





## Rachael's April CIR Report:

## I Love Ireland Festival 2019





Last month was Ireland's biggest holiday, St Patrick's Day, Due to the spread of COVID-19, most celebration events throughout the country had to be cancelled. It was such a shame, because that meant that the I Love Ireland Festival in Yoyogi Park and the St Patrick's Day Parade on Omotesando-dori had to be cancelled too, 2 years ago, I was lucky to get to take part in both!



The I Love Ireland Festival ran from 16th March — 17th March 2019. There were many booths selling Irish food, drink, goods and instruments. There were also many wonderful performances from talented musicians. My favourite Irish restaurant, Kyojin Stewhouse, also had a booth. It was great to taste some of the owner Alan's food again! As the host-town for the Irish Olympic team, Fukuroi City also had a booth, so it was my job to do my best to PR the city. I handed out so many Irish-themed Fuppy pin-badges! We also had an inflatable melon bouncy castle for the children and free samples of Fukuroi's famous Crown Melon for guests to try.





The St Patrick's Parade along Omotesando was also so much fun! There were so many people marching in the parade together, including the Irish Ambassador and his wife, the Irish Minister for Culture and the former mayor of Fukuroi, Mr Harada. I felt really proud to walk in the parade carrying the Fukuroi City banner, representing my own country and the town that I call home.





I hope once the situation with COVID calms down, we will be able to host an even bigger and better St Patrick's Day event both in Tokyo and in Fukuroi too!

















## レイチェルの 4 月の CIR レポート: I Love Ireland Festival 2019 年



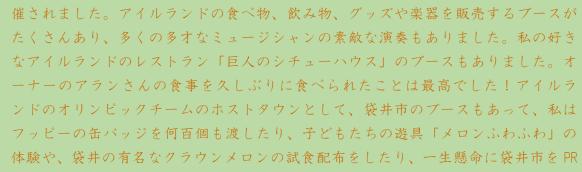


先月は、アイルランドの一番大切な祝日、セントパトリックディがありました。COVID-19 で、ほぼすべてのイベントは中止になってしまいました。本当に残念なことは、

代々木公園の"I Love Ireland Festival"と表参道のセントパトリックディのパレードも中止になってしまいました。2年前、私はこの2つのイベントに参加しました!



"I Love Ireland Festival"は2年前の3月16日から17日まで開





表参道のセントパトリックディパレードもとても楽しかったです!アイルランド大使と奥さん、アイルランドの文化大臣と原田前袋井市長など、多くの人が参加しました。袋井市の旗を持ちながらパレードを歩いて、母国と今住んでいる袋井市を代表することにすごく誇りを感じました。



COVID-19 の状態が落ち着いたら、前よりもっと大きなイベントが東京や袋井で開催されることを、とても楽しみにしています!









