

## TIFS News April 2023

### Sense of Ireland March 2023



THE IRELAND FUNDS SINGAPORE

## A SENSE OF IRELAND

A CELEBRATION OF IRELAND IN SINGAPORE

1 - 18 March 2023

Afternoon Tea with Irish-themed Delights  
Set Lunches & Michelin\* Dinners  
St Patrick's Family Day  
'Brother Joe' Film Screening  
Gaelic Football Blitz  
Dragon Boating & Girls Rugby  
Irish Dancing Workshop

A series of charitable events to raise funds for our beneficiaries in Singapore.

For more information visit our Sense of Ireland 2023 on our [website](https://bit.ly/Sol2023) (bit.ly/Sol2023) or email [singapore@irelandfunds.org](mailto:singapore@irelandfunds.org)

This year our Sense of Ireland, celebrating Ireland in Singapore is a year-long campaign with events throughout the course of the year. The highlight of our Sense of Ireland, took place in March (of course!) with a series of community events and activities during the month, supporting our Beneficiaries in 2023, with a focus on Mental Wellness and Palliative Care.

### Afternoon Tea with Irish-themed Delights at L'Espresso



Thanks to the Goodwood Park Hotel for their wonderful Afternoon Tea with Irish-themed Delights – including oven-roasted Irish duck, Guinness beef stew, colcannon lamb shepherd's pie, and more - and Local Favourites which was on offer at L'Espresso for two weeks in March.

### Dining experiences

Thanks to Irish Michelin star chef-owner, Andrew Walsh for supporting our Sense of Ireland with donation to The Ireland Funds Singapore for lunches at Catfish, Club Street Wine Room and a special St Patrick's Day lunch menu in March.

Similarly, from the kind contribution and fabulous showcase of Ireland produce and culinary influences on a gastronomic journey through Chef Andrew's Irish heritage with his exciting 'Nua Irish' Menu at Michelin-star CURE.

## St Patrick's Family Day



We had a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment and activities for kids at our St. Patrick's Family Day on Saturday 11 March at the Poolside Terrace at Goodwood Park Hotel, with face painting, balloon sculpting, carnival games and more!!

L'Espresso provided a fabulous Afternoon Tea with Irish-themed Delights – including oven-roasted Irish duck, Guinness beef stew, colcannon lamb shepherd's pie, and more - and Local Favourites, a Kids' Afternoon Tea buffet, and of course, Guinness! Special St Patrick's Family Day treats including green candy floss and '99 ice-creams!

A wonderful celebration of Irish culture for all the family with highlights including dance performances by the Irish Inspirational dancers and delightful music from our talented harpist Ms. Celestine Sheum.

## **'Brother Joe' Film Screening**



Over 300 attendees joined us for our screening of “Brother Joe” documentary film at ProjectorX on 15 March 2023, celebrating the life and work of Brother Joseph McNally, the founder of LASALLE College of the Arts who was Irish by birth and Singaporean by choice.

The film, directed by LASALLE alumnus, James Khoo, was supported by The Ireland Funds Singapore under The McNally Legacy at LASALLE College of the Arts and the National Heritage Board.

The film provided a unique insight into the inspiring and much loved ‘Brother Joe’ - the man behind the cloth, the educator, and the artist. The screening was followed by Q&A panel discussion moderated by H.E Ambassador Sarah McGrath, Ambassador of Ireland to Singapore.

Thanks to our esteemed panel for their wonderful insight to Brother Joe – our Guest of Honour, Mr George Yeo, James Khoo (Director), Milenko Prvachi (Fellow, LASALLE College of the Arts), and Tan Sock Fong, Artist and LASALLE alumni. It was wonderful to bring so many people together to celebrate the very special Br. Joseph McNally, who still has a special place in the hearts of many in Singapore and left a unique and fabulous legacy including appreciation of the arts and supporting the next generation of artists.

All proceeds from the Brother Joe film screening support The McNally Legacy at LASALLE College of the Arts, continuing the legacy of Brother Joe McNally and supporting a new generation of emerging artists

## **Sports and Activities**

Other events and activities under our Sense of Ireland in March included:

### Girls Contact Rugby Tournament



The inaugural St Patrick's Day Cup, a girls contact rugby tournament for girls aged 8-18 years, organised by Singapore Irish Rugby Club and including 170 players from 14 girls rugby teams from all over Singapore, as well as Singapore national women's rugby players and coaches. Girl power!

### Gaelic 'Football Blitz', Gaelic Football Tournament



Organised by the Singapore Gaelic Cubs and Singapore Gaelic Lions sports clubs, the Gaelic Football Blitz Tournament was held at Turf City for kids (aged 8 -14), including local and international schools, and fun Gaelic football training for 4-7 yr olds. A fabulous way to showcase and share Ireland's national sport with all, players and first timers.

## Dragon Boat Experience



The Gaelic Dragons held a special training session for any interested at trying their hand at dragon boating and included learning basic techniques, 'paddling' on the river, and a friendly dragon boat race on River Kallang. Regular members, new joiners, and first-time newbies all coming together for a fun dragon boat experience and St Patrick's Day celebration under our Sense of Ireland.

## Irish Dance Parent-Child Workshops with Irish Inspirational Dance



Irish Inspirational Dance hosted an Irish dance workshop for Mums and Dads

**Dates for Your Diary!** Join us for other Ireland Funds events coming up this year...

- Red Dot Green Dot – Fri 12 and Sat 13 May 2023
- Global 5K Run – Sat 23 September 2023
- Emerald Ball – Sat 25 November at St Regis Hotel

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