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# Minister for the Diaspora Joe McHugh, T.D.

I have been proud to serve as the Minister for Diaspora and International for the last year and to have had the opportunity meet so many members of the Global Irish community.

My first year has been a busy one and following on from the Civic Forum I know that in the year I and my team can continue to improve how the Government supports and promotes the all the Global Irish

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## Global Irish News and Events

## Global Irish Civic Forum 4-5 May 2016

The second Global Irish Civic Forum took place in Dublin Castle in May

The Forum's theme was 'Communities, Connections, Conversations' and it provided an opportunity for those supporting the Irish diaspora abroad to come to Dublin to discuss their work with these communities and engage with Government.

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## New Entrepreneurship Scheme for Returning Emigrants

The Government recently announced a funded mentoring programme to support returning Irish emigrants who wish to set

up businesses in Ireland.

Funding of up to €100,000 will be allocated to the project this year as part of the work of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on local diaspora engagement.

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## The Re-Launched Global Irish Hub

Following on from the Civic Forum, Global Irish Hub has been overhauled so that it is now more user friendly.

We will continue to update its content and will also launch new 'Diaspora Directory' which will allow organisations around the world better find out about each other and connect.

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## **Emigrant Support Programme 2017**

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