

Learn Irish Gaelic!

Gaeltacht Minnesota presents our annual

Day-Long Spring Workshop

Saturday, April 24



Start on the path to learning Irish Gaelic – or polish up what you already know – at our one-day Irish workshop, Saturday, April 24, at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Read the registration instructions below, use the back of this flyer to sign up, and be sure to enclose your check and get it to us by April 16 – **or by April 8 for a \$15 discount on the workshop fee!**

- ❖ A great opportunity to try the language, if you've always meant to get around to it, and . . .
- ❖ . . . a wonderful opportunity for some intense practice of your conversational skills, if you're already studying.
- ❖ **If you have been waiting to join our Monday classes, this is your chance!** Participants who complete the beginner section at this event can take our Monday classes, free, starting April 26.
- ❖ All levels taught, from absolute beginner to advanced. Our instructors are experienced, entertaining, and patient.
- ❖ Lessons and materials, lunch (vegetarian available) and refreshments included in the fee.

Spring Workshop Basics

- ❖ **Saturday, April 24, 2010**, 9:00 to 4:30, at St. Thomas in St. Paul.
- ❖ \$54 per participant (**only \$39 if received by April 8**). Covers lessons, materials, refreshments, and lunch.
- ❖ Registrations must be paid in advance. Get your form & check to us **by April 16**.
- ❖ **Qualifies new students** to begin our regular Monday evening classes.

Surveys of past participants show that learning some Irish *is* possible in just a day, and that the vast majority of participants would come to another Gaeltacht Minnesota workshop. We know that you'll be comfortable with our experienced teachers, that you'll have a good time, and that you **will** learn. *Please join us!*

How to Register for the Workshop:

PLEASE READ THESE IMPORTANT POINTS, AND THEN USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM TO REGISTER

- ❖ Sorry, but since we incur expenses based on registrations, *we cannot refund money to participants who do not show up, for whatever reason.*
- ❖ Registrations must be submitted by mail or in person. Phone calls and e-mails are for information only. Registrations must be **received (NOT postmarked) no later than Friday, April 16, 2009**. We reserve the right to return reservations received after that deadline.
- ❖ Classroom space is limited. If we reach capacity before we receive your registration, we will return your form and your check.
- ❖ Registration is complete **only** when we receive your form AND your payment. We will not reserve you a space without payment and complete information.
- ❖ You can register more than one person with a single mailing, and pay with a single check. Make sure contact, meal, AND placement information are provided for *all* participants.
- ❖ **Please complete the placement information** on the reverse. If you find we have placed you incorrectly, you can easily change levels at the workshop.
- ❖ Confirmation and a map will be mailed to you.

For More Information :

Our web site at

www.gaelminn.org

is a great source of information about us, our classes, and this event. While you're there, sign up for our e-zine, *The GaelMinn Gazette*, to keep up with our activities.

Questions about the workshop?

- ❖ info@gaelminn.org
- ❖ Call (763) 533-3271 to leave a message for Will.

April 24 Workshop Registration Form

NAME: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, & Zip: _____

Phone*: (important!
see note in box below) _____

e-mail address (Optional - we won't spam you!) _____

Form due April 16 *WITH*
check for \$54 each
(only \$39 by April 8)
payable to:

**Gaeltacht Minnesota
Box 14964
Minneapolis, MN 55414**

Please Check Lunch Preference (indicate number if appropriate):

_____ Oriental Chicken Salad _____ Roast Beef Box Lunch _____ Vegetarian Wrap Box Lunch

Very important: Please Read!

- *By submitting your registration, you agree to the conditions (including no refund) under "How to Register for the Workshop" on the other side of this sheet.*
- We **must** have your phone number, in case we have additional questions, or we run out of class space, or we have some last minute problem (i.e. power failure) causing cancellation.

CLASS PLACEMENT

You'll get the most out of this workshop, and be most comfortable, if you share a class with students of similar ability. (*Don't panic* - absolute beginners with no experience in the language will be in our beginners' class.) If we place you in a level that's too easy, or too challenging, you can easily move to another level during the workshop.

Check here if you are an absolute beginner, no previous experience. (You can skip the rest of the form below.)

PLACEMENT TOOL: PRODUCING IRISH

Read the list of English sentences at right. Put a check mark next to *all* of the sentences you could produce in Irish with little effort, perhaps in a real-time conversation. Don't worry if you don't know the Irish word for a word or two ("dog"), we're more interested in whether you know the *grammar* of the required Irish phrase.

If you want, you can write in your Irish versions. We won't correct them, but the information may be helpful for placement.

Classroom Experience: *if you attend regular classes, please tell us where, your instructor, and your level. If you have attended a workshop in the last year, please give us the same information about that event.*

- Hello, how are you?
- I am good.
- I am angry.
- I have a dog.
- I see a dog.
- I will see a dog.
- I saw a dog.
- I see a dog that eats bones.
- That book belongs to me (i.e., I own it).
- I am from Conamara.
- It seems to me that you are beautiful.
- I said that she is ill.
- They say that tall people are often rich.
- Here is the box the teacher puts books on.
- It will be done.