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Charity ship brings 'words of hope'

The visit of an international charity ship will provide an important message for Dublin at a difficult time in Ireland's history according to Lady Mayoress, Eibhlin Byrne.

Clr Byrne was guest of honour at the official opening of Logos Hope at Sir John Rogerson's Quay this morning (Thursday 14 May).

Welcoming the ship's crew of 350 volunteers from over 45 nations, she told them, "You have sailed into a city which is undergoing a very choppy, challenging time in our history. We are trying to re find some of our old values and I think that's perhaps where you can contribute much to Dublin. I particularly thing that they (young people) will learn much from how so many different nations and people can live together on one ship."

"We are still living in an era when we are all divided through either cultural, religious or other differences," she added. "The biggest challenge that faces all of us is to find ways to break down those barriers so that we can all respect each other's diversity, honour each other's cultures and live together in the greatest harmony that we can."

The Lord Mayor was joined by Ambassadors from Belgium, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Sweden, South Korea, USA and other special guests for the opening ceremony on board Logos Hope which will be open to the public for the next 10 days.

Location & Dates in port

Sir John Rogerson's Quay
14th May to 24th May 2009

Book Fair & I Café opening hours

Tue to Fri: 12:30pm - 8:30pm
Sat: 10am - 10pm
Sunday: 2pm - 8:30pm
Monday Closed

Entrance Donation

Adults: €1
12-18 years/Students/OAP: € 0.50
Under 12 years old: Free

Tour Information

Adults: €3
12-18 years/Students/OAP: € 2
Under 12 Free
Last tours at 7:30pm

Launched in February 2009, the MV Logos Hope (meaning Word of Hope) is entirely manned by international volunteers. Featuring the largest floating bookshop in the world,

In addition to its low cost book shop, the ship offers visitors the opportunity to meet the crew in the international café, take a tour of the ship, interact with the Logos Hope Experience and enjoy an art exhibition by local Irish artists.



In other parts of the world, Logos Hope will be involved in community development, disaster relief and humanitarian aid.

Logos Hope is hosted by Irish charity OM Ireland. The ship will also visit Cork in July. Logos Hope's sister Doulos visited Dublin in 2004.

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