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Dear Kristina,

I am delighted to be a patron of the London Irish Centre, my Irish heritage is something of which I’ve always been proud of, growing up with a strong Irish culture passed down from my grandparents. I love what the London Irish Centre do in terms of being at the heart of championing Irish culture and community in London, and offering a place of warm welcome to all who visit.

Camden has been central to the Irish story in London for centuries, and the Centre has been a long-standing fixture of the borough's rich cultural and community mix for almost 70 years.

In 2018 I was honoured to be asked to play an intimate gig in the centre, raising £250k and also helping to highlight the Centre's amazing work. I was overwhelmed at the professionalism, dedication and the passion from the team at the Centre which spread through to the guests, in a true community spirit.

The London Irish Centre is not just a cultural hub, but a lifeline to many vulnerable in the Camden community; from providing meals to the elderly and house-bound, befriending those lonely and isolated along with advice and welfare to those in need.

The London Irish Centre was opened in 1955, the home from home for many is now in much need of redevelopment. The exciting plans will allow for more space for advice, welfare, day centre services from the Centre and its partners and will improve cultural and educational facilities, allowing the LIC charity to be financially self-sufficient in the future.

With all the amazing work the team and patrons are doing to develop this cultural and community link between Ireland and London I am very proud to support this redevelopment and keep the beating heart of our heritage alive.

Best regards,

Ed Sheeran  
Patron, London Irish Centre.