue in 2016.

2005 = 245
2006 = 831
2007 = 2,224
2008 = 4,286
2009 = 4,560
2010 = 5,048
2011 = 7,078
2012 = 8,378
2013 = 10,349
2014 = 16,410
2015 = 20,166

Irish Film in Florianópolis

May sees the return of 'Irish Lives: The Cinema of Alan Gilsean' at the Federal University of Santa Catarina from Wednesday 18 to Friday 20 May. Films include 'The Ghost of Roger Casement', 'The Yellow Bittern' on the life of singer Liam Clancy, 'Eliza Lynch: Queen of Paraguay', 'The Bloody Canvas' on the life of painter Sean Scully, 'A Vision, a life of WB Yeats' and 'The Road to God knows Where'.

The director Alan Gilsean will be present at the event and the opening will feature a lecture from Irish historian Owen Dudley Edwards on the legacy of Roger Casement. The festival is open to all and further details of the programme will be disseminated on twitter.

Irish Film in Florianópolis, Manaus and Belem

On Tuesday 31 May, the Embassy will be hosting a screening of the film 'Good Vibrations' as part of the EU Film Festival in Brazil, and coinciding with the visit to the State of Santa Catarina of the Ambassadors of the European Union. We will also be inviting alumni of the Science without Borders programme, as part of our alumni engagement strategy. The film will be screened at 8pm at the Teatro Ademar Rosa.

'Good Vibrations' will also be screened in Manaus and Belem, as part of the EU film festival. Times and dates to be confirmed so make sure to follow us on twitter!

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