

Ireland and Irish in Britain APPG - IGM Minutes

▪ **Welcome and Introduction to the Ireland and Irish in Britain APPG**

In attendance: Adam Jogee MP; Sarah Bool MP ; Colum Eastwood MP; Baroness Berger ; Grahame Morris MP; Baroness Ludford; Katrina Murray MP; Baroness O'Grady; Baroness Gray; Dave Doogan MP; Seamus Logan MP; Lord Kevin Brennan; Claire Hanna MP; Rachel Hopkins MP; Lord Dubs; Michael Lonergan; Deirdre Costigan MP

▪ **Election of Officers & Members – confirmed by attendees**

- Chair – Adam Jogee MP
- Officer – Sarah Bool MP
- Officer – Colum Eastwood MP
- Officer – Baroness Luciana Berger

▪ **Programme of events – agreed by attendees**

- 27th March - Backbench debate on Northern Irish Affairs debate on St Patrick's Day
- Event with the Irish Embassy
- Irish Cultural Drop-in
 - Bring together groups representing parts of Irish culture in Britain to hold stalls to engage parliamentarians on how they keep Irish culture alive (Irish traditional music, Irish dancing, Gaelic football and hurling)
- Summer reception
 - Focusing on Irish traditional food and drink
 - Jubilee room or Speaker's house, bringing in an Irish caterer, good opportunity to engage with the Speaker
- Roundtable
 - Invite CEO of London Irish centre
 - Could have a focus on health and wellbeing, linking to Irish in Britain Annual report for the year
- St Brigid's Day celebration 2026
 - Marking the beginning of spring, engaging with Irish traditional history
- Suggestions from the group
 - Suggestions included hosting engagement focused on the Anglo-Irish relations with regards to the EU, arranging a trip to Northern Ireland and working alongside the parliamentary assembly and parliament in Stormont. The importance of local movements was emphasised, particularly in Scotland and Wales, with suggestions of visits to local Irish centres. Culture was also mentioned, and plans put forward to visit Irish sports groups and the London Guinness Brewery.

Full Membership List

Adam Jogee MP
Grahame Morris MP
Baroness Ludford
Katrina Murray MP
Baroness O'Grady
Baroness Gray
Colum Eastwood MP
Sarah Bool MP
Dave Doogan MP
Seamus Logan MP
Lord Kevin Brennan
Claire Hanna MP
Rachel Hopkins MP
Lord Dubs
Baroness Berger
Michael Loneragan
Deirdre Costigan MP
Baroness Harris of Richmond
Baroness Healy of Primrose Hill
Baroness Nicholson
Baroness Ritchie of Downpatrick
Beccy Cooper MP
Claire Hughes MP
Damian Hinds MP
Danny Beales MP
Harriet Cross MP
Karen Bradley MP
Liam Conlon MP
Lord Brady
Lord Dobbs
Lord Randall
Lord Donoghue
Lord Watson
Lord Hendy
Lord Murphy of Torfaen
Lord Stevenson of Balmacara
Mary Kelly Foy MP
Michael Payne MP
Nia Griffiths MP
Samantha Niblett MP
Sarah Coombes MP
Sorcha Eastwood MP
Tan Dhesi MP
Tim Roca MP
Tonia Antoniazzi MP