

## SVG Consul Addresses Cross-Border Multicultural Event in Ireland

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**Dundalk, IRELAND:** Hon. Consul of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland is set to address one of Ireland's largest cross border multi-cultural events.

The 'All of Us' event takes place at the Dundalk Institute of Technology on 16 March and will be addressed by keynote speaker, Dr Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland. The event which celebrates culture and diversity will see one of the widest ranging programmes of music, dance, exhibitions and world food tasting in the region.



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International students at Dundalk Institute of Technology Clémence Chauvel and Qian Wen Zhang with Dr Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland

**President of DkIT Denis Cummins said today:**

*"The impact of last year's event was so significant that it demonstrated the rich cultural diversity not only on the campus here but also in the local community and further afield. We are seeking to bring together again the many wonderful and diverse elements and celebrate what we have and learn from each other."*

*The cross border element is vitally important to us and we have been working to ensure that DkIT is a leading choice for students from Northern Ireland. We are keen to showcase that we are a vibrant cross cultural campus and one which provides degree and third level courses such as cultural studies, cultural resource studies, community youth work and social care among many others.*

*This year's 'All of Us' is set to be an even bigger occasion, as the program has expanded to make full use of the facilities, space and atmosphere of the recently refurbished PJ Carroll Building. I can think of no better way to begin the St Patrick's Day festivities. Everyone is invited at any time during the day, and I look forward to seeing as many there as possible".*

**Keynote speaker Dr Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul of St Vincent and the Grenadines to Northern Ireland said today:**

*"We are delighted to be a partner in delivering this exciting cross-border initiative to recognise our newer citizens and the vital contributions they make regarding economic and social development, as well as enriching wider society.*

*Good Relations with the vision of a shared and inclusive society for every community - old and new, provides the solid foundation for cohesion and a sound basis for a population where relationships are rooted in mutual recognition and tolerance.*

*Today's event is about celebrating this diversity and the importance of welcoming all students, including international, to further build the higher education brand...locally and abroad".*

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