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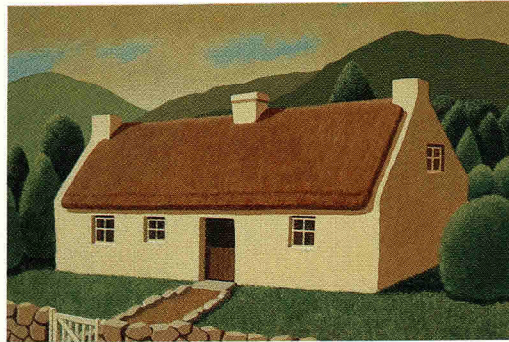
*in the presence of*

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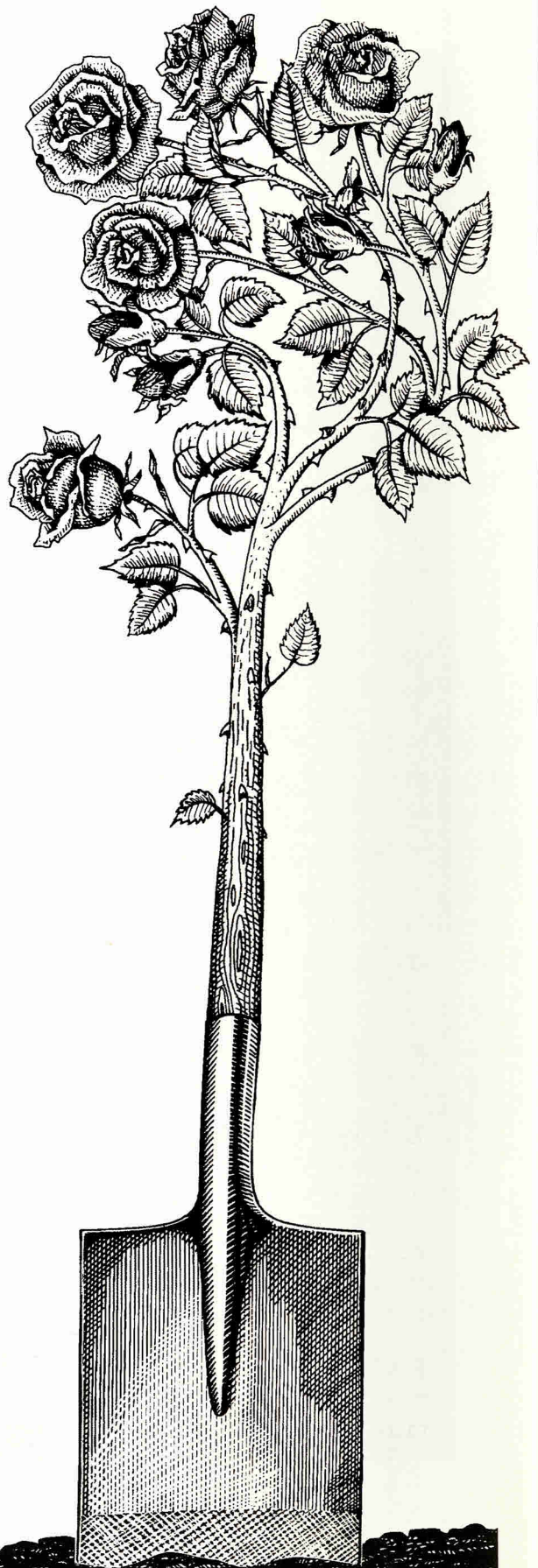


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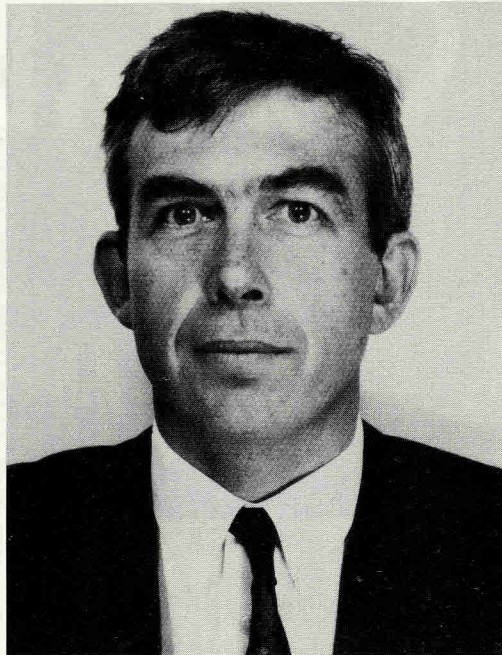
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The Irish Post has taken great pleasure in serving the needs of the Irish community in Britain for over 23 years. For almost as long the highlight of our year has been the announcement and presentation of the Irish Post Awards.

The awards were established to honour the diverse and outstanding achievements of the Irish in Britain and have done so across the whole spectrum of society. A history of the awards is featured elsewhere in this programme and gives a good indication of the wealth of talent that they encompass.

The symbol of the Irish Post Awards, which you see on this programme and elsewhere, epitomises the qualities that are traditionally found in the award recipients — the intertwining hearts represent compassion and caring towards others, the sword symbolises strength of character and a determination to succeed, and the commemorative plaque is the recognition of the achievement of those individuals.

This is the first time that we have allowed the awards ceremony to be used as a fund-raising event and we are very glad that Co-Operation Ireland have taken on the project so enthusiastically and have helped us establish such a significant function.

It has of course been made particularly significant by the presence of the President, Mary Robinson, and I know the honour that we in The Irish Post feel by her gracing of this occasion will be shared by all here this evening.

I offer a very warm welcome to the President of Ireland and to all present on this very special evening.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Balbirnie', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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We would like to congratulate the  
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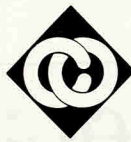


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### **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN, CO-OPERATION IRELAND**

On behalf of my colleagues on the Executive Committee and General Council of Co-operation Ireland I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Proprietors and Management of The Irish Post for designating Co-operation Ireland as beneficiaries of this evening's Awards Ceremony.

We are pleased and grateful that the importance of our work for peace and reconciliation in Ireland has been linked in this special way with an occasion which celebrates achievement, in many diverse fields, of the Irish Community in Britain.

We are delighted that President Mary Robinson has graciously honoured the occasion with her presence and we extend a warm welcome to her.

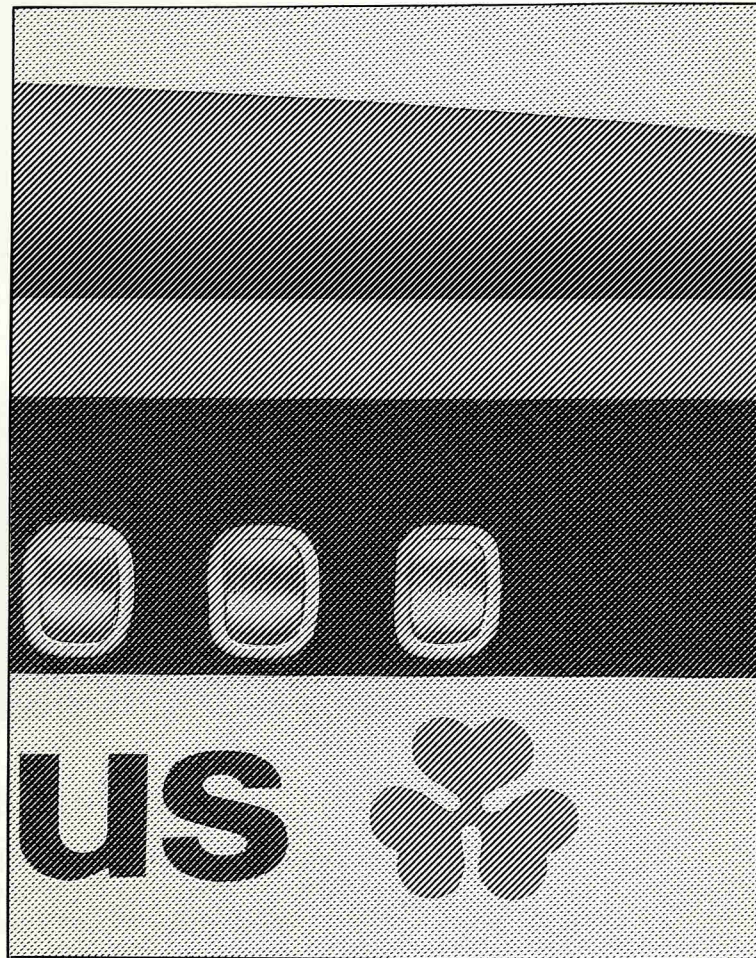
We are grateful to AIB Bank for their generous sponsorship and to Guinness Brewing Worldwide for providing the Pre-Dinner Reception.

In conclusion we offer our warmest congratulations to the Award Winners and we thank all of you for supporting Co-operation Ireland by your participation in this event and wish you an enjoyable evening.

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— L I N E —

A warm welcome to this year's Irish Post Awards  
in association with AIB Bank.



We are very pleased to be associated with this year's Irish Post Awards to be presented this evening by The President of Ireland, Mary Robinson. We see the awards as our way of expressing our gratitude to the many people who serve to improve the quality of life of the Irish in Britain. Many congratulations to the Award Winners.

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**Angela Brady**

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**Patrick McCabe**

**Fr. Paddy Smyth**

**Monica McDaid**

**Adrian Dunbar**

***Irish Post Sports Hall of Fame Award:***

**Pat Jennings**



## MENU

### Potage au Cresson

*(Cream of Watercress Soup with Spring Onions and Yoghurt)*

★ ★ ★

### Petit Pave de Saumon a la Moutarde de Meaux

*(Steamed Fillet of Salmon with a light Meaux  
Mustard Sauce)*

★ ★ ★

### Canon d'agneau Sauce a l'Estragon

*(Small Medallions of Lamb served with a  
Tarragon Sauce)*

### Panache de Legumes Pommes Cocottes

★ ★ ★

### Souffle Glace au Irlandais

*(Iced Cream Souffle flavoured with  
Irish Liqueur and served with a Red Fruit Compote)*

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### Cafe

### Petits Fours

*After Dinner Mints compliments of  
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## PROGRAMME

- 7.00 p.m. Black Velvet Reception  
Courtesy of Guinness Brewing Worldwide  
Music by Harpist Gina Mackey
- 7.30 p.m. Arrival of the President of Ireland
- 7.50 p.m. Dinner Call
- 8.20 p.m. Dinner in the Westbourne Suite  
Dinner Music by Gina Mackey
- 9.45 p.m. Presentation of the 1993 Irish Post Awards  
by the President of Ireland, Mary Robinson  
— introduced by Mr Eamonn Holmes
- 11.30 p.m. Carriages

*The Irish Post and Co-operation Ireland would like to thank Mr Eamonn Holmes for his help with the presentation of tonight's Awards Ceremony.*

*The above times are approximate and the programme may be altered without notice.*

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Co-operation North was founded by a group of businessmen and academics in 1979 with the basic aim of advancing mutual understanding and respect by promoting practical co-operation between the people of Northern Ireland and of the Republic of Ireland.

Since its inception the organisation has continued to work towards lessening fears and prejudices on a cross community and cross border basis. Co-operation North promotes communication and understanding by involving young people, school children and community groups in reciprocal exchanges which have positive and far reaching effects on how members of different communities perceive each other.

All profits from The Irish Post Awards Ceremony will be sent to Ireland to enable the vital work of Co-operation North to continue and expand.

If you would like to know more about our organisation or receive details of our forthcoming events, please contact us at the address shown below:



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*Sincere thanks go to Paddy Lennon of Patrick Lennon Associates for his special contribution to the organisation of tonight's Awards Ceremony.*



The Irish Post Awards were launched in the mid-seventies. Their purpose was and remains to applaud personal achievement which redounds to the credit of the Irish community in Britain and also to highlight community service by Irish people and organisations. In short, they are a celebration of Irish achievement in this country, a toast to the concept of being Irish abroad.

The awards are made annually. This evening's presentation dinner is the seventeenth.

Many distinguished figures have previously been among the recipients. In the performing arts, for instance, there have been Kenneth Branagh, Peter O'Toole, Fiona Shaw, Daniel Day-Lewis, Michael Gambon, Stephen Rea and Cyril Cusack, as well as his daughters Sinead and Niamh.

Dame Ninette de Valois, that great lady of ballet, was a recipient in the early eighties and on the occasion of the presentation recalled dancing as a young girl in her native Wicklow.

There have been figures too from other areas of entertainment — Bob Geldof, Mary O'Hara, the distinguished stage designer Bob Crowley, the director Declan Donnellan and the broadcaster Desmond Lynam.

Among the writers honoured have been William Trevor, Edna O'Brien, Jerry O'Neill, Shane Connaughton, Bernard Mac Laverty, Anne Devlin, Donall Mac Amhlaigh, Desmond Hogan and the historian Roy Foster.

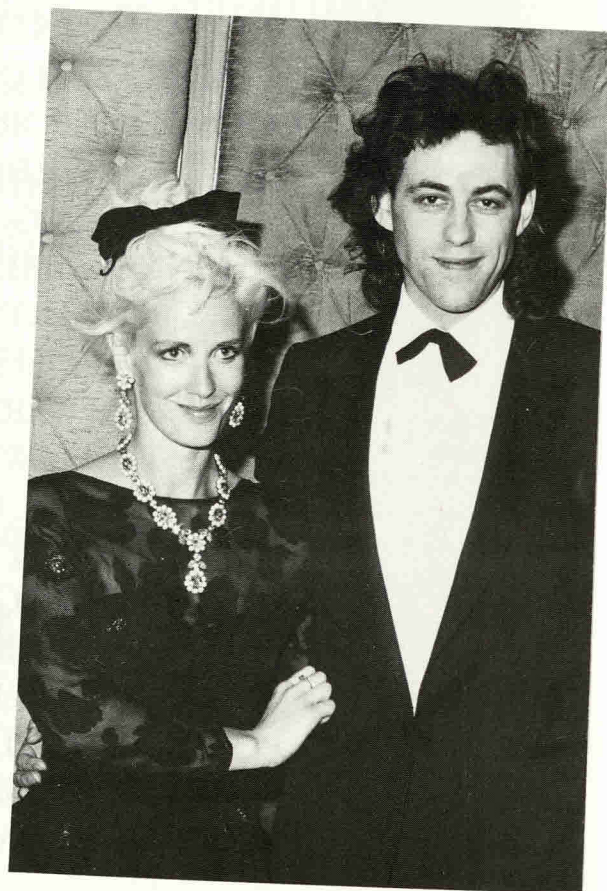
Professor Anthony Clare, probably the best known psychiatrist in these islands, was a recipient in the eighties. So too in previous years were distinguished academic figures like Professor James O'Connell, Professor Mike Cooley and Professor Hugh Maguire.

But most of the awards have actually gone over the years to Irish community activists and organisations. The organisations have ranged from the McLaughlin School of Irish Dancing in Glasgow to Leeds Comhaltas, from the Liverpool Irish Centre to Plumkett House in Birmingham and the Brent Irish Advisory Centre in London. Honoured too have been the Irish Chaplaincy and individual religious who have made unique contributions to society in a range of ways, among them Sister Annuciata, Fr. Brian Lawlor and the late Monsignor Patrick O'Mahony.

What all the recipients, in their diverse ways, have shared is their achievement in enriching Irish community life in Britain and making a unique contribution to the host society.



*Fiona Shaw accepting her award from the then Irish Ambassador to Britain, Andrew O'Rourke, in 1990.*



*Bob Geldof and his wife, Paula Yates, pictured at the Irish Post Awards presentation evening in 1985.*





*Dame Ninette de Valois receiving her Irish Post Award from the then Irish Ambassador to Britain, Eamonn Kennedy, in the early eighties.*



*Michael Gambon, after he had received his Irish Post Award in 1989.*



*Claire Short MP, speaking after receiving her Irish Post Award in 1991*





# Gala Ball

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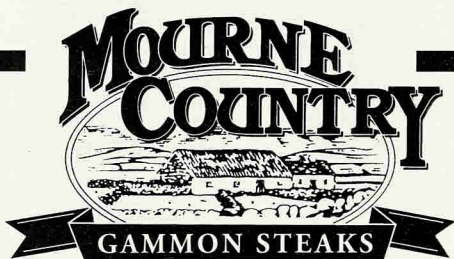
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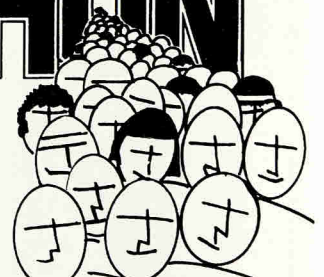
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# Co-operation Ireland

## OUR WORK IN IRELAND

### What Do We Do?

Through our parent organisation — Co-operation North, we bring people together at their points of common interest, across community divides and across the border.

We help whittle away the barriers of fear and mistrust.

We enable people to see that the things we share far outweigh the things that divide us.

We create the mechanisms whereby thousands of people, mostly young, can meet, work together and explore in a structured and supported way, the issues and attitudes which divide them.

We act as a catalyst to encourage other key organisations to adopt a similar approach —possibly by using Co-operation North as a facilitator under which they can make the first tentative moves.

Although non-political, we assist the political process by creating a climate conducive to contact and dialogue.

### Co-operation North's main activities are divided into five programme areas:

- **The Youth, Education and Community Programme** brings together thousands of young people and adults from both nationalist and unionist traditions in a wide range of cross-border and cross-community exchange programmes.
- **The Economic Co-operation Programme** publishes research on common economic and social problems and promotes cross-community and cross-border links between local community/enterprise groups.
- **The Cultural Traditions Programme** works to achieve a shared appreciation of the diversity of traditions and cultural heritage on the island of Ireland. The programme stimulates debate through conferences, local authority twinnings and cultural exchanges.
- **The Media Programme** focuses on stimulating media debate about how inter-community and cross-border events and issues are reported and seeks to create networks and information exchanges between journalists North and South.
- **Special and Fundraising Events** such as the Maracycle are organised during the year. They are designed to encourage thousands of people to participate in cross-border fun events and to raise funds for the organisation. Up to 20,000 people are directly involved in Co-operation North's programmes annually.



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