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50 years since iconic meeting

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A new take on a traditional theme

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## DEAR COLLECTOR...

Welcome to the first issue of the Collector for 2015. Inside you will find a fascinating selection of stamps celebrating famous people and events.

On page 12 we recognise Science in Ireland with a dual celebration acknowledging both the BT Young Scientist Exhibition and the Science Gallery in Trinity College Dublin. Both stamps for this issue were designed by Detail.

We feature on page 14 a stamp designed by Red&Grey Design in Dublin, an image of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill with the seat of the Northern Irish Parliament in the background.

The 2015 Love and Marriage stamp, designed by Oonagh Young features a new take on a traditional theme on page 16. The 2015 stamp is based on a typographic form of the word LOVE. This will be the 9th consecutive year that An Post will issue its ever-popular Love & Marriage Stamp.

One of Ireland's largest festivals, St Patrick's Day, is featured on page 18 with a stamp designed by Steve Simpson, featuring an illustration of St Patrick.

Ireland is one of the most important producers of animation in the world and to celebrate this, An Post is issuing four new stamps designed by Vermillion Design as seen on page 20.

A celebration of the Dark Knights 75th Anniversary awaits on page 24, where Batman stamps released by the United States Postal Service are featured. Four stamps were released depicting images of Batman from the four distinct eras of comic book history to include the various incarnations of the famed Bat emblem.

Don't forget to check out our Last Chance Saloon on page 26 for the final opportunity to get your hands on the Irish Citizen Army, Greetings, Love and Marriage 2014, St Patrick's Day 2014, Brendan Behan and Contemporary Arts III (Visual Arts II).

I hope you enjoy this issue of The Collector & a Happy New Year to all of our readers.

Joanne Ferris,  
Irish Stamps



Greetings



Love and Marriage



St Patrick's Day



Brendan Behan (1923 - 1964)



Contemporary Arts III (Visual Arts II)



Centenary of the founding of Cumann na mBan



Irish Citizen Army (revised design from 23-Jan)



Viking Heritage



Europa - Musical Instruments

# COMMEMORATIVE CANCELLATIONS 2014

Here is a comprehensive listing of the commemorative cancellations issued to An Post in 2014. These cancellations were

only available at the time of issue. However, you can still pick up any you may have missed by buying a complete set of First



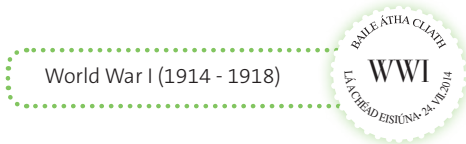
Home Rule Act 1914



Bloom



World Flower Show



World War I (1914 - 1918)



Irish Animals & Marine Life - Phase V



The Irish Prison Service



Seamus Heaney (1939 - 2013)



Cats



Thomas Davis (1814 - 1845)



Game Icons



Christmas

Day Covers featuring last year's cancellations.  
The First Day Cover Collection 2014 is priced  
at €65.00.

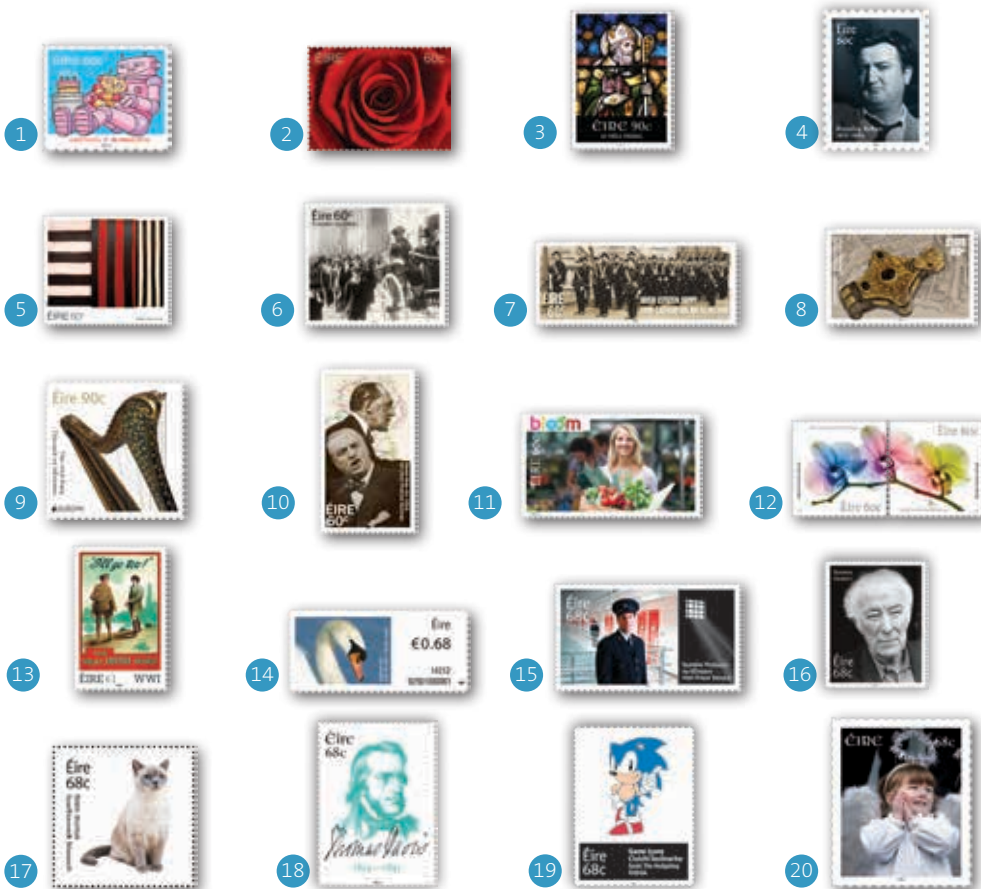
# STAMP ISSUE OF THE YEAR AWARD 2014

**Here's your chance to vote for your favourite Stamp Issue from 2014.  
On page 7 you'll find the stamps chosen to represent each issue.**

Simply fill in the entry form and send it to: Stamp Issue of the Year Award 2014, Irish Stamps, 4th Floor, GPO, O'Connell Street Lower, Dublin 1, Ireland.

The Stamp Issue that gets the most votes will receive the award, and if you have voted for the winning issue your name will be entered into a draw to win one of ten prizes. The prize will consist of the 2014 Cats Prestige Booklet and winners will be announced in a future edition of The Collector. Closing date for entries is 1st March, 2015.

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|---|--|
| 1. Greetings  | 11. Bloom                                    |
| 2. Love and Marriage                                  | 12. World Flower Show                        |
| 3. St Patrick's Day                                   | 13. World War I (1914 - 1918)                |
| 4. Brendan Behan (1923 - 1964)                        | 14. Irish Animals & Marine Life<br>- Phase V |
| 5. Contemporary Arts III<br>(Visual Arts II)          | 15. The Irish Prison Service                 |
| 6. Centenary of the founding of<br>Cumann na mBan     | 16. Seamus Heaney (1939 - 2013)              |
| 7. Irish Citizen Army<br>(revised design from 23-Jan) | 17. Cats                                     |
| 8. Viking Heritage                                    | 18. Thomas Davis (1814 - 1845)               |
| 9. Europa - Musical Instruments                       | 19. Game Icons                               |
| 10. Home Rule Act 1914                                | 20. Christmas                                |



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Address:

Email Address:

Collector's Account Number:

Your favourite stamp issue in 2014:

Reasons why you chose this issue:



# NEWS & INFORMATION

## National Stamp Booklet redesign



We will now be working with Cartor Security Printers in France for production of our stamp booklets. There have been slight changes in the artwork to our National Booklet which has gone into production and will be available early this year. There has also been a minor amend to the artwork, with changes to the addresses used on the sample envelope. The stamp design, size and rate have not changed.

If you would like to purchase the National 68c Stamp Booklet will be available from February by using the order form attached, by calling +353 (1) 705 7400 or by logging onto [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie).

## Re-issue of the 2014 Love and Marriage Stamp



On the 21st of July 2014, the Love and Marriage 2014 booklet was re-printed at 68c. To differentiate this stamp from the 60c version, it was printed with a white border. The print quantity was 840k stamps and 9k philatelic pairs. All other technical details for the 68c stamp remained the same as the 60c version. Booklets and pairs can be ordered using the codes 1425BK (Booklet) and 1425SAS (Philatelic Pair).

## STAMPA

The 42nd STAMPA, National Stamp Exhibition, took place over the October 17-19 weekend at the RDS in Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. The STAMPA exhibition was once again paired with the "Over 50's" and the "October Coin and Banknote Fair" which offered an array of interesting displays for visitors to enjoy. The event was a tremendous success and was attended by over 3,000 guests and philatelists including 250 STAMPA members. Attendees travelled from all over Europe including Spain, Germany, Belgium, UK and France to take part in the event.

The highlight of the exhibition this year was the STAMPA competition displayed by the STAMPA members. The aim of the STAMPA competition is to encourage collectors to organise a theme within their collection so that they can display and compete for the top collection. This year there were four gold winners who are now entitled to display their collections in international stamp events throughout 2015.

The free valuations given to attendees who brought their collections in was a great



attraction as well. Collectors were happy to find out that their rare and good quality stamp collections have not decreased in value!

The STAMPA event was enjoyed by philatelists and new friends alike. The An Post stand had the latest philatelic products and 2014 stamps on sale with the Cats Prestige Booklet being very popular on the day.

## Cork Stamp and Coin Exhibition

The 2014 Cork Stamp & Coin Exhibition took place on Saturday November 15th in the Imperial Hotel Cork running from 10.30am to 4.00pm. A large number of dealers attended on the day with an excellent array of stamps, postcards, coins and medals. The An Post stand was stocked with all of the current issues available and proved to be very popular as local collectors tried to fill any gaps in their modern Irish collections.

Due to the inclement weather there were fewer items brought for valuation than previous years but a number of people were pleased to learn that the collection that they inherited was worth more than they had originally thought.

Sales of the souvenir booklet and miniature sheet were in high demand as collectors admired the attractive designs while hoping that these souvenirs might in time prove as lucrative as the Cork 1977 booklet, which sold originally for 25 pence and now sells for up to €750.

All of the dealers present seemed happy with their sales and one collector was still frantically leafing through the first day cover albums over an hour after the exhibition had closed.

The date for the 2015 Exhibition has been fixed for November 14th and once again will be held in the Imperial Hotel Cork.

## Stamp Suggestion Programme 2017

Collectors, please remember we are interested in getting your suggestions for the Stamp Suggestion Programme 2017. If you have an idea that you'd like to be considered, simply send your suggestion to us at:

Stamp Suggestion Programme 2017  
1st Floor  
An Post  
GPO  
O'Connell Street Lower  
Freepost  
Dublin 1

The closing date for receipt of suggestions is 13th March, 2015.

## International Events

13-15 February - AmeriStamp Expo – California, USA

18-21 February - Spring Stampex London, London, England

26-28 March – Collecta – International Collectors Fair –Ljubljana, Slovenia

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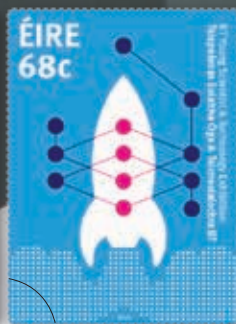
# 2015 STAMP PROGRAMME

Once again this year, we're delighted to present a colourful and exciting schedule of issues to keep you occupied throughout 2015. We hope you enjoy adding these beautiful stamps to your collection.

ISSUE DATE	DESCRIPTION	STAMPS
07-JAN	SCIENCE GALLERY & BT YOUNG SCIENTIST AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITIO	2
22-JAN	50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEETING OF SEÁN LEMASS AND TERENCE O'NEILL	1
12-FEB	LOVE AND MARRIAGE	1
26-FEB	ST PATRICK'S DAY	1
19-MAR	ANIMATION IRELAND	4
23-APR	WORLD WAR I - GALLIPOLI	2
07-MAY	CENTENARY OF THE SINKING OF THE RMS LUSITANIA	2
14-MAY	EUROPA - OLD TOYS	2
11-JUN	150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF WB YEATS*	1
18-JUN	IRELAND - THE FOOD ISLAND	4
30-JUL	PEARSE'S GRAVESIDE SPEECH FOR O'DONOVAN ROSSA	1
06-AUG	THE FIVE SENSES	5
13-AUG	EILEEN GRAY (1878 - 1976)	4
10-SEP	50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MOUNTAIN RESCUE IRELAND	2
22-OCT	1400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. COLUMBAN	1
05-NOV	CHRISTMAS	3

Please note that this schedule is only provisional and may be subject to change.

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# SCIENCE GALLERY & BT YOUNG SCIENTIST AND TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

“A dual celebration of excellence in science.”

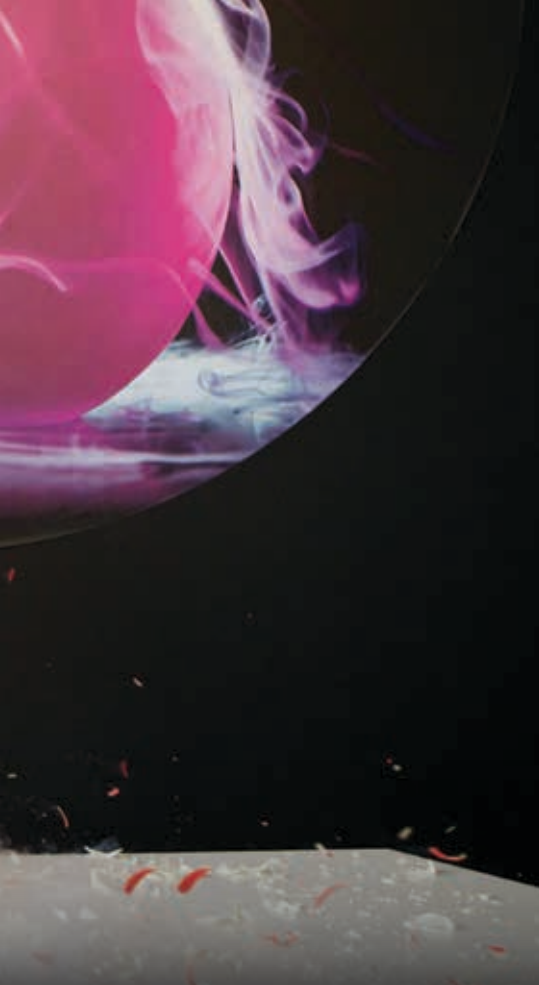
January 7th 2015, An Post will issue two new stamps to celebrate science in Ireland. The first commemorates the BT Young Scientist Exhibition which is the annual school students' science competition that has been held in Dublin every January since 1965.

One of the biggest and most successful schools competitions of its kind in the world, the BT Young Scientist Exhibition is designed to encourage interest in science amongst primary and secondary school students throughout Ireland. The event is hugely popular, 2014 was the 50th year of the competition and it attracted its highest

number of entries yet, over 2,000 of them, 550 of which were selected for the exhibition at the Royal Dublin Society.

The second stamp celebrates the Science Gallery in Trinity College Dublin which is a public science centre and a truly unique place where "science and art collide". There are no permanent exhibitions here but a year-round calendar of the most creative, innovative and artistic science presentations and lectures which means there is always something new to see.

The gallery opened in 2008 with the objective



## Technical details

Date of Issue:	January 7, 2015
Value & Quantity:	2 x 68c Se-tenant (176k)
Stamp Design:	Detail.
Stamp Size:	29.79mm x 40.64mm
Colour:	Three colour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	14 x 15
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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Science Gallery, Dublin.

of improving science outreach and art-science collaborations, opening science up to passionate debate and encouraging public contribution. Since then over one million people have visited, making it one of the top free cultural attractions in Ireland.

The stamps were designed by top Dublin design house Detail. The first, commemorating the BT Young Scientist Exhibition, is based on the story of the UCD researchers, Father Tom Burke and Doctor Tony Scott, who organised the first exhibition. They were inspired when, in New Mexico, they met a boy who had built a rocket for an upcoming science fair and this

rocket is depicted on the stamp.

The design concept behind the Science Gallery stamp is based on a pattern interpretation of the circle and square of the gallery's logo. These are made up of smaller circles and squares to give a sense of movement, explosion, celebration and activity.

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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEETING OF SEÁN LEMASS AND TERENCE O'NEILL

“Recognising two of the first peace makers.”

January 2015 will see the issue of a new stamp that recognises perhaps the first politicians to discuss peace in Northern Ireland: Terence O'Neill and Seán Lemass who held cordial but discrete meetings with each other in 1965.

Seán Francis Lemass (1899 –1971) was Taoiseach from 1959 until 1966 and one of the most important Irish politicians of the 20th century. History hails Lemass as the father of modern Ireland, primarily due to his success in facilitating industrial growth, attracting foreign direct investment and forging permanent links between Ireland and

the European community.

Terence O'Neill is remembered as the first unionist leader to introduce reforms that would have been unheard-of under previous Northern Ireland Prime Ministers. While Seán Lemass came from a staunch republican background that rejected partition, he began to moderate that view as Taoiseach, recognising that unification of North and South was unlikely to happen soon. O'Neill was Prime Minister and held an equally pragmatic outlook and, in 1965, he was the first leader to invite an Irish Taoiseach to Stormont.





## Technical details

Date of Issue:	January 22, 2015
Value & Quantity:	68c (136k)
Stamp Design:	Red&Grey Design
Stamp Size:	51.46mm x 30mm
Colour:	Single colour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13 x 13
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Irish Security Stamp Printing Ltd.



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The meeting took place in January in the utmost of secrecy and was a brave new departure in North-South co-operation, a truly historic meeting that began a thaw in relations between the two states. A return meeting took place in Dublin in February.

Their cooperation heralded a new era of optimism, although hard-line northern unionists continued to oppose any dealings with the Republic. Unfortunately, however, the rise of the civil rights campaign and the unionists' refusal to acknowledge it ended the optimism with violence in 1969, after Lemass's term in office had ended.

The stamp, designed by Red&Grey Design in Dublin, features an image of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill with Parliament Buildings, Stormont in the background.

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# LOVE AND MARRIAGE

“A contemporary visualisation of Love.”

In what is becoming something of a tradition, An Post will issue a new Love & Marriage stamp in time for Saint Valentine's Day in February. 2015 will be the 9th consecutive issue of a stamp to celebrate romance.

The stamp, designed by Oonagh Young, is based on a typographic form of the word LOVE, a word that has a diverse and interesting etymology.

The word as we know it, is derived from many sources: The Old English word *lufu* means “love, affection, friendliness,” while the Proto-

Germanic *lubo* can mean “joy”. The German word *Liebe* means “love” while other ancient words come close, including Old Norse, Old Frisian and Dutch *lof* and German *Lob* all mean “praise”. Also close is Old Saxon *liof*, Old Frisian *liaf*, Dutch *lief*, Old High German *liob*, German *lieb* and Gothic *liufs* mean “dear, beloved”.

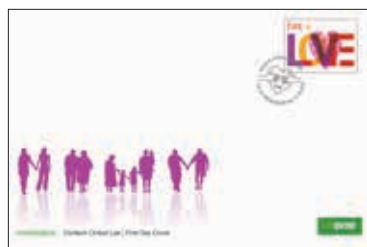
While we're not certain which route the word itself came from we do know that Saint Valentine's Day as a celebration of love first emerged in the High Middle Ages and Geoffrey Chaucer's tradition of courting and

## Technical details

Date of Issue:	February 12, 2015
Value & Quantities:	N (1.2m) Strip of 2 (15k)
Stamp Design	Oonagh Young
Stamp Size:	37.5mm x 26mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make-up:	Booklets of 10 (Self-adhesive) Collectors' Strip of 2
Perforations:	13 x 13
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printers



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love. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In Europe, Saint Valentine's Keys are given to lovers as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart, as well as to children, in order to ward off Saint Valentine's Malady.

Saint Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shapes, doves and the winged Cupid.

The 2014 Love & Marriage stamp will be available in self-adhesive format in booklets of ten stamps and is a perfect way to enhance wedding stationery, valentine cards and romantic letters with a sense of love and affection.

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# ST PATRICK'S DAY

“ Celebrating one of the world's biggest festivals. ”

Once again in 2015 An Post will issue a stamp to mark Ireland's national holiday St Patrick's Day.

This is a day that is celebrated all over the world with particularly big parades in the United States, Britain, Canada, Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. The day itself is a public holiday in the North and South of Ireland but also in Newfoundland, Labrador and Montserrat which all have strong Irish connections.

St Patrick's Day has been celebrated by the Irish since the 9th Century but only became an official public holiday in Ireland in 1903. Every year there is a local parade in almost every town in Ireland and many villages too – the longest is in Dublin and the shortest is in Dripsey, Cork with a parade that lasts just 100 yards and travels between the village's two pubs.

The Dublin festival takes 18 months to plan and is designed to create a national event that ranks as one of the greatest celebrations in the world, to create energy



## Technical details

Date of Issue:	February 26, 2015
Value & Quantity:	€1.00 (116k)
Stamp Design:	Steve Simpson
Stamp Size:	29.8mm x 40.64mm
Colour:	Pantone 340c & 1505c with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	14.1 x 14.3
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printers



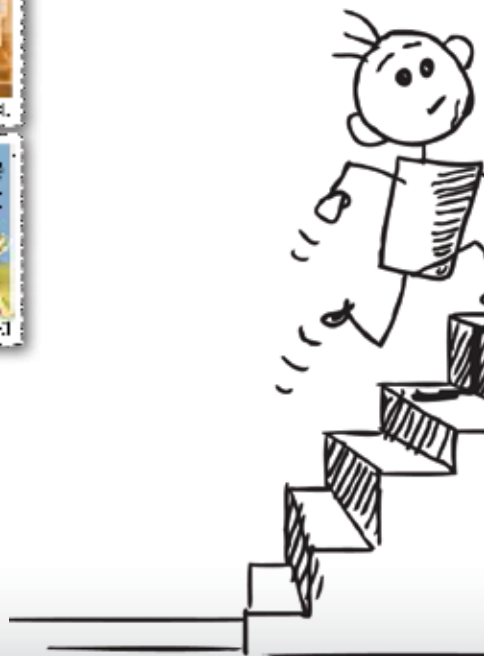
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and excitement throughout Ireland and to help those of Irish descent all over the world to celebrate their heritage.

This year's stamp, designed by Steve Simpson, is an illustration of St Patrick in the style of the first definitive series of postage stamps which were issued by the newly formed Free State in 1922. Four designs were commissioned by the Postmaster General in February 1922 and printed by the Government Printers at Dublin Castle. The designs were all symbolic in nature and featured – A Map of Ireland, The Cross of

Cong, A Sword of Light and the Arms of the Four Provinces. The stamps were issued in different colours and values ranging from ½d to 1s from December 6, 1922 throughout 1923 and again on two occasions in September 1949 at 8d and 11d. The first stamp issued featured the Map of Ireland in pearl green and was denominated 2d.

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# ANIMATION IRELAND

“Four stamps recognising Animation in Ireland.”

Ireland is one of the most important producers of animation in the world and to celebrate this An Post is issuing four new stamps in association with Animation Ireland.

Animation Ireland is an umbrella brand under which the leading animation companies in Ireland work together to market Ireland's world class animation sector internationally. Every week, over 20 million people around the world enjoy watching animated programmes produced here. Ireland is a recognised leader in the

industry with talented and technically sophisticated 2D and 3D studios creating and producing content for TV, film, games, mobile content and apps.

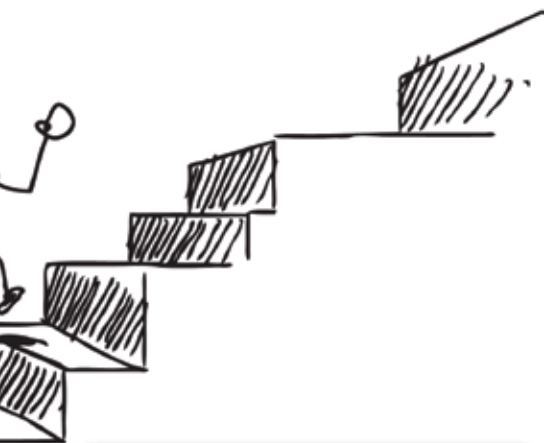
The animation industry has enjoyed significant growth over the past five years in Ireland and has emerged as a central component of Ireland's digital and creative economy and the award-winning studios here employ over 1,000 technical and creative staff.

Speaking of awards, many of the indigenous



# Technical details

Date of Issue:	March 19, 2015
Value & Quantity:	4 x 68c block (256k)
Stamp Design:	Vermillion Design
Stamp Size:	36.5mm x 28mm
Colour:	Multicolour with phosphor tagging
Make - up:	Sheetlets of 16
Perforations:	13.1 x 12.9
Printing Process:	Lithography
Printer:	Cartor Security Printers



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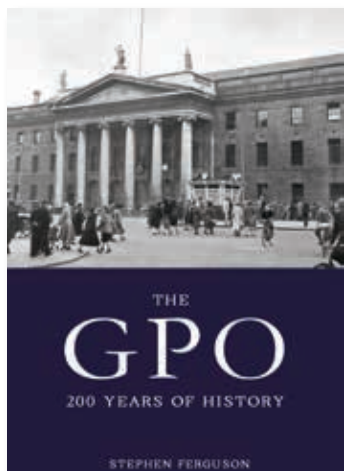
studios here have been nominated for BAFTAS, Emmys and Oscars with a number of winners in recent years, including those featured in this new issue of stamps. The CBBC series *Roy*, produced by Jam Media, won the Royal Television Award and was nominated for two BAFTA® awards for best Drama and best Writer. The 2002 short from Brown Bag Films *Give Up Yer Aul Sins* was nominated for an Academy Award® as was the 2009 feature *The Secret of Kells* by Cartoon Saloon which won many awards in major festivals worldwide. Last year, in 2013, Geronimo Productions' *Nelly & Nora* was

selected for International Competition at MIPCOM in Cannes.

The four new stamps were designed by Vermillion Design and they feature these four successful examples of excellence in recent Irish animation.

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## Heritage Department Collection



### 'The GPO - 200 Years of History'

In this beautifully produced and illustrated book, Stephen Ferguson, who is Assistant Secretary of An Post and Curator of its museum, tells the story of the GPO and the people who have played an integral part in its history over the centuries.

Designed by Francis Johnston, Dublin's iconic GPO has been the communications hub of Ireland for 200 years. Famous as the headquarters of the men and women of the 1916 Rising, the building has witnessed not only great events but many ordinary personal stories as well.

If you would like to buy this book or you would like more information visit [www.irishstamps.ie](http://www.irishstamps.ie).

'THE GPO - 200 YEARS OF HISTORY'  
14B €15.00

### 'Business as Usual - GPO Staff in 1916'

This new and expanded edition of Stephen Ferguson's book on the role and influence of the Post Office on the 1916 Rising, *Business as Usual – GPO Staff in 1916*, examines the Rising from the unique perspective of the men and women who worked for the GPO. Drawing on Post Office and other archives in Dublin and London, he paints a picture of the political sympathies, the sense of duty and the sheer pace and excitement that motivated GPO staff in 1916. Eye-witness accounts and photographs taken within days of the end of the rebellion, provide a fresh and vivid portrait of the time and highlight the crucial importance of the Post Office in the event which has defined Irish history for close to a century.

Stephen Ferguson is Assistant Secretary of An Post and Curator of the An Post Museum in the GPO.

'BUSINESS AS USUAL - GPO STAFF IN 1916'  
12B €12.99







# Letters, Lives & Liberty

## at the An Post Museum

Housed in a purpose-designed space just off the GPO's busy Public Office, *Letters, Lives and Liberty* introduces the story of the Post Office and how it has helped to shape the development of modern Ireland. Visitors can read and think about the words printed on the 1916 Proclamation, one of only a few surviving original documents, and post a card in the Ashworth box, the unique post box introduced to Ireland by the novelist Anthony Trollope.

Modest in scale, the museum makes use of the latest digital technology, as well as traditional displays, in order to cover various aspects of the Post Office story – from the eye-witness accounts of postal staff on Easter Monday 1916 to the operation of the Travelling Post Office and from the complexities of stamp design to the architectural beauty of the GPO itself.

General Post Office, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1.  
Monday - Saturday: 10am to 5.00pm. Admission €2.00  
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# THE DARK KNIGHT LIVES

“The USPS recently issued four stamps to”  
celebrate Batman’s 75th birthday.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) issued four limited edition commemorative stamps celebrating the iconic character Batman who is 75 years old.

The first-day-of-issue ceremony was held in, of course, “Gotham City” (New York) at Comic Con 2014 in October. The pop art/comic stamps form a set of four depictions of the Caped Crusader in four distinct art styles and periods from his comic book history. They show at a glance the evolution of this, one of the most enduring and popular of all the American superheroes.

*“Over the past 75 years Batman has captured the imagination of fans around the world — from comic books to television, film, video games and beyond,”* said Jim Lee, renowned comic book artist and co-publisher of DC Entertainment. *“Today Batman is more relevant than ever and his popularity continues to expand, reaching the generations to come in the next 75 years and beyond.”*

Batman has been an incredibly successful franchise for DC, with massive sales in merchandising, radio, video games, TV and movies, the latest of which “The Dark Knight Rises” was released only two years ago in 2012.



Photo courtesy of the  
United States Postal Service.

The character first appeared, however, not in a Batman comic but in Detective Comics #27 on March 30th 1939. The artwork was by Bob Kane and the story was written by Bill Finger. Batman quickly became one of the world's most popular superheroes battling some of fiction's greatest villains, including The Joker and Penguin, using his wits and an arsenal of incredible gadgets. Of course, he had help from his trusty butler Alfred and assistance from Robin, Cat Woman and Bat Girl.

On the commemorative sheet are 20 stamps in eight unique designs that depict Batman from the four eras of comic book history as well as the four incarnations of the famed

Bat emblem – the Golden Age, the Silver Age, the Bronze Age and the Modern Age (in chronological order).

Whether you agree that modern culture deserves to be recognised in this way or not (and many people have questioned this), we think you'll agree that these stamps are very, very distinctive and collectable.



# LAST CHANCE SALOON

Once they're gone, they won't be coming back!

Collectors, as you may know, Commemorative Stamps are only on sale for one year from the date of issue. We are offering you the chance to add products to your collection that you may not have had the opportunity to obtain during 2014. Please see below details of stamp issues from 2014 that you may wish to purchase before they are consigned to history.



## Greetings 2014

**Issue Date:** 30 January, 2014

**Expiry Date:** 30 January, 2015

In 2014 An Post issued vibrant and cheerful Greetings stamps which are designed to reflect the rich tradition of Irish hospitality and friendliness.

Greeting stamps are also intended to convey the warm good wishes of the sender when used with a card or envelope on practically every kind of celebratory occasion. In particular, they add a sense of fun and an extra touch of merriment to envelopes containing greeting cards.



## Love and Marriage 2014

**Issue Date:** 13 February, 2014

**Expiry Date:** 13 February, 2015

In 2014, An Post issued its ever-popular Wedding stamp for the eighth consecutive year. The stamp is based on a photograph of a red rose – the symbol of love - by award-winning, Galway-based photographer Kelvin Gillmor.



## St. Patrick's Day

**Issue Date:** 20 February, 2014

**Expiry Date:** 20 February, 2015

The 2014 St. Patrick's Day stamp was designed by respected Dublin-based graphic designer Oonagh Young, is based on a photograph by Edward Coady featuring an image of Saint Patrick. The image is a detail from a stained glass window in Saint Canice's Church in Kilkenny, which is one of the most important ecclesiastical settlements in Ireland.



### Brendan Behan

**Issue Date:** 20 March, 2014

**Expiry Date:** 20 March, 2015

Behan died on 20 March 1964 and his funeral was described by several newspapers as the biggest since those of Michael Collins and Charles Stewart Parnell. This special stamp was designed by Conor & David and features a photograph of Brendan Behan by photographer Ida Kar. It was issued on 20 March 2014, 50 years to the day that he died.



### Contemporary Arts III (Visual Arts II)

**Issue Date:** 27 March, 2014

**Expiry Date:** 27 March, 2015

An Post issued a second set of stamps celebrating contemporary visual arts in Ireland in 2014, four new stamps were created by four celebrated Irish artists. Ireland has always produced world-class artists in every generation and that heritage is as productive today as it has always been. The stamps in this second set were designed by Ger Garland and portray the work of four renowned Irish Artists.

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	DATE OF ISSUE	PRODUCT/ITEM	PRODUCT CODE	UOM	QUANTITY	PRICE	VALUE
LOT 1	07-Jan	Science Gallery & BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition Se-tenant pair	150168ST	EA		€1.36	
	07-Jan	Science Gallery & BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition 68c Sheetlet	150168ST	S8		€10.88	
	07-Jan	Science Gallery & BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition FDC	1501FDC	EA		€2.36	
	22-Jan	50th Anniversary of the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill 68c Stamp	150268	EA		€0.68	
	22-Jan	50th Anniversary of the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill 68c Sheetlet	150268	SH		€10.88	
	22-Jan	50th Anniversary of the meeting of Seán Lemass and Terence O'Neill 68c FDC	1502FDC	EA		€1.68	
LOT 2	12-Feb	Love and Marriage Self-adhesive Pair (N Rate)	15035AS	EA		€1.36	
	12-Feb	Love and Marriage Self-adhesive Booklet (N Rate)	1503BK	EA		€6.80	
	12-Feb	Love and Marriage FDC	1503FDC	EA		€1.68	
	26-Feb	St Patricks Day Stamp	1504100	EA		€1.00	
	26-Feb	St Patricks Day Sheetlet	1504100	SH		€16.00	
	26-Feb	St Patricks Day FDC	1504FDC	EA		€2.00	
LOT 3	19-Mar	Animation Ireland Block of 4	150568ST	EA		€2.72	
	19-Mar	Animation Ireland Prestige Booklet	1505PBK	EA		€12.00	
	19-Mar	Animation Ireland 68c Sheetlet	150568ST	S4		€10.88	
	19-Mar	Animation Ireland FDC	1505FDC	EA		€3.72	
		"The GPO - 200 Years of History"	148	EA		€15.00	
		"Business as Usual - GPO Staff in 1916"	128	EA		€12.99	
LAST CHANCE	Feb 2015	National 68c Stamp Booklet	15DBK1	EA		€6.80	
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	23-Jan 2014	Irish Citizen Army 60c Stamp	140160	EA		€0.60	
	23-Jan 2014	Irish Citizen Army 60c Sheetlet	140160	15		€9.00	
	30-Jan 2014	Greetings Self-adhesive Pair	14025AS	EA		€1.20	
	30-Jan 2014	Greetings Self-adhesive Booklet x 10	1402GBK	EA		€ 6.00	
	13-Feb 2014	Love and Marriage Self-adhesive Pair (60c)	14035AS	EA		€1.20	
	13-Feb 2014	Love and Marriage Self-adhesive Booklet x 10 (60c)	1403BK	EA		€ 6.00	
	20-Feb 2014	St Patricks Day 90c Stamp	140490	EA		€0.90	
	20-Feb 2014	St Patricks Day 90c Sheetlet	140490	SH		€14.40	
	20-Mar 2014	Brendan Behan 60c Stamps	140560	EA		€0.60	
	20-Mar 2014	Brendan Behan 60c Sheetlet	140560	SH		€9.60	
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