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Information on Dr Loïc Guyon

Loïc Guyon is a native of Romans in the South-East of France. After studying in France and England, he moved to Ireland in 2002 to take up a one-year postdoctoral fellowship at the Moore Institute in NUI Galway. He has since then worked as a Lecturer in French Studies at University College Cork, Maynooth University, University College Dublin and the University of Ulster. He moved to Limerick in 2009 to take up the permanent position of Head of the Department of French Studies at Mary Immaculate College. In 2013, the French government made him a *Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes académiques* (Knight in the Order of Academic Palms) and, in 2017, a *Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite* (Knight in the National Order of Merit, which is the second highest honorific order of the French State). He was President of the Irish Association for French & Francophone Studies (ADEFI) from 2010 to 2013 and President of the Association des Membres de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques en Irlande (AMOPA Irlande) from 2016 to 2019. Click [here](#) for a full CV.

The role of the Honorary Consul of France

Honorary Consuls can be French citizens or citizens of a country in which France has an embassy or a consulate. They are appointed by the French Ministry for Foreign Affairs in areas in which there is a significant number of French citizens residing and/or visiting. The appointment of an Honorary Consul requires the approval of the government of the country in which s/he is appointed. This is known as the Exequatur. Dr Guyon's Exequatur was delivered by the Tánaiste on 25 April 2019.

The Honorary Consul of France in Limerick has jurisdiction over the Mid-West region of Ireland (Co. Clare, Co. Limerick & Co. Tipperary). The role of the Honorary Consul is three-fold:

1. Give administrative support and emergency consular protection* to French nationals residing or visiting the Mid-West region;
2. Deal with maritime affairs in relation to French ships berthing at Mid-West harbours;
3. Act as a representative of the Embassy of France to local authorities and work with them to promote cultural and economic links between France and the Mid-West region.

*The type of emergency situations the Honorary Consul of France can deal with are accidents, deaths, theft or loss of travel/ID documents, theft or loss of means of payment, imprisonment, etc.

There are an estimated 800+ French nationals who reside permanently in the Mid-West region and about 70,000 (out of nearly 550,000) French tourists who visit it every year.

No less than 12 Mid-West towns are twinned with French towns.

Some Mid-West Businesses connected to France

The following businesses are either French, owned by French nationals or do business with France: ACI (Castletroy), Arise (Raheen), Bia Café (Limerick), AXA Partners (Shannon), Bon Appétit Creperie (Limerick), Cook Medical (Castletroy), Country Choice (Nenagh & Limerick), Essidev SA (Ennis), Gourmet Store (Ennis), Grassland Agro (Limerick), Integrated Media Solutions (Limerick), La Patisserie (Castletroy), Oh La La Creperie,

Saint Gobain Performance Plastics Ireland (Kilrush), The French Table Restaurant (Limerick), Trusource Labs (Limerick), Uber (Limerick), Viagogo (Castletroy).

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