

All women become like thier mothers; that's their tragedy. No man does; that's his.

Oscar Wilde

The Irish/Basque Community Network (IBCON) 2011 St. Patrick's Week Celebrations



IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IRISH/BASQUE ASSOCIATION CARA

Saturday 12th March - Sunday 20th March 2011



Thurs. 17th March, 13.30 h

WHAT: CARA Key Meal in celebration of St. Patrick's Day 2011. Menu Especial 25 Euro (includes wine, café and IVA).

WHERE: "Botavara Restaurant" in the Abba Parque Hotel. c/Rodríguez Arias 66, Bilbao, Spain

WHO: Open to anyone with Irish/Basque interests. All are welcome.

WHAT ELSE? Guest coffee-speaker Prof. Juan Durán (UPV + ICQO) will catalyze animated conversations with a short 10 min talk entitled: "*On the obligation to doubt*".

HOW? Places are limited to the first 30 who confirm their participation by **sending an e-mail to: caravasco@gmail.com** before Monday 14th March, 18.00 h.



OTHER ST. PATRICK'S WEEK EVENTS

Sat 12 March 2011, 15.30 h

WHAT St. Patricks Football Match. Ireland vs. the Rest of the World! Munabe.



Sunday 13 March 2011, 11.30 h

WHAT: Irish/Basque Dance/Song Workshop for Adults & Kids (Otxarkoaga, Bilbao). Followed by Menu del Día at 13.30 h in a nearby restaurante.

WHERE: Sala de Danzas, Centro Cívico Otxarkoaga Auzo Etxea, Bilbao.

Wednesday 16th March, 21.00 h

WHAT: St. Patrick's Eve Live Irish Music "*Seisiún Cheoil Ghaelach*"

WHERE: ResidenceCafe, Bilbao, with uilleann pipes, bodhrán, whistles, fiddles, concertina. Authentically Irish/Basque!

Declaration of interest: The organizers declare that they have no commercial interests in convening this event.

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Friday 18th March, 22.00 h

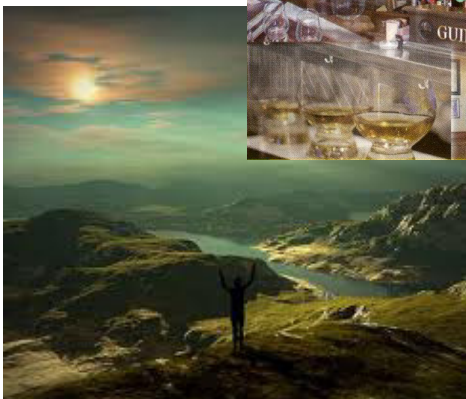
WHAT: *San Patrizioko Kontzertua*. Featuring Barry Kerr & Ruben Bada. Gaita irlandesa, flautas, guitarra...

WHERE: The Piper's Irish Pub, Avda. Basagoiti, 47, Algorta (Vizcaya).

Sunday 20th March

Gernika "Tír na nÓg" Family day-out.

11.00 am Birdwatching. Parque de Europa, Gernika and/or path along river from town to stork nests. Stroll around park, listening to natural birdsongs. Explanation of calls and songs by David Henderson. Questions and Answers. Plastified sheets with pictures of the main songbirds will be available to facilitate identification. Kids can bring bikes too. Bring your binoculars! For further information, contact: David Henderson at [madhen3@gmail.com](mailto:madhan3@gmail.com)



13.30 h Pub Grub in Scanlan's Tavern. See menu at <http://www.laguncara.com/images/docs/ScanlanMenu.pdf> or Menu *a la carte* in neighboring restaurant.

16.00 h Irish/Basque dancing and Live Irish Music. All welcome (beginners + professionals; adults + kids).

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Thanks to the ResidenceCafe (Bilbao), the Wicklow Arms (Bilbao) and Scanlan's Tavern for their continuous support of CARA and in particular to **AerLingus** for having offered four plane tickets to Dublin, to be raffled on Sunday 20th March in Gernika.

CARA STRATEGIC REFLECTION - Version 2.0 - Feb. 2010

During a meeting of the CARA management board in 2009, it was decided to commence a "Strategic Reflection" with a view to identifying clearly what we want CARA to be over the next few years. One way of doing this is to define VISION, MISSION and VALUE statements. As a rework of the initial suggestions by the Board, taking on board comments received from other members, please read the following new suggestions. Do they coincide with your ideas? Would you prefer to modify them? Would you like to suggest completely new ones? Please feel free to send your feedback to Seamus M. (smcquaid@fagorelectronica.es). When we have statements we members agree on and resonate with, we can then proceed to elaborate the corresponding Strategic Plan for CARA.

VISION

A vision is a statement about what the organization wants to become. It should resonate with all members of the organization and help them feel proud, excited, and part of something much bigger than themselves. A vision should stretch the organization's capabilities and image of itself. It gives shape and direction to the organization's future.

Proposal: CARA aspires to becoming a welcoming, tolerant, vibrant community of diverse people with Irish/Basque interests, renowned for providing active, quality, caring support for its members and for contributing through our synergy to the enrichment and integration of the plural society in which we live.

MISSION

Mission is a precise description of what the organization does. It should describe the activities the organization is in. It is a definition of "why" the organization exists currently.

Proposal:

- To provide an effective forum for the fruitful interaction of Irish people living in or around the Basque Country, with native Basques, enhancing relations between diverse individuals and families at all levels of society (culture, business, entertainment, etc.).
- To promote the interaction and communication of its members by organizing enjoyable and valuable social events which celebrate the Irish and Basque cultures.
- To actively promote our common values of welcoming, caring, fun and a bit of "craic".
- CARA focuses more on our shared interests and values than on our differences, following the principle that *"union differentiates"*.

VALUES

Values are the broadly defined as the way we do things, the key approaches the organization will use to accomplish its mission and drive toward the vision.

Proposals

KNOWLEDGE of our different cultures and peoples as a basis for **RESPECT**: seeing people as they are, not merely tolerating, but actively appreciating their individuality and uniqueness, thereby consolidating public interest, trust and pride in CARA.

RESPONSIBILITY: the ability or readiness to respond to the needs of our times, together with a leadership which is vigorous, professional and transparent in its service of the members of the Association.

CARING for the society in which we live, empowering each member to make her/his own contribution based on specific talents/expertise/experience.

Send your feedback and proposals to:

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