

Introduction to St Patrick's Day

The Mayor of London's annual St Patrick's Festival and Parade is back on Sunday 15 March 2026.

About the Event at Trafalgar Square:

The event runs from 12pm to 6pm. There is no need to book a ticket and entrance is free.

The event has become a highlight of London's cultural calendar, showcasing the best of Irish arts and culture. It's also a commemoration of the life of Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick, and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. St Patrick's Day is widely celebrated across the globe including here in London at Trafalgar Square and highlights the many contributions the Irish community have made to our great city.

Trafalgar Square will be buzzing with energy! The main stage will be hosted by Rachel Galvo feature a fantastic line up hosted by our new Programme Partner Head the Ball Events. You'll be able to enjoy live music and dance from Ireland and London. Acts include The Commitments, Huartan, David Keenan, Nell Mescal, Jig and a Swig, The London Bodhran Band, Carrie Baxter, ICC

Community Choir and highlights from Moonlight, the Philip Lynott Enigma.

This year the Square will be filled with an array of activities including:

- Irish Creative Collective Sessions - where you can enjoy a line-up of comedy, music, spoken word and Irish Film and TV film shorts.
- Irish Language Sessions – a chance to learn some Gaelic Irish and have a chat with fellow Irish speaking friends
- Out in the World Exhibition – showcasing twelve stories from the history of Ireland’s LGBTQ+ diaspora.

Plus:

- Interactive children’s arts and crafts workshops run by Artburst.
- A chance to step back in time into a real life OldBog Cottage

We will also have an array of stalls, food delights and of course a bar.

Check more information on this page about our programme at Trafalgar Square.

You can also find this information in an easy-read document, and a transcript of this video in downloadable formats on this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the webpage, there is a button to translate the page into another language.

If you have any questions, please email StPatricksDay@London.gov.uk

We can't wait to welcome you at St Patrick's Day!