

Membership **KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON IRELAND / UNESCO COOPERATION**

1. **in UNESCO:** since 3 October 1961
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** has never been a member
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.**
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits to Ireland:** none to date
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Ireland: 1**
 - 30 March – 1 April 2004: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr Michael Forbes, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ireland to OECD, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 25 January 2012)
 - Staff: Mr Nigel Hutson, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Deirdre Culley, Attaché; Mr Niall Morris, Attaché
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Paul Murray (June 2007 – December 2011); H.E. Mr John Rowan (February 2003 – October 2006); H.E. Mr Pádraic MacKernan (November 2001 – February 2003)
7. **UNESCO Office:** none
8. **Irish National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: October 1961
 - President: Ms Karen Tighe (since November 2014)
 - Secretary: Mr Des O'Loughlin (since June 2012)
10. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
11. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
 - UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement, established in 2008 at the National University of Ireland, Galway
 - UNESCO Chair on Transforming the Lives of People with Disabilities through Physical Education, Sport, Fitness and Recreation, established in 2013 at the Institute of Technology in Tralee
12. **Associated Schools:** 18 (1 primary, 2 primary/secondary, and 15 secondary). Ireland joined the ASP Network in 1965.
13. **Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** none
14. **UNESCO Clubs:** 1
15. **Biosphere Reserves: 2**
 - Dublin Bay (1981) (formerly known as North Bull Island)
 - Killarney (1982)

- 16. World Heritage Sites:** 2 cultural sites
- Brú na Bóinne – Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne (1993)
 - Sceilg Mhichíl (1996)
- 17. Tentative List:** 7 properties
- The Burren (2010)
 - The Historic City of Dublin (2010)
 - The Céide Fields and North West Mayo Boglands (2010)
 - Western Stone Forts (2010)
 - The Monastic City of Clonmacnoise and its Cultural Landscape (2010)
 - Early Medieval Monastic Sites (2010)
 - The Royal Sites of Ireland: Cashel, Dún Ailinne, Hill of Uisneach, Rathcroghan Complex, and Tara Complex (2010)
- 18. Lists of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity:** no elements
- 19. Memory of the World Register:** 1 inscription
- Book of Kells (2011)
- 20. Creative Cities Network:** 2
- Dublin, UNESCO City of Literature (2010)
 - Galway, UNESCO City of film (2014)
- 21. Legal instruments :** 14 ratified and 26 non-ratified
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable.
 - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable.
 - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (22 December 2006).
 - International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (18 July 2008).
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:** none
- 23. Participation Programme:** no requests presented since 2004
- 24. Fellowships:** Since 2010, 1 fellowship awarded for a total amount of US\$ 20,000.
- 25. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2014-2015:** fully paid
- Assessment rate for 2014-2015: 0.418%
 - Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 2,729,540
- 26. Voluntary contributions** (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	207,470	217,453	209,310	292,246	212,595	328,766

- 27. Representation within the Secretariat:** normally represented
- 5 professional staff in geographical posts (min 3, max 5):