



IrEN Newsletter #02 Autumn 2021

Dear members of the Irish English Network,

We hope this second edition of our newsletter finds you all in the very best of health and in good spirits. As usual, we have some exciting developments and recommendations to share:

1) The IrEN recognised as a centre within EFACIS

We are delighted to announce that the Irish English Network is to be recognised as a centre within the European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies (EFACIS). This recognition means increased visibility for research on Irish English; it ensures that the interests of researchers in Irish English are represented at a European level and it opens doors for trans-disciplinary research. As part of the co-operation, members of the Irish English Network are entitled to join EFACIS for a reduced annual membership fee and so enjoy EFACIS benefits (see <https://www.efacis.eu/content/about-efacis>).

The fee for a one-year subscription to EFACIS is 30 EUR as an individual, or 15 EUR if you belong to the Irish English Network. We would like to encourage all researchers on Irish English, whether established or junior researchers, to support this new initiative and to become a member of EFACIS. The more members we have, the more visible the study of Irish English will be.

Members of the Irish English Network should simply contact EFACIS at efaciscoord@efacis.eu and state that they are a member of the Irish English Network (IrEN). Any junior or senior researcher in Irish English not yet a member of the Irish English Network, can join the network at <https://www.irish-english.net/join-us/> Here there is an option to join EFACIS.

2) IrEN & social media

It is great to see the recent social media activity on the network's Facebook and Twitter account. To those of you who have not visited, follow the links on www.irish-english.net or find us on facebook (user name: "Irish English"; group "The Irish English Network (IrEN)") or on Twitter (user name: @IrishEnglishNet) directly. Follow us on social media for regular updates of the network and join our Facebook group for interactions under <https://www.facebook.com/groups/irishenglishnetwork>. We also post on the irish-english.net page, of course and as a new edition, you can download an RSS feed of these posts from www.irish-english.net

3) IrEN representation on the board of EFACIS

Congratulations to Carolina Amador-Moreno who will represent the Irish English Network on the board of the European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies (EFACIS).

Carolina will represent the interests of our Irish English linguistic members at EFACIS meetings and will work to further foster the connection between the Irish English Network and EFACIS.

4) Save the date: 14th October 2021 at 19h CET - round-table event on Irish English and Irish Studies

We are delighted to announce an online round-table event on Irish English and Irish Studies organised by the European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies (EFACIS) in collaboration with the Irish English Network.

The event will be chaired by Gerardine Meaney (University College Dublin) and speakers will include Carolina Amador-Moreno (University of Bergen), Anne Barron (Lüneburg Universität Lüneburg), Karen Corrigan (Newcastle University), Ray Hickey (University of Duisburg-Essen), Bettina Migge (University College Dublin), and Elaine Vaughan (University of Limerick). We look forward to seeing you there!

5) (Teaching) resources

We have a number of new resources (see 'Resource' tab on irish-english.net). Many thanks to those researchers who have put them at our disposal. They include:

- a podcast episode on "Language, migration and identity with Karen Corrigan" recorded in conjunction with the Accentricity-Podcast. This podcast is now available free of charge on www.irish-english.net;
- a historical overview of research in Irish English by Ray Hickey.

6) New volume on Irish English

Congratulations to Stephen Lucek and Carolina Amador-Moreno whose edited volume *Expanding the Landscapes of Irish English Research: Papers in Honour of Dr Jeffrey Kallen* will be published on November 21 with Routledge. You can check out the volume at <https://www.routledge.com/Expanding-the-Landscapes-of-Irish-English-Research-Papers-in-Honour-of/Lucek-Amador-Moreno/p/book/9780367856397>. Congratulations and thanks also to Jeff Kallen for years of research on Irish English!

7) Reminder: New Perspectives on Irish English 7 in Cork

We would again like to remind you of the upcoming *New Perspectives on Irish English 7* (NPIE-7) conference 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.

As usual, if you wish to contribute to the resources and information provided on www.irish-english.net or if you wish to use this newsletter to announce conferences, workshops or news relevant to the Irish English Research Network, please do not hesitate to contact us at irish-english@leuphana.de. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes, take care and stay safe

Arne and Marion on behalf of the IrEN steering committee