

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON IRELAND / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership 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: 1**
 - 20 March – 23 March 2014: Official visit
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 Dermot Nolan, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Ireland to OECD, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 22 June 2016)
 - Staff: Mr Micheál Tierney, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Mr Shane Dowling, Attaché
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Michael Forbes (January 2012 – July 2016); 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
 - Chairperson: Mr Vincent Landers (since September 2015)
 - Coordinator: Ms Roseann Gilligan (since April 2016)
10. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:** none
11. **UNESCO Chairs: 2**
 - 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
 - UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement, established in 2008 at the National University of Ireland, Galway
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. **UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 3**
 - Copper Coast Global Geopark
 - Burren & Cliffs of Moher Global Geopark

- Marble Arch Caves Transnational Global Geopark (Ireland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

17. World Heritage Sites: 2 cultural sites

- Brú na Bóinne – Archaeological Ensemble of the Bend of the Boyne (1993)
- Sceilg Mhichíl (1996)

18. 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)

19. Lists of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity: no elements

20. Memory of the World Register: 1 inscription

- Book of Kells (2011)

21. Creative Cities Network: 2

- Galway, UNESCO City of film (2014)
- Dublin, UNESCO City of Literature (2010)

22. Legal instruments: 15 ratified and 25 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: non-ratified. Position: favourable.
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified. (22 December 2015)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (18 July 2008).
- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (22 December 2006).

23. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2016-2017: none

24. Participation Programme: no requests presented since 2004

25. Fellowships: Since 2010, 1 fellowship awarded for a total amount of US\$ 20,000.

26. Payment of assessed membership fees for 2016/2017: fully paid

- Assessment rate for 2016/2017: 0.335%
- Contributions assessed for 2016/2017: US\$ 2,187,550

27. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	109,290	164,835	207,470	217,453	209,310	292,246	212,595	328,766

28. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented

- 5 professional staff in geographical posts (min 3, max 5)