



## Irish English Network (IrEN) Newsletter #01 Spring/Summer 2021

Dear colleagues,

We hope this e-mail finds you all in the very best of health and in good spirits. Thank you for subscribing to the newsletter, the very first edition of which you are receiving today.

### 1) Website launch

You have already probably combed through our new website on [www.irish-english.net](http://www.irish-english.net) at this stage, and have seen how we have it in mind as a resource for Irish English. Alongside a sortable list of our network members and your interests in the field, the website also offers a sortable and searchable list of members' contributions on Irish English. It also brings together information on both existing resources and future conferences and workshops on all aspects of and/or related to Irish English research. In addition, the website will keep you updated on our biennial conference series *New Perspectives on Irish English* (NPIE), the next instalment of which is scheduled for 2022 (see 2 below).

We invite you to contribute to the resources and information provided on the website by contacting Anne Barron at [irish-english@leuphana.de](mailto:irish-english@leuphana.de) with news of any recent news, event, resource or publications. If you know of friends or colleagues who might also be interested in joining the network or simply subscribing to the newsletter or browsing the website, please share the address: [www.irish-english.net](http://www.irish-english.net)!

### 2) *New Perspectives on Irish English 7* in Cork

We are happy to announce that the 7<sup>th</sup> instalment of the *New Perspectives on Irish English* conference series will be hosted by Nicola Bessell and her team at University College Cork between 8 and 10 June 2022. Planning is proceeding well at this stage and a call for papers will be sent out in early January 2022. We will keep you updated on all developments.

### 3) Upcoming Conferences

Conferences and call for papers are also listed under *News* on the website.

**EFACIS 2021:** Interfaces and Dialogues is organised by the European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies (EFACIS). The conference will be held in the Centre for Irish Studies, Charles University, Prag, 1-4 September 2021. Remote participation is also possible. <https://www.efacis.eu/event/efacis-2021-interfaces-and-dialogues>

**AEDEI 2021:** The 19th International conference of the Asociación Española de Estudios Irlandeses (AEDEI) takes place from 27-28 May 2021. It is hosted by the University of Vido and will be a fully virtual event. The conference topic is “Silences and Inconvenient Truths in Irish Culture and Society”.

#### **4) Other news:**

**Accents and job prospects in Ireland:** Check out the RTE website on how accents may affect job prospects in Irish society. The piece comes in the context of a new bill aiming to ensure that employers do not discriminate against job applicants or employees because of their accent.

In the piece it reads that “In Ireland, it would appear that we are somewhat behind the UK when it comes to accepting that this is an issue. There, received pronunciation refers to the form of dialect adopted typically by those viewed as being from a middle-and upper-class, or southern region upbringing.”

<https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2021/0129/1193804-accent-job-workplace-employment-career-ireland/>

**Irish Studies in Germany:** The Irish Embassy in Germany has launched an interactive map illustrating hubs of Irish Studies at German universities as well as academics teaching and researching in the field. The Irish English Network is given the status of a hub and researchers registered with the Embassy are shown as part of this hub. The map can be viewed on the Embassy website [bit.ly/2OL4jm6](https://bit.ly/2OL4jm6). Anyone who would like to be added to the map should contact the Embassy at [melanie\[dot\]neumann\[at\]dfa\[dot\]ie](mailto:melanie@dfa.ie).

If you wish to contribute to the resources and information provided on [www.irish-english.net](http://www.irish-english.net) or if you wish to use this newsletter to announce conferences, workshops or news relevant to the Irish English Network, please do not hesitate to contact us at [irish-english@leuphana.de](mailto:irish-english@leuphana.de). We are looking forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes, take care and stay safe

Marion and Arne on behalf of the Irish English Network steering committee