

Our friends in NSW must be nuts about Irish. That's the only possible conclusion after looking at the great new website and merchandise available from Iora Rua. The site is the brainchild of Elke Watson and Craig (the Fintan) Batty who will be well known to attendees at our annual Daonscoil. It is primarily designed to encourage and assist learners but goes beyond the normal listings of classes and resources and invites people to make use of whatever Irish they have.

For example, you can take part in the monthly contest to put a caption on a picture, add your favourite recipe, upload a video clip for all the world to see or even throw in a few ideas for discussion about new words or phrases that would be useful in Irish.

And of course, in the spirit of global co-operation the site also invites translations for idioms found in Australian, American and Canadian English as well as in Japanese.



But coming up to year end, the big news right now is the availability of two newly designed Irish language calendars for 2009. One is suitable for wall mounting, A4 size, in full colour and featuring a series of original oil paintings of Irish scenes by artist Caoimhghín Ó Croidheáin.

Or you can go for the handy desktop sized calendar entitled "Tuigim Anois" (Now I get it) which comes with its own CD sized case/stand and featuring learning material and activities. It is also supported by its own dedicated companion website which features translations of the content in the calendar, games and activities, and more...

Either of these would make a fine Christmas present, so if you want to have yours in time for the festivities, then get in quick and order direct from www.iorarua.com. The website also has information on other merchandise currently available. The calendars are priced at \$29.95 (wall) or \$24.95 (desk) plus postage & handling. Please contact the team directly by email to eolas@iorarua.com if you require any further information.

Alternatively, as a special bonus offer for Daonscoil attendees this year, you can arrange to pick up your calendars in person at the camp for the special discounted prices of \$28/\$23 or \$50 for both. But you must place your order now. A bargain indeed !