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Irish Gaelic: Applied Language Workshop

Here's your chance! Irish Gaelic is a vibrant, beautiful language with a rich history and some great nerd street cred. This workshop will cover 1) a brief history of the language, 2) a few anecdotes about what a current Irish speaker encounters in modern Ireland, and 3) a fun, intensive, practical introduction to having your first conversation in Irish Gaelic. The emphasis of the workshop is language learning: nailing down the first few phrases so that attendees will be able to practice together and engage in short conversations with each other. The workshop will include take-away resources to find out more about pursuing this language, either in classes (in-person or online) as well as self-instruction. The workshop is aimed towards immersive learning through humor and in-group activities. Bring your sense of humor and your bragging rights: you're going to learn some Irish!

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