

ECO-FRIENDLY CELTIC LANGUAGE PRODUCTS

T-SHIRT CATALOGUE



#### CELTIC LANGUAGE T-SHIRTS

We hand screen-print our designs with water-based inks onto 100% organic cotton t-shirts in our studio in the Déise Gaeltacht of Co. Waterford.





We hand-print our t-shirt box packaging which is made from 100% recycled material and is plastic-free. Our t-shirts are available with or without the boxes. All packaging includes the story and translation of each design.

#### ABOUT THE T-SHIRTS

These EarthPositive t-shirts are made from 100% organic cotton in India, and manufactured solely using sustainable energy generated from wind and solar power, resulting in a 90% reduction in CO2 emmissions. EarthPositive are also affiliated with the Fair Wear Foundation which verifies and improves workplaces conditions.



### 'TIR GAN TEANGA'



We designed this for the Pan Celtic Festival, the annual festival of Celtic arts, music, and culture. It contains a collection of similar proverbs, one from each of the 6 Celtic languages.

Tir gan teanga, tir gan anam
'A country with no language is a
country without a soul'(Irish)

Cenedl heb iaith, cenedl heb gallon
'A nation without a language is a
nation without a heart' (Welsh)

Sluagh gun chànan, sluagh gun anam 'A people without a language is a people without a soul' (Scots Gaelic)

Cheer gyn chengey, Cheer gyn ennym 'A country without a language is a country without an identity' (Manx)

Hep brezhoneg, breizh ebet
'No Breton, no Brittany' (Breton)

An lavar koth yw lavar gwir,
Nevra dos mas a daves re hir,
Mes den heb taves re gollas y dir
'The old saying is a true saying,
Never did good come of a tongue too
long, But a man without a tongue
has lost his land.' (Cornish)





Available in Blue/Black
Mens/Unisex sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

# DUILLEOGA NA HÉIREANN'



but it is thought that originally it was only 8, and the rest of the letters had different meanings. Even so, it shows the significant of trees in Celtic Ireland.

Available in burgundy in Ladies Roll sleeve style in sizes S, M, L, XL



#### Duilleoga na hÉireann

means 'Leaves of Ireland',
and each leaf design is
made up of Irish words all
related to the particular
tree in Irish & Celtic
folklore and myth.
We've included the related
Ogham symbol for each
tree, from the ancient
Irish alphabet Ogham.

Ogham is thought to have been created in the 4th century. Stones with Ogham carvings can be found in both the Uk and Ireland, especially in the South of Ireland. It is sometimes called the Tree Alphabet, because many of the letters correspond to tree names. During medieval times all the letters were attributed to different trees,



## KNOWLEDGE OF THE RAVEN'



This raven design includes the Scottish Gaelic saying 'Tha fios fithich agad' and the Irish translation: 'Fios cionn fiagh', meaning, 'You have the knowledge of a raven's head'.

Dramatic and beautiful birds, ravens have long been known to be intelligent, having been observed as both playful and great problem solvers. Often associated with battle, death and prophecy, ravens feature heavily in world mythology, including Celtic and Norse myth. The Irish Triple Goddess, the Morrigan was said to be able to turn into a raven, as could The Cailleach, 'Hag of Winter', from Scottish folklore. In Welsh folklore the severed

head of King and giant Brân Fendigaidd could tell prophecies (his name means Blessed Raven). Also considered to be the messengers of the gods, Odin had two ravens named Huginn and Muginn, who brought him news from Midgard.





Available in Olive, Heather Blue, Bright Red or Light Grey in Mens/Unisex sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL



Also available in burgundy in Ladies Roll sleeve style in sizes S, M, L, XL

# 'THE DESTRUCTION OF DINN RI'S

(pronounced 'Din Ree')



The story goes that Labraid
Loingseach grew up the son of the
King of Leinster. However, his
great uncle Cobthach was filled
with jealousy, and murdered
Labraid's father, then fed
Labraid his father's heart.
Traumatized, Labraid became mute,
and was forced to flee westwards.

However, he then raised an army
and returned with a tribe of

Labraid then invited his great
Uncle Cobthach to a feast, as a piece offering. But it was a trick. When his uncle and retinue arrived, Labraid barred the doors to the room which was

Available in Denim Blue/White in Mens/Unisex sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

made from iron, and burnt down the building, roasting them alive. Hence, this was the destruction of Dinn Rí.



spearmen. They retook Dinn Rí with the help of Craiphtine who

This design incorporates a section of the Irish legend
'Orgain Denna Ríg'
(The Destruction of Dinn Rí),
which was a seat of power located in Co. Carlow. Believed to date from the 9th century, it is one of the earliest recorded Irish tales and is written in Old
Irish.

## SGRAINNE?



This design is a combination of lyrics from an old Irish song and an Irish proverb.

The song 'Múinfimid do Ghráinne' is about the desire for a revival of the Irish language, and was written by poet Pádraig Ó Miléadha, born in 1877 in the Déise, Co. Waterford. An important song writer in the area, his songs are still being sung today.

The last line of the design is a proverb about hope and courage, that even the smallest deed can have a great outcome:

#### 'Is beag an splanc a lasann tine mhór'

'Even the smallest spark can light the greatest fire'







Available in Burgundy/Yellow in Mens/Unisex sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

# SMUGAIRLE ROIN, (JELLYFISH)



'Smugairleróin' is the Irish word for jellyfish. Rón means 'seal', and Smugairle is 'thick spittle' So directly translated the Irish for jellyfish is 'sealspittle'!

Jellyfish can be found throughout the ocean from the surface to the deeps, and have been around for at least 500 million years, making them the oldest multi-organ animal.

They all have stinging tentacles but most aren't dangerous.

Ireland has 5 indigenous
 jellyfish:

The Lion's Mane Barrel Jellyfish Blue Jellyfish Common (or Moon) Compass Jellyfish







Available in Navy/Blue in Mens/Unisex sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL and in Ladies Roll Sleeve in sizes S, M, L, XL.

### STHE FIDDLE PLAYER'



There is evidence of string instruments from the 9th century onwards in European carvings and diagrams, but we do not get the word 'fiddle' until the 12th century, when it was used interchangeably with 'Lira' a close relation of the violin.

An 11th-century stringed instrument was excavated in Dublin in the 18th century, but we do not know when the fiddle came to Ireland. In the 1720s John Neal and his brother William were the first recorded fiddle makers in Ireland.

The fiddle is central to traditional music, with different styles found across the country. This design isn't of a particular player, but is simply a drawing to evoke the energy and magic of the fiddle in full swing at a session.







Available in Black in Mens/Unisex sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL

### SMANY LOAGHTAN'







This design is inspired by the fierce looking Manx sheep, and includes the Manx proverb:

'Shegin goaill ny eairkyn marish y cheh.'

**Translation:** We must take the horns with the hide.

Meaning: We must take the rough with the smooth.



The Manx Loaghtan is a rare breed of sheep native to the Isle of Man, originating from a prehistoric breed found in isolated parts of North West

Europe. It is a hardy creature, and unusual in that both sexes tend to produce two or three pairs of horns. It became endangered in the 1950's when only 43 were left, but now due to a number of enthusiasts there are many thriving flocks.

Available in Walnut in Mens sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL





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