

Dromoland Castle confirmed as Women's Irish Open venue

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The Ladies European Tour returns to Ireland after a ten-year absence

Dromoland Castle will host the this year's Women's Irish Open, as the tournament returns to the Ladies European Tour (LET) for the first time since 2012.

The event will take place at the County Clare venue from 22-25 September on the Castle's 18-hole 6,824 yards par 72 championship course, which was designed by Ron Kirby and JB Carr.

Held 15 times between 1994 and 2012, the Irish Open has been won by some of Europe's top golfers including Norway's Suzann Pettersen, Sweden's Sophie Gustafson, England's Laura Davies and, most recently, by the 2021 Solheim Cup winning captain, Scotland's Catriona Matthew.

An impressive world class parkland course, it combines gentle hills, ancient trees and unexpected water hazards. The course and accompanying practice facilities - currently undergoing a €2 million upgrade - will present a demanding and exhilarating test for the game's top golfers.



The LET event is also being supported by the Irish Government and Clare County Council

Alexandra Armas, Chief Executive of the Ladies European Tour, said: "We are delighted to see the Women's Irish Open return to the LET Schedule in 2022. It is our objective that all the players who want to come and play on the LET can make a living from golf. This means more tournaments, bigger prize funds as well as increased TV coverage.

"We are grateful to Dromoland Castle and the Irish Government for their support in enabling the Women's Irish Open return to the LET in 2022 after a 10-year absence.

"2022 is already a record-breaking season for the LET in terms of the greatest number of tournaments and prize money in our 44-year history and will no doubt be further enhanced by what we expect to be a very popular stop for the Irish Open at the incredible Dromoland Castle."

Minister of State for Sport and the Gaeltacht, Jack Chambers said: "Ireland's female golfers have enjoyed significant international success and it is fitting that women's professional golf returns to Ireland as we look to grow participation in the game, nurture future talent and promote Ireland as a premier destination for golf tourism around the world.

"We know one of the positives of hosting major sporting events is the growth in participation at grassroots level that comes as a result of the coverage and exposure to elite level sport. I am confident that this event can help inspire a new generation of talented players and grow women's golf all across the country."