

Monthly newsletter for the Alliance Française Cork  
La lettre mensuelle de l'Alliance Française de Cork

### Editorial

Chers Amis, dear Friends,

October rhymes with Jazz in CORK and AF de Cork is pleased to wish Cork Guinness Jazz Festival "plein et grand succès"!

We say goodbye this month to our dear Héléne following her 4 years as Director with us appointed by the French Foreign Office. For the Alliance Française de CORK it has been a very positive and fruitful period where Franco-Irish bonds have been nurtured and enhanced. On behalf of the board and staff of Alliance Française de CORK I wish to pay a tribute to Héléne for her wonderful commitment, dedication and generosity of spirit and friendship during these past four years.

She came to us with a European heart and embraced our academic and cultural endeavours aiming at further developing and expanding them.

Elle gardera une place très spéciale dans nos cœurs ici à AFCork.

Nous souhaitons à Héléne une brillante poursuite de son parcours professionnel !

**Nora CALLANAN  
President**



Hélène DUQUIN, Director AFCork, H.E. Mme Emmanuelle D'ACHON, new French Ambassador to Ireland and Nora CALLANAN President AFCork at Ballymaloe during Ambassador's first visit to Cork



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It has been a marvellous and enriching experience to foster Franco-Irish relations at the heart of AF de Cork over the last years here in this wonderful city.

It has been indeed a privilege and a pleasure to work on a daily basis with our dear President Nora CALLANAN. Together we endeavoured to embody the mutual friendship which exists between France and Ireland. It was a pleasure to work with such a distinguished and talented President so dedicated and passionate to both cultures - French and Irish.

My work in Cork allowed me to meet so many wonderful and exceptional Irish people from the business, academic and cultural worlds - a marvelous network of people which I shall always treasure.

I am happy in the knowledge that this great Alliance Française shall be in the very capable hands of our president Nora Callanan and the new director Salim Bachi.

**Hélène Duquin**

Guests at reception marking Héléne Duquin's departure following four years as director of Alliance Française de Cork



*Do you have difficulty  
with **accent** and  
**aural comprehension**?*

*Improve your pronunciation and  
listening comprehension  
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- ✚ a semi-guided language-learning programme;
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### *A Thousand reasons for Living*

**Photographic exhibition  
by Don Mullan**

**Officially opened by  
Fr Tony Terry**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010**

*Welcome to the world's first photographic exhibition by an amateur photographer based entirely on images on the Nokia N73 and N95 mobile telephones.*

*During what he now calls his Nokia years, the cameras on Don Mullan's Nokia N73 and N95 taught him to be alert to the beauty of the world that exists in the present moment. From a condition of quiet despair, his mobile telephones brought me back into the light. Now, several times a day he finds himself taking sharp intakes of breath as he marvels at how light and colour can conspire to turn the mundane into magic....*



### **Water – a Vital Resource**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010**

*An exhibition of posters created by  
GoodPlanet*

[www.ledeveloppementdurable.fr](http://www.ledeveloppementdurable.fr)

**Exhibition is supported by  
French Embassy in Ireland**

*Looking from the space the earth appears to be completely different from other planets of the solar system. The globe is blue because of water covering three quarters of the earth. Without water there is no life. The appearance and history of life is closely connected with the existence of water, the life of man is also attached to this resource – a lake, a river or another source which is continuously renewed and purified by the water cycle. Agriculture, industries and big cities put enormous pressure on and intensively exploit the resources to such an extent which exceeds its natural renewal capacity. Water is polluted and its cycle disturbed. Despite its abundance, overexploitation and waste of fresh water deplete the resources thus causing shortages and endangering part of human race as well as numerous ecosystems. The future of humankind is closely linked with water, therefore it has to be preserved.*



Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9.30am-5.30pm  
Sat: 9.30am - 4pm  
(closed for lunch 1.30pm - 2.30pm)

### **Attention Artists!!**

**Those wishing to exhibit in Alliance Française de Cork Gallery  
in 2011-2012**

**Please contact cultural coordinator Vytėnė Laučytė at  
[culture@alliancefrancaisecork.com](mailto:culture@alliancefrancaisecork.com) or 021 4310677**

**Please send in your CV and samples of work for consideration**



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