

St. David's Day celebration 2020

We are planning to hold our St. David's Day celebration in Dublin on Saturday 29 February 2020, when we will be hosting an "Evening with Mike Ruddock". Mike is a former grand-slam winning Welsh rugby coach and a very entertaining speaker. He will be talking to us about his rugby career and experiences and other topics. This will be followed by a Q&A session, during which Mike will respond to questions from those present. And to show his versatility, he is also bringing his guitar with him to provide some musical entertainment.

Further details will be published near the time.

We have also received the following details from Rhiannon Evans in the Welsh Government office in Ireland about plans for celebrating Wales Week 2020 in Dublin.

Wales week - 2-6 March 2020

The Wales week initiative was founded in 2017 by Dan Langford and Mike Jordan. It began as Wales Week London, their vision was to coordinate the promotion of activities and events delivered by a range of people and organisations in London around the time of St David's Day.

They approached a number of London based Welsh diaspora communities, clubs and societies to create a programme of events. In 2017 the programme had 50 events listed, this has significantly grown since and in 2019 there were 107 activities and events held during Wales Week London – with nearly 10,000 visitors and attendees. The Welsh Government has also organised a number of events as part of WW London.

The Welsh Government is supporting this initiative worldwide with a Wales Week being held in cities such as Paris and Berlin where there is government representation, as well as across the USA.

Our presence here in Ireland has been growing since 2017 and we intend to support a Wales Week Dublin between 02-06 March 2020. To do so we will be organising a number of activities including the usual formal, invitation only, St David's Day reception and badging them under the Wales Week banner. We have agreed to use their logo to brand our WG activity.

We are currently in the process of scoping potential venues and identifying partners for our programme of events but hope to work with a range of sectors including; culture, science and innovation and education.

We would be delighted if this is something you would like to get involved in. If you have planned events you would like to be included as part of Wales Week Dublin please get in touch with Dan Langford. If there is anything the Welsh Government can do to support an event you are running please let us know and we will do our very best to help.

If you would like more information about Wales Week Worldwide please contact Dan Langford.

<https://walesweek.world/>