

NEWSLETTER

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EMBASSY OF SWITZERLAND IN IRELAND

Cultural Newsletter

Our monthly cultural newsletter lists upcoming events with a Swiss connection in Ireland. Highlights from the past half year included a performance of "The Köln Konzert" by the Schauspielhaus Zürich at the Dublin Dance Festival and a screening of the Swiss short documentary entitled "RAMBOY" on Achill Island. Email 'dublin@eda.admin.ch' to sign up.

If you would like to sign up to our cultural newsletter, please email 'dublin@eda.admin.ch' to sign up. You can also stay up to date with the activities of the Swiss Embassy by following our Twitter account @Swiss_IRL.



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AMBASSADOR'S WELCOME WORDS

Dear Fellow Citizens,

I am pleased to share this June 2023 newsletter with you. Since November 2022, the Embassy of Switzerland has continued to represent and promote Swiss political, economic, and cultural interests in Ireland. This newsletter includes a sample of the wide variety of events the Embassy organized in the past half year.

I wish to take this opportunity to highlight that Switzerland assumed its seat on the UN Security Council this year, with the priorities of building sustainable peace and protecting civilians. You are warmly invited to follow @Swiss_IRL and @Swiss_UN on Twitter to stay up to date on the latest news from Dublin and New York.

Kind regards,
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Abigail Seran Reading at the Alliance Francaise

In December 2022, the Swiss Embassy collaborated with the Alliance Francaise to welcome Swiss writer Abigail Seran in Dublin for a reading of her latest book entitled "Le Big Challenge". The Swiss Embassy was delighted to welcome all guests to an Apéro at Chez Max after the reading.

Swiss movie "Foudre" at the Dublin International Film Festival

From February to March, the Swiss Embassy sponsored the screening of the Swiss movie "Foudre" at the Dublin International Film Festival to promote Swiss culture in Ireland. The movie received an award in the category of best sound.



Francophonie Screening & Festival at the Lighthouse Cinema

In March, the Swiss Embassy participated in the annual francophonie festival at the Lighthouse Cinema in Dublin. After the screening of a francophone movie, the Swiss Embassy welcomed guests and fellow diplomats at the Swiss stand to sample Swiss chocolates and wine.



Diplomatic Reception at the Swiss Residence

In April, Ambassador Gubler and his wife Clethe Gubler welcomed a delegation from the Swiss Department for Foreign Affairs in Dublin. They hosted a reception at the Residence ahead of bilateral consultations the following day.



FC EDA at the Swiss Residence in Dublin

In March, Ambassador Gubler and his wife Clethe Gubler also welcomed FC EDA, the soccer club of the Swiss Department for Foreign Affairs, for lunch at the Swiss Residence. FC EDA was in Dublin for their annual training camp abroad.



Francophonie Meeting at the Swiss Residence

The meeting of the embassies of the Francophonie to determine the winner of the 2023 Ambassadors' Literary Award was held at the Swiss Residence this February. The recipient of the 2023 award was Colm Tóibín for his book entitled "Le Magician / The Magician" (Translated by Anna Gibson).

Peacebuilding Projects by the Swiss Embassy

In 2022, the Swiss Embassy completed two peacebuilding projects in collaboration with the Glencree Centre for Peace and Reconciliation and the University College Dublin School of Psychology. We are pleased to share that the UCD project received a Research Impact Award for its role in identifying the causes of inter-group conflict in children. In 2023, the Swiss Embassy is collaborating with the Edward M Kennedy Institute at Maynooth University. The project focuses on the promotion of dialogue facilitation and reconciliation building.



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