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Náisiúin Aontaithe
Ireland at the
United Nations
1955 – 2015

A PLACE AMONG THE NATIONS:
Ireland at the UN 1955 – 2015

First Irish Delegation to the UN General Assembly, November 1956.

On 14 December 1955, Ireland joined the United Nations. This year marks both the UN's 70th year in existence and Ireland's 60th year of membership.

In that time, Ireland and the world has changed so much. Through the UN, Ireland has played its role as a small but powerful voice for democracy, equality, peace, security and development.

To celebrate 60 years of active engagement in the UN, Ireland will host a number of public events, both in Ireland and internationally, to raise awareness and promote debate about our contribution to one of the most important and ambitious projects in world history.

As we look back on the past six decades in the United Nations, we also look forward to the next 60 years of Ireland taking its place amongst the nations of the world to create a better future for humanity.

Programme of Events

25 May
Dublin Castle

Iveagh House Lecture: UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon "The UN at 70: Looking Back, Looking Forward"

Hosted by Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D. in partnership with the Institute for International & European Affairs (IIEA).

26 May
Iveagh House, Dublin

Young People and Sustainable Development: A Conversation with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon

An interactive music, drama and discussion event with Minister of State for Overseas Development Mr. Sean Sherlock T.D., UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Donncha O'Callaghan and High Profile Supporter Evanna Lynch.

2 July
University College Dublin

Irish Humanitarian Summit

Opened by President Michael D. Higgins, this major national Summit will seek to build commitment to principled humanitarian action while offering perspectives from Ireland to the Istanbul Global Summit in 2016.

Eamon Kennedy (Irish Mission to the UN) and Liam Cosgrave T.D., Minister for External Affairs, at UN General Assembly, November 1956.

May – July

IRELAND

UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld receiving Ireland's credentials, 1956.

September
Schools nationwide

Launch of Reference Map of Ireland's UN Engagement Across The Globe

Classroom maps showing Ireland's diplomatic, peacekeeping and development engagement with the UN around the world for distribution to all second-level schools in Ireland.

September / October
United Nations, New York

UN Youth Delegate Programme in New York

For the first time, two Irish UN Youth Delegates will travel to New York to participate in UN General Assembly meetings, conferences and events (in partnership with the National Youth Council of Ireland)

1 October
American Irish Historical Society

5 – 9 October
UN Headquarters New York

Anniversary Exhibition on Ireland's First Years at the United Nations (1955-1957)

Exhibition of original photographs and texts on Ireland's first years of membership to the United Nations, (Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in partnership with the Royal Irish Academy).

October
Iveagh House, Dublin

Iveagh House Lecture: 'The Role of the UN in Supporting Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals'

Keynote Address by Administrator of the UN Development Programme and former Prime Minister of New Zealand, Helen Clark.

October
Iveagh House, Dublin

Open Policy Debate: Challenges for the UN and the Future of Multilateralism

An open policy debate hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for academics, experts and foreign policy practitioners.

November
Dublin

UN Peacekeeping – A Celebration of Ireland's Proud Engagement

A public event organised in partnership with the Department of Defence and the Permanent Defence Force.

November – December
Iveagh House, Dublin

Iveagh Scholars: 'Our Experience at the UN'

Fresh from their time in New York, Ireland's first ever UN Youth Delegates will share their experiences with secondary school students from around the country in an engaging and interactive event.
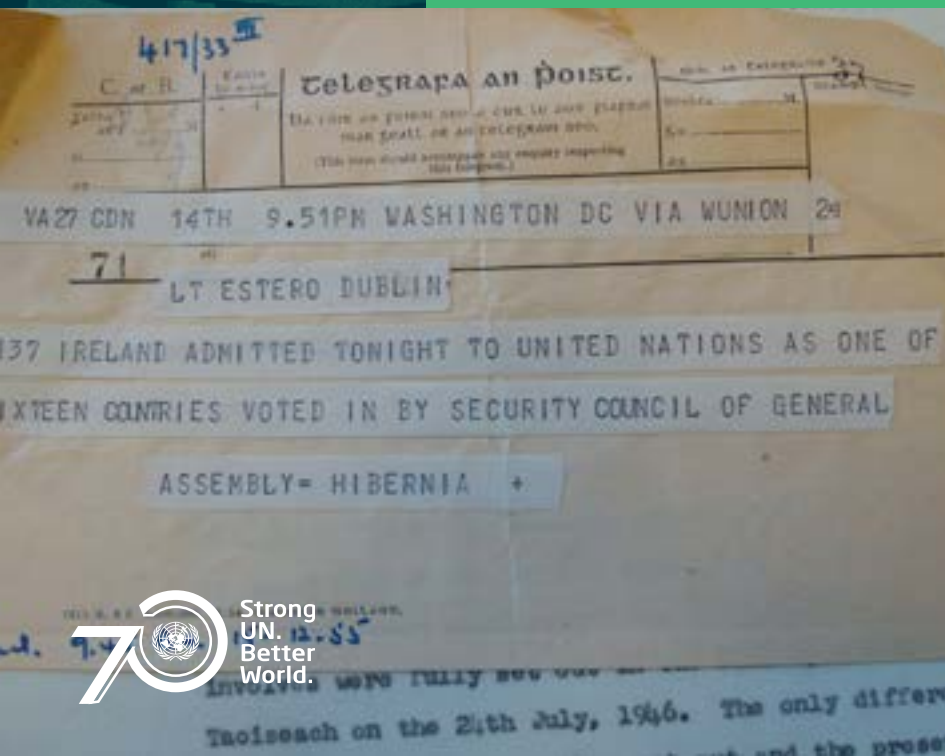
14 December
Iveagh House, Dublin

Symposium: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Ireland's UN Membership

Dublin Launch of Anniversary Exhibition, Conference and Iveagh House Lecture. Hosted by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr. Charles Flanagan T.D. and involving high level international speakers and guests from countries who also joined the United Nations on the same day in 1955.

The United Nations was set up after the horrors of World War II by 51 countries committed to preserving peace through international cooperation and collective security. Today, nearly every nation in the world belongs to the UN – a total membership of 193 countries.

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