

## **AMERICANS MOBILIZE TO MONITOR UK BREXIT IMPACT ON IRELAND**

September 21, 2016 Attorney John Dearie hosted a meeting of Irish-American activists to discuss British BREXIT plans which might harm Ireland's economy and the full implementation of the Belfast Agreement.

Said Dearie: "It is premature to speculate on just what course the British will be taking over the next two years. It is also unclear why Britain, with the world's 6th largest economy, requires any special consideration from the U. S. responding to the democratic mandate of the British people. But there are those in Washington who need to be reminded that Ireland also has a special relationship with the U. S."

Former National AOH President Brendan Moore explained: "The goal is to insure that Ireland ...as a whole...is not harmed by BREXIT and for Irish Americans to be prepared, if necessary, to disagree with the Irish and British governments on the form of any US initiative to assist." Stated Peter Kissel Esq. from D. C. representing the IAUC: "It is imperative that dialogue begin now with the Dept. of State and Congress on potential BREXIT impact on the whole of Ireland and in particular the Belfast Agreement obligations." The President of the NYC Brehon Law Society, Sean Downes, emphasized the importance of listening to the voices of those most likely to be negatively impacted by BREXIT and to give due recognition to the democratic vote in NI to remain in the EU."

Dearie concluded: "If it is deemed in America's interest to assist the UK with new trade deals, American's need to be prepared to present our concerns to the White House and to key Members of Congress involved in foreign policy. This meeting was a first step." Billy Tranghese was included by conference call representing Representative Richard Neal.

Those who share this concern and who wish to be a part of this dialogue are asked to contact [info@americanbrexitcommittee.com](mailto:info@americanbrexitcommittee.com) Similar meetings in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington D. C. are planned as the new Administration and Congress begin their work in the New Year.

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Photo attached—L to R Dan Dennehy, Member National Board AOH; Steve McCabe Esq. Brehon Law Society; Ned McGinley, former National President of the AOH; Brendan Moore, former National President of the AOH; Sean Hood, Nassau County AOH; Mike Cummings; Peter Kissel Esq. from D. C. , National Board, IAUC; Leslie Cassidy, Brehon Law Society; Neil Cosgrove, National Board, AOH; Sean Downes, President of the NYC Brehon Law Society; Hugh O'Lunney, 1916 Societies; John Corcoran Esq. Brehon Law Philadelphia; John Dearie Esq. former Member of the NYS Assembly