

18 December 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: PolskaÉire 2016 – the National Polish-Irish Festival

As the Minister of State for New Communities and the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland in Dublin, we are coordinating the second National Polish-Irish Festival, PolskaÉire 2016.

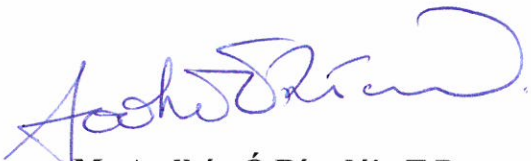
The PolskaÉire festival is an initiative to mark the contribution of the Polish Community to Irish society, to celebrate Poles & Irish living together and to strengthen our mutual relations. The inaugural festival, PolskaÉire 2015, was held in March of this year to coincide with the UEFA Qualifier between the Republic of Ireland and Poland which was played in the Aviva Stadium, Landsowne Road. The festival was a fantastic success, with over two hundred events held across Ireland, with great national coverage in the media. The festival was a very fitting way to celebrate and acknowledge the 150,000 Polish people now living and working in the island of Ireland.

We hope that PolskaÉire Festival will continue to grow and become an annual, regular event in Ireland that would contribute to the aforementioned goals and above all be a festival for everyone to enjoy. Therefore we are writing to you to invite you, your local authority, or your organisation to participate – if you so wish, and are in a position to do so – to join us in PolskaÉire 2016 programme.

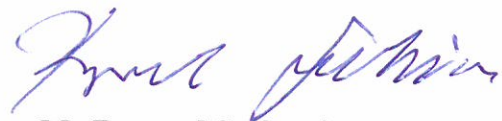
If you would like to host an event or events, wish to share ideas or proposals, please contact the Embassy of the Republic of Poland at: polskaeire.festival@msz.gov.pl and we can work with you on including your events in the programme.

We hope that through the local authorities and the various groups participating throughout the State, we can make this once again a truly inclusive and nationwide festival.

Yours sincerely,



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