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Leeds Bradford[®] Airport celebrates St Patrick's Day with new Aer Lingus Regional flights to Cork

(March 17th 2016) Aer Lingus Regional's new flights from Leeds Bradford[®] to Cork Airport in the South of Ireland began this week. The new route, operated by Stobart Air, will operate three times weekly and passengers were entertained on St Patrick's day before they boarded their flight.

Located on the Southwest coast of Ireland, Cork is the second largest city and this new Aer Lingus service is expected to improve business connectivity and increase tourism visitors to the Leeds City Region. A cosmopolitan city full of culture, colour and variety Cork has plenty to do for a weekend break or an extended summer holiday.

As the inaugural flight took off this week, **Martin Saxton, Chief Commercial Officer at Stobart Air** said:

"Aer Lingus is delighted to offer this new route to Ireland from Leeds Bradford to Cork and since announcing the new route, bookings have been strong for both leisure and business passengers."

"As one of Ireland's main cities for business, culture and tourism Cork is a perfect destination for a short break or longer holiday from Leeds Bradford. Equally, we are confident that Leeds will prove to be a popular destination for the Irish visiting Yorkshire for both business and leisure travel. We look forward to working with the team at Leeds Bradford in growing and developing this route."

Tony Hallwood Leeds Bradford[®] Airport's Aviation Development Director said:

"Leeds Bradford welcomes the introduction of Aer Lingus' new services to Ireland's second city Cork, offering a perfect gateway to Southern Ireland."

"We expect regional businesses to take advantage of this new route and for those wanting a short break or holiday, Cork will not disappoint. With great food and lively entertainment you can be sure of a warm welcome and for visitors looking to venture out of Cork why not visit nearby picturesque Kinsale or explore the scenic walking routes along the coast. We expect this new route to become a firm favourite for Yorkshire visitors."

Fares to Cork start from £29.99 each way and are bookable on www.aerlingus.com

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Photos & Caption

Tony Hallwood and Emma Holliday from Leeds Bradford[®] Airport ready to welcome passengers on the Aer Lingus Cork flight with a 'shamrock' cake to celebrate St Patrick's Day



Tony Hallwood Leeds Bradford[®] Airport's Aviation Development Director celebrating the introduction of flights to Cork on St Patrick's Day.





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Aer Lingus Regional ATR72 aircraft which operates the Cork route from Leeds Bradford[®] Airport



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About Stobart Air

Stobart Air operates up to 820 flights weekly across 38 routes throughout Ireland, the UK, France, and the Netherlands. Stobart Air operates under the Aer Lingus Regional brand as part of a franchise agreement with Ireland's national carrier, Aer Lingus and operates Flybe routes from London Southend, and the Isle of Man. The airline employs over 90 people at its Santry headquarters in Ireland.