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## ON THE MOVE...

EMMY award-winning Irish company Havok has announced the appointment of Kurt Pakendorf as its vice president and general counsel. The firm, which provides interactive software and services to the global games and movie industries, has its head quarters in the Digital Hub in Dublin.



Mr Pakendorf will be in charge of all legal activities relating to the firm. He has previously worked as assistant general counsel of i2 Technologies, Inc which is based in Dallas, Texas.

COOLPOWER, an Irish company that provides solar power solutions, has announced the appointment of Tom Bean as its director of business development. In his new position Mr Bean will be responsible for the firm's commercial development. He has worked in IT and telecoms for nearly 20 years and was head of marketing at Vodafone Ireland for six years.



BDO Simpson Xavier, a financial advisory firm, announced Peter Carroll as its new managing partner. He succeeds Paul Keenan and will take up his post on May 30. Mr Carroll has worked in a range of business advisory roles over 20 years. He joined BDO Simpson Xavier in 1986. This appointment comes after Paul Keenan's decision not to stand for another term as managing partner.



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## Visitor numbers continue to rise

**THE number of people taking business trips to Ireland last year rose 10 per cent, new figures showed yesterday.**

The Central Statistics Office reported a four per cent rise — to 8.012 million — in the total number of visitors arriving here last year.

It said 1.211m of them were on business. And 7.713 million Irish people travelled abroad — up 13 per cent from 6.848m on the previous year.

Some 886m of those trips were on business, compared to 813m the previous year. According to the figures, 4.032m people travelled from Britain — compared to 4.060m the previous year.

### Ferry

More British visitors opted to travel by ferry — with the number arriving by air down four per cent.

The number of trips from other European countries was up 14 per cent, while 1.073m people came here from the US last year — compared to 1.055m in 2006.

The number of nights overseas visitors spent in hotels here was up 12 per cent on 2006.

But the figure for guest houses and B&Bs dropped 11 per cent.

Visitors to Ireland stayed an average of 7.3 nights — compared to an average stay of 8.1 nights by Irish people overseas.

The CSO said Irish people spent €6,163m on trips abroad in 2007, compared to the €4,902m spent by visitors to Ireland — a net outflow of €1,261m.



## GLOBAL VILLAGE

● A NICE cuppa and a chat — it's not just a refreshing break but the whole idea behind European Neighbours Day, which will encourage people to go out and get to know their neighbours this May 27.

It's the brainchild of Atanase Perifan, the President of the European Federation of Local

Solidarity, seen here sharing a brew with Dublin's Lord Mayor Cllr Paddy Bourke.

● Mr Perifan was at the Mansion House to present him with a diploma thanking the city for its support for the initiative, which aims to promote open and friendly social ties in communities across Europe.

THE amount of pirated software used on personal computers in Ireland last year fell by two percentage points compared to the year before, it has been revealed.

The annual study by the Business Software Alliance (BSA) shows that "the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000... has had a marked effect on piracy in Ireland, driving the rate down from a high of 41pc in 2003."

A total of 108 countries were surveyed for the report, which was carried out independently by market research firm IDC.

Yesterday, Aileen Eglington from BSA Ireland said: "This report shows that we are making progress in Ireland in the battle against software piracy."



DELIGHT: Kathryn Raleigh

## DROP IN PIRATED SOFTWARE USAGE WELCOMED

tion of piracy rates in Ireland. "Of the 10 major software companies in the world, seven have a substantial base in Ireland, so the ICT sector is of huge importance."

She added: "It is vital that Ireland reduces its piracy rate and respects intellectual property if it is to remain attractive to foreign direct investment and maintain competitiveness on a global scale."

"Reducing piracy further would deliver key benefits for local consumers, local software and services firms, small businesses, and the society at large."

### Foreign

According to the report, an increasing number of companies have started doing 'software audits'. Kathryn Raleigh, boss at ICT Ireland, said: "I welcome the continued reduc-

# Neighbours - everyone loves good...

SOME revealing survey results surrounding the relationships Irish people have with their neighbours have just been published.

The independent survey took place during the month of May to coincide with European Neighbours Day (May 27) and was conducted by RED C Market Research on behalf of Irish security company Top Security.

The survey showed that three in four Irish adults prefer to leave their house keys and alarm codes with a family member or friend rather than neighbours, despite knowing the people living next door.

One in three Irish adults leave their house keys with neighbours and one in five have given them their alarm code.

Those aged 45-54 are more likely to trust their neighbours with keys and alarm codes and

## by Niall Bourke

Dublin residents are among those to be most trustworthy of their neighbours and Munster residents the least.

Emmet O'Rafferty, chairman of Top Security, said the fact that more than a third of Irish people do not trust their neighbour with their house keys was an unfortunate symptom of modern Irish life.

"In the 1970s and early 1980s Ireland experienced a big increase in crime which significantly changed Irish people's attitudes to both home and personal security," said Mr O'Rafferty. "People became less carefree and more guarded."

"Unfortunately, the strong sense of community has all but disappeared from Irish life and this is confirmed by the survey results."

Mr O'Rafferty added that while vigilance was no substitute for strong home security, including a monitored alarm, he would encourage everyone to go out and get to know those living around them.

"Because when it comes to home security your neighbour can be a great ally," he said.

The 1,000 survey respondents were also asked to outline the precautions they take when leaving their homes for up to one week.

An amazing 13 per cent are far too trustworthy stating that they take no precautions at all, bar closing the door behind them.

Top Security's Top Tips for

## Survey findings reveal how Irish people are slipping away from folk next door

securing your home include:

- Make your home as difficult to break into as possible. Check that all doors have strong locks and that any sliding doors and gates are secured.
- If you have an alarm, use it. It's easy to forget to activate your alarm especially when you are popping next door or down to the shops. Even when you are in the house at night, it is advisable to activate your alarm.
- Never hide the spare key under flowerpots or on top of door ledges - even a novice burglar will check out these 'hiding spots'.
- If you are going away for a long period ask your neighbour to keep a watch on your home. If you are leaving a key for use in an emergency, give it to a trusted neighbour or a relative.
- Don't post your family name on your mailbox or on your house. A criminal can call directory enquiries to get your telephone number and call your home while outside your house to confirm that you are not there.
- If heading out just for a short while, as well as turning on your alarm, you can create the illusion that someone is at home by leaving a radio or TV on. Light timers are relatively cheap and are a great deterrent as well.
- Don't leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "You've reached the Murphy's...we're away on holidays...please leave a message." Criminals love to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and steal from your home.
- Consider strongly a monitored alarm-system as this is one of the most cost-effective and easiest to manage deterrents. The immediate response that monitoring provides dramatically minimises the potential risk of loss and damage to your property.
- If your alarm is monitored

and you are going on holidays, be sure to inform your alarm monitoring company of the new temporary key holder.

- Other findings from the survey include:
- Those aged 25-34 and originally from outside Ireland are most likely not to trust their neighbours.
- Those aged over 45 are

more likely to tell neighbours they are going away and also to leave a key with them.

- Just nine per cent of Irish adults tell their neighbours they are going away for one day but rises to just under one in three when they are going away for up to one week
- Another 15 per cent said they notify their alarm monitoring company that they are going away.

European Neighbours day is celebrated annually across Europe on the last Tuesday during the month of May and encourages people to make a special effort to connect with their local community and celebrate their relationships with their neighbours.



● KEYS TO THE CITY: The president of the European Federation of Local Solidarity and creator of the European Good Neighbours Day, Antoine Periton, is pictured with the Lord Mayor of Dublin Clif Paddy Bourke, who was presented with a diploma officially thanking the city of Dublin for its continued support to the initiative at a ceremony which took place at the Mansion House. Photo by Gims Buiw

seen by over 25 million people worldwide and nominated for nine Tony Awards including Best Musical, this sumptuous, eye-popping theatrical phenomenon has wowed audiences worldwide with critically acclaimed, record breaking runs in London, New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Sydney and Tokyo.

## Little actors in bid for big part

AUDDITIONS have been held for the part of 'Chip' in the award winning musical Beauty and the Beast.

Young boys from all over Dublin took part in the auditions held in the Academy on Middle Abbey Street.

The magic of Disney's Beauty and the Beast, the spectacularly staged smash-hit musical, is coming to



● Culum McCoy, (bottom left) (6) from Blackrock; will Robbins (7) Blackrock; Joseph Cleary (11) Crumlin; Jake Richardson (12) Knocklyon and Sean Golligher (11) Malahide pictured at the auditions for the part of Chip in Disney's award winning musical Beauty and the Beast, in the Academy on Middle Abbey Street. It will run in the Olympia for a limited time from July 23. Photo by Arthur Carrow/Collins

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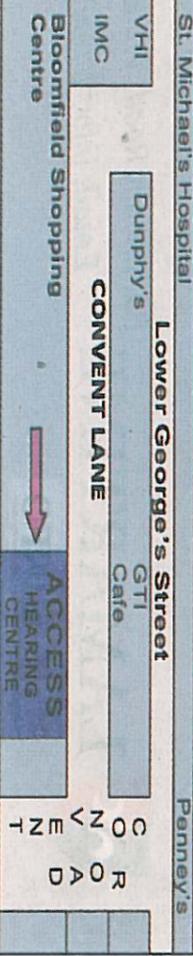
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# Rathmines students have the 'write' stuff

**MEDIA** students at Rathmines College have successfully launched a stunning new magazine which they produced as part of their college course.

The seven young contributors all worked together for over six months in producing XY Magazine – a free and unique publication aimed at both male and female interests.

Editor Doug Whelan from Kilincy, said the team was very pleased with the magazine.

"We invested months of blood, sweat and tears into

and local businesses. Linda Murphy from Crumlin took on the task of approaching these people for funds.

"The hardest part was the initial attempts to secure advertising," she said. "Getting businesses to part with their money was a challenge in itself, but it was made even harder by the fact that we were asking them to give it to students for a one-off publication. However, as we got more suited to the roles, it became easier to approach them. Persistence ultimately paid off in

the end." The team's print supervisor, Éadaoin Ashe from Ballinteer, revealed how the responsibility fell on each of them to produce the magazine.

"The core element of the project was that we the students would have to do everything, and although the college was always available if we really needed them, they would not be holding our hand throughout the production process," she said. "After discussing rates

with different printers around Dublin, we agreed to produce the magazine with Dolphin Print in Crumlin, who offered us a great rate. We were able to lower it even further by offering them space in the magazine for an advert. The whole experience taught us a lot about the business side of the media."

However, any team working together for six months can experience hiccups. "We did hit some bumps along the way that threatened to derail our progress," ad-



**Left to Right: Barry Sheelan, Éadaoin Ashe, Linda Murphy, Gary Moore and Michael Moloney – all students at Rathmines College who contribute to the success of XY Magazine. (Not pictured) Doug Whelan and Audrey Mulholland.**

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mitted Doug, "but part of the project was designed to see how the team would respond to problems it encountered."

"For example, a member had to pull out due to illness but we had contingency plans in place for such events that we were able to rely on quickly."

The XY contributors were just one of two groups of second-year journalism students who were required to produce a full-page magazine to be distributed in the Rathmines area.

The two-year diploma course aims to introduce students to journalism and public relations practice, and to provide them with a working knowledge of the media industry in Ireland.

The team's production manager Gary Moore commented on life as a journalism student.

"The course is very much

geared towards preparing students for the sort of aspects that professional journalists address every day in their jobs," he said.

"For example, students are graded on assignments throughout the two years, instead of on end of year exams. As a result, students are required to work to deadlines and be able to juggle multiple workloads at any given time, much like a journalist in a newsroom needs to research and write many different articles in time for the print deadline."

As well as a magazine, students of the diploma course are also required to produce a half-hour radio documentary, which is broadcast in the Rathmines area each spring.

The course addresses other issues that promising journalists need to be aware of, such as media law and politics.

## Walking tour to take in Old Jewish Dublin

**A FASCINATING** historical walking tour of Dublin's Jewish community will take place on Tuesday, May 27 as part of 'European Neighbours Day'.

To mark European Year for Intercultural Dialogue, Dublin City Council is holding the 'Let's Walk and Talk - New Shores, Ancient Footprints' initiative to educate Irish people and new communities about other cultures that exist in the city.

Dubliners are encouraged to take part in the tour which starts at 7pm along the canal outside the Barge Pub on Charlemont Street. The trip will visit parts of the city that have significant connections to its Jewish past.

"The Jewish community has been present in Ireland for many years and has played a very substantial part in the commercial, cultural and political life of our communities," said Cllr Paddy Bourke, Lord Mayor of Dublin. "As a Dubliner I recognise and acknowledge the important role that the Jewish community has played in enriching our city."

Leading historian and author Pat Liddy will guide the tour which is open to all members of the public. It will take in an area that was the heartland of a vibrant Jewish community many years ago. A brief visit of the Jewish Museum on Welworth Street will also be included on the walk.

It will conclude at a special reception at Tailors Hall which will provide an opportunity for participants to sample Jewish culture, and will include a screening of the short film 'Blind Eye', starring Ardal O'Hanlon.

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# Know your neighb

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THE Civic Centre was awash with colourful paintings and drawings as young, old, and those in between, celebrated **European Neighbour's Day**.

Know Your Neighbour is an annual event, which runs across Europe as part of the day of celebrations on May 27.

The day, hosted by Dublin City South Volunteer Centre, encourages people to get together and know their neighbours better.

Members of the community were invited to pay a visit to the centre on Ballyfermot Road for a 'cuppa, cake and a chat'.

Edwina Dewart, an Outreach and Development Officer at the volunteer centre, says that children from De La Salle, St Gabriel's and St Louise's were joined by eight community organisations and many residents, who were eager to get involved.

She said: "The schools were asked to take part in a competition, where they made up pictures showing how to be a good neighbour.

"The pictures were great; they varied from children doing errands, taking out bins and ringing the fire brigade in case of fires."

Students from each school were awarded prizes of family passes for Dublin Zoo for the best

tion was also on display called A Time to Dance, featuring images of residents who appeared in the Ann Hendrick/Maeve Binchy book.

Edwina added: "We were delighted with the turnout as a lot of groups gave their support, such as the Seniors Helpline and the Bungalow.

"The fact that so many people came along shows the strong community spirit in the area."



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Margaret Doran and Mary Pender promoting the Cherry Orcha Resource Centre.



Megan Murray and Emily Sweeney drawing for the next competition.

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# Dubliners' Walk the Walk and Talk the Talk as City Tours

## Tarotscopes

**Aries**  
You may be right Aries, but this is not the week to press the issue. Leave a drying situation quietly (hard for you, yes I know!) with your briefcase intact, and accept that some financial loss might occur, but don't spend too much time trying to fix things because your take-charge attitude might make it worse.

**Taurus**  
If life hands you a lemon, Taurus, grab the vodka and make some hard lemonade. Keep the mirth and merriment close to home. Share your lemonade with family and friends this week, and revel in the joy that can only be had by those who know they are the undisputed kings of their backyard BBQs.

**Gemini**  
Someone may need you to be their pillar of strength this week, my flighty friend! Don't play pass the buck with anyone's feelings and don't laugh them off. Turn off the iPod and give them your undivided attention. You can go back to picking butterflies out of the air next week, but for now, sit still and be quiet.

**Cancer**  
Resist the urge to drown in a sea of new feelings and inflation this week!!! Watch the path you tread and see if you haven't left any footprints there before. We know how this ends Crabby, and having the largest collection of restraining orders of all the signs of the Zodiac is nothing to brag about.

**Leo**  
A happy partnership begins this week, Leo!!! Whether its brand new or a reconciliation, proceed forward with a bright eye towards the future and a happy heart.

**Virgo**  
Brighten up, its June!!! Smile and be happy here before you know it, Virgo. Things may not have gone quite how you planned it, but resist the urge to drown your sorrows and instead, focus on the bright messages that this knight brings. The universe has a plan even if things seem to be plenty disorganized to you.

**Libra**  
Take a deep breath and count to ten this week, Libra. This knight brings influences that may make

you want to tear everyone around you a new asshole but remember two things: 1. Your words can really, really hurt. 2. Mercury won't be retrograde forever. Instead of landing yourself in court over property line disputes with neighbors, children who push your buttons, or drivers that cut you off and then drive 20 miles under the speed limit, put the mental influence of this card to use and turn your situation into an epic poem, chapter in your latest novel, or comedy skit.

**Scorpio**  
Its wooden spoon time, Scorpio, so drop em and bend. The truth will set you free, but first it will tan your hide. Have a nice fluffy pillow handy because you may have trouble sitting for a bit.

**Sagittarius**  
Its time to visit the spa and reinvent yourself. You need an upgrade Sagittarius, whether its new hair, or a new outlook. Take this week to think about where you are headed and how you wish to get there....and most importantly, what you will wear when you make your grand entrance.

**Capricorn**  
Its been a struggle, Capricorn, what with the bad weather, feeling like summer would never come, lazy handycaps, and in between all that trying to take over the world, but your backyard is finished and the garden party of the season is within grasp. Print off those invites and call the caterer.

**Aquarius**  
Stop apologetizing. Accept your good points as well as your bad points and focus on self-improvement this week. Carrying a torch to misery never helped anyone, Aquarius, and it will only keep you at ground level about it, we've moved on to other things. You do the same.

**Pisces**  
Just say no to one more drink, cookie, or new pair of shoes this week. There is such a thing as too much of a good thing and overindulgence can lead to being broke, too fat for your fat clothes, or court-ordered AA meetings. Crack the malaise and you will find that something is coming to relieve the boredom but you'll miss it if you're too busy wiping secret sauce off your chin.

Almost 250 local residents, tourists, history buffs and members of the Jewish community took part in a historical walking tour of Jewish Dublin which was organised by Dublin City Council as part of European Neighbours Day. Historian and author Pat Liddy led the tour which was launched by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Anne Carter at the Barge Pub. The walk included a stop at the Jewish Museum on Walworth Street and went through the South Circular Road and Clanbrassil Street which is an area of the city once known as 'Little Jerusalem'.



Historian Pat Liddy addressing participants of the walking tour of Jewish Dublin near Clanbrassil Street. Pic: Conor Healy



The City Council's 'Let's Walk & Talk' tours are attracting huge interest. Pic: Conor Healy

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"Due to the large numbers and the poor weather I did not plan to stick around for long but I stayed and found it thoroughly interesting and educational. I'm already looking forward to the next walking tour event," said Karol Cronin, a school teacher who attended the tour. The tour ended with a Jewish themed reception at Tailors Hall near Christ Church Cathedral. The reception provided an opportunity for participants to sample Jewish culture which included a screening of the short film, 'Blind Eye', starring Ardal O'Hanlon.

The film tells the true story of a Jewish woman living in Dublin in 1939 facing deportation to her native Germany. The evening concluded with a lively and informative panel discussion about how the Jewish Community has contributed to life in Dublin. Deputy Alan Shatter, Mary Rose Dooly, producer of 'Blind Eye', Raphael Siev, curator of the Jewish Museum and respected Jewish expert Joe Briscoe were on the panel which was chaired by Katrina Goldstone.

Commenting on the tour, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Paddy Bourke said, "the Jewish community has been present in Ireland for many years and has played a very substantial part in the commercial, cultural and political life of our communities. As a Dubliner I recognise and acknowledge the important role that the Jewish community has played in enriching our city."

To mark European Year for Intercultural Dialogue, Dublin City Council is holding the 'Let's Walk and Talk - New Shores, Ancient Footprints' initiative. The purpose of which is to educate Irish people and new communities about other cultures that exist in the city. Dublin City Council intends to organise other cultural walking tours and discussion evenings in the near future.

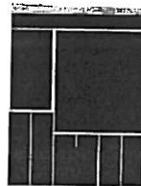
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# Dublin's Jewish story

Ireland's Jewish community was once one of the country's main ethnic minority populations. Its numbers have since dwindled, but a Dublin City Council initiative aims to highlight its unique legacy and contribution to the city. **SANDY HAZEL reports**

TO MARK European Year for Intercultural Dialogue, Dublin City Council is holding the 'Let's Walk and Talk - New Shores, Ancient Footprints' initiative to expose Irish people and new communities to other cultures that exist in the city. One of the first events will commemorate and honour Dublin's Jewish community, with a historical walking tour of the old Jewish quarter in Dublin.

Little Jerusalem, a part of

Dublin 8 which was once home to Ireland's thriving Jewish community, but which not hosts a substantial Muslim population, will feature as the backdrop for the Dublin City Council-organised cultural evening on 27 May.

The initiative will commence with a walking tour which starts at 7pm along the canal outside the Barge Pub on Charlemont Street. Led by historian and author Pat Liddy, it will take in Portobello, Clanbrassil Street and the South Circular Road, once the heartland of a vibrant Jewish community. A brief tour of the Jewish Museum on Walworth Street will be included in the walk, with the tour concluding at Tailors Hall where participants will sample Jewish culture. Tailors Hall dates from 1706 and is the only remaining Guild Hall in Dublin. It was the meeting place of the Guild of Merchant Tailors from 1706 to 1841.

There will also be a screening of the short film *Blind Eye*, which tells the true story of a Jewish woman living in Dublin in 1939 who faces deportation to her native Germany, and the final instalment of the evening will be a panel discussion on how the Jewish community has contributed to life in Dublin, featuring Fine Gael spokesperson on Children, Alan Shatter TD and producer of *Blind Eye*, Mary Rose Doorly.

Joe Briscoe, for many years a spokesperson for the Jewish community, will also feature on the panel. Briscoe says cultural remembrances like this one are important. "Although the Jewish community was a small one, it made a huge impact on cultural and commercial life in Ireland and in Dublin in particular," he explains. "Just one family for instance, the Ellimans, ran the Theatre Royal for many years. They put on a different show every week in what was a 5000-seat venue.

They were a major employer in the theatre world in those days. In fact, this cultural evening at Tailors Hall and on the walking tour will appeal to anyone with an interest in Dublin history."

Briscoe adds that he is constantly amazed that the Irish Jewish Museum in Dublin is such a regular tour for school children: "We have teachers from all over Ireland who bring their students to the Jewish Museum as part of their trip to Dublin. They are all incredibly interested in this part of Ireland's heritage." The Irish Jewish Museum is located in the once highly Jewish populated area of Portobello, around South Circular Road, Dublin 8. Formerly the Walworth Road

Synagogue, the building fell into disuse and ceased to function during the 1970s. The premises remained locked for almost 10 years but was brought back to life again with the establishment of the Irish Jewish Museum Committee in late 1984. The museum now preserves an important, though small, part of Ireland's cultural and historic heritage, including a substantial collection of memorabilia relating to the Irish Jewish communities. Briscoe is still active in keeping the remaining Jewish community together. "Our community of retired Jews have moved to a great place which I attend weekly for a synagogue. It is a home at Stocking Lane where our elder Jews are retired and it is a smashing facility, built by the Society of Quakers. We have kosher kitchens and modern facilities. We need ten males in order to have prayers, so I go there in order for those men to be able to pray and of course to keep in touch."

ACCORDING TO Cllr Paddy Bourke, Lord Mayor of Dublin, Ireland's Jewish community has played "a very substantial

# Tour of Jewish Dublin

Dublin City Council organises weekly themed walking tours to help people learn more about the city. Mags Gargan joined an historical tour of the old Jewish Quarter.



To celebrate European Year of Intercultural Dialogue, Dublin City Council has arranged a series of walks to educate people about other cultures that exist in the city. Normally between 60-70 people turn up for these tours, but about 200 people braved the weather to take the tour of Jewish Dublin specially arranged for European Neighbours' Day on Tuesday, May 27.

There was no mistaking the crowd of enthusiasts gathered at the Barge Pub on Charlemont Street, in sturdy wet gear and hi-vis jackets. The group was a mix of ages, religions and nationalities, and everyone was in high spirits. The tour guide for this hardy group is historian Pat Liddy, who is unmistakable in his long coat and hat.

To the amusement of smokers standing outside the pub, we set off down the Grand Canal stopping

traffic on the bridge, under the watchful eyes of the trained walk leaders. The first stop of the tour is the Bretzel Bakery on Lennox Street in Portobello. The recently restored shop is not Jewish owned, but stocks all kosher food.

## Persecution

We learned that the Jewish community of Ireland dates back to the 1880s, when immigrants from Lithuania fleeing persecution and pogroms landed in Dublin and Cork. The Jewish Quarter developed in the 1940s; then as Dublin grew and new housing estates were built, Jewish people moved out to areas like Kimmage, Rathgar and Terenure.

Our next stop is the site of old synagogue which closed down after the community spread out. All that remains of the synagogue is a brown door at No 32 Lennox St. The ladies of the shop next door are quite surprised to find a crowd of people outside and

come out to listen in to our tour guide's talk.

Pat tells us that the main purpose of this tour is to illustrate the interaction between the Jewish and Christian communities. "The Jews were very active members of society. They were very generous during the Famine, and had times of the 1940s and 1950s. They had a reputation of being money lenders, but they were fair money lenders and it was a service many would not have survived without."

## Nostalgia

Our group moves on, with some waving to a curious child hanging out a bedroom window. We walk down streets of old red brick buildings and Martin Dowling tells me they remind him of 'Coronation Street'. Martin and his brother Seamus are both involved in town planning and came on the walk for the sense of community spirit and nostalgia of visiting old Dublin.

Sr Carmel Niland, from the Sisters of Zion, who works at promoting unity between Jews and Christians, chats happily with people who fall into step with her. "I think Irish people probably don't know enough about the Jewish history around them, so this is a great idea. The Jews have a remarkable history and we can learn so much from it."

We stop at the house of Isaac Herzog on Bloomfield Ave. Isaac Herzog became the first Chief Rabbi of the

Irish Free State in 1921. His son Chaim Herzog became head of British intelligence in northern Germany during World War II and participated in the liberation of the concentration camps. He entered Israeli politics in 1981 and served as President of Israel from 1983-1993.

A young man from Tel Aviv on holidays in Dublin informs the group that currently his grandson Isaac Herzog is Minister of Welfare in Israel.

## Jewish community

As we make our way to the Jewish museum on Walworth Road, Hillary Abrahamson tells me she recognises many faces on the walk from the Jewish community, but the majority seems to be non-Jewish. "It is nice to see so many people interested in learning more about the Jewish community. I'm glad I joined the tour and I think the Jewish crowd enjoyed it."

The Jewish Museum was founded in 1985, opened by Chain Herzog while he was president of Israel. It is housed in a former Synagogue at 3 and 4 Walworth Road, which was opened in 1916. The museum functioned as a synagogue until the 1970s. The museum curator, Raphael Slev, tells us services are still occasionally held if requested, and last year they even held a wedding.

Coming out of the museum a Jewish man tells me he is staggered by the numbers on the walk – "It never ceases to amaze me the



Raphael Slev, curator of the Jewish museum.

interest people have in the Jewish community."

## Worthwhile

Seamus and Martin Dowling found the tour very worthwhile. "The tour has brought historical Dublin alive for me," Seamus says. "I think things like this should be encouraged. It shows you that Dublin was multicultural before the Celtic Tiger and I think we can learn a lesson from the past about building bridges with other communities."

For more information on 'Lets Walk and Talk' Tours contact Ronan O'Donnell on 01-2223726. [www.dubhincity.ie](http://www.dubhincity.ie)



Sharing a joke on the walk.



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Pat Liddy (left) leads the walkers on their tour. Pics: Jack Caffrey.

# Hundreds take a walk through history of Jewish Dublin

ORGANISERS of an historical walking tour of Jewish Dublin were taken by surprise last week when hundreds of people turned up for the event.

Close to 300 local residents, tourists, history buffs and members of the Jewish community took part in the tour that was organised by Dublin City Council as part of European Neighbourhood Day.

The walk proved so popular that members of the Civil Defence had to provide ambulance cover and traffic management for the evening.

According to city council officials similar tours in the past had only attracted in the region of 30 walkers.

Historian and author Pat Liddy led the tour that was launched by the Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Clif Anne Carter (Lab) at the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.

The walk included a stop at the Jewish Museum on Walworth Road and went through the South Circular Road and Clanbrassil Street, an area of the city once known as 'Little Jerusalem'.

The first stop on the tour was The Bretzel Bakery on Lennox Street. Pat Liddy in-

formed walkers that the bakery would have provided many of the Jewish community in the area with fresh bread.

"The bakery has just had a great job done on its exterior, it looks wonderful and its future seems assured," he said.

"While not still in Jewish hands, I'm told the bakery is still making first class bread."

Next stop on the tour was just down the road from the Bretzel at number 32 Lennox Street. This building served as a former synagogue to the Jewish community that lived in the warren of small streets that dot Little Jerusalem.

"This would have been a much-used synagogue by the Jewish community who, it has to be said, received a very bad press in Ireland throughout the 40s, 50s and 60s and undeservedly so in my opinion," said Pat.

Just around the corner

from Lennox Street is Walworth Road where the Irish Jewish Museum is located.

Here, the curator of the museum, Raphaela Slev, gave a lecture about Jewish Dublin to participants of the walking tour inside the building.

Next stop on the tour was Broomfield Avenue, home of Isaac Herzog who was the first chief rabbi of Ireland, his term lasting from 1921 to 1936.

Rabbi Herzog served as rabbi of Belfast from 1916 to 1919 and was appointed rabbi of Dublin in 1919.

Karol Cronin, a school-teacher who attended the tour, said she was already looking forward to the next one.

"Due to the large numbers and the poor weather I did not plan to stick around for long but I stayed and found it thoroughly interesting and educational," said Karol.

The tour then continued through the old Coombe area of Dublin passing many Jewish landmarks on route and on to Tailors Hall, close to Christ Church Cathedral, where a Jewish themed reception was

held.

The event provided an opportunity for participants to sample Jewish culture that included a screening of the short film, 'Blind Eye', starring Ardal O'Hanlon.

The film tells the true story of a Jewish woman living in Dublin in 1939 facing deportation to her native Germany. The evening concluded with a lively and informative panel discussion about how the Jewish community has contributed to life in Dublin.

Deputy Alan Shatter, Mary Rose Doody, producer of 'Blind Eye', Raphaela Slev and respected Jewish expert Joe Briscoe were on the panel.

To mark European Year for Intercultural Dialogue, Dublin City Council is holding the 'Lets Walk and Talk - New Shores, Ancient Footprints' initiative.

The purpose of which is to educate Irish people and new communities about other cultures that exist in the city. The council intends organising other cultural walking tours and discussion evenings in the near future.



WALKING THROUGH HISTORY: Hundreds of participants in the walking tour of Jewish Dublin near Clanbrassil Street attended a panel discussion on Irish Jewish history at Tailors Hall.



Marathon man Eoin Ryan pictured with model Susanna Liviwoja hopes to raise close to €30,000 with his latest feat.

## Dublin's Forrest Gump in gruelling kids challenge

A Ballyfermot local who describes himself as a 'Dublin Forrest Gump' is planning to run a gruelling six and a half marathons in just six days to raise money for two very deserving children's charities.

by Brian Whelan

Experienced triathlete and marathon runner, Eoin Ryan (33) hopes to raise close to €30,000 with his latest feat which will see him run from Dublin to Shannon and back.

All funds raised will go to help Our Lady's Hospital in Crumlin and a missionary project in Obera, Argentina, which works with abandoned and disabled children.

In the past Eoin raised over €30,000 for People in Need when he completed a static Ironman on Graton Street which involved swimming in a temporary pool, cycling on a turbo trainer and running on a treadmill.

Eoin explained that his motivation for the run has been Clara Burns, a young girl suffering with a serious medical condition at Our Lady's Hospital.

## Disabled grants top €1 million in Bray

OVER €1 million in housing adaptation grants for older people and people with a disability have been allocated to Bray.

Clif Caroline Burrell (GP) welcomed the Department of the Environment's recent allocation of €1,079,910.

"I am very happy that Minister John Gormley's department has made this significant allocation to Wicklow to fund very important projects," she said. "These housing adaptation schemes are vitally important in

assisting older people and people with a disability in Bray to continue to live in their own homes and communities with the dignity that they deserve. I would urge older people and those with a disability to check out these schemes with Bray Town Council to see if applicable and to avail of them."

In addition, initial funding of €13 million has been made available under the Special Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme in 2008. This will enable still further progress to be made in addressing the accommodation needs of older persons, according to Clif Burrell.



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