10,000km cycle raises awareness of haemochromatosis

CROWDS gathered at the Mansion House for a reception hosted by Lord Mayor of Dublin Naoise Ó Muirí to celebrate the arrival of Brendan King and Ben Glanfield into Dublin, and mark the end of a gruelling 10,000km cycle from Shanghai.

The aim of the 10,000km cycle was to raise awareness of haemochromatosis, a genetic condition that causes people to absorb excessive amounts of dietary iron, and promote the work of The Irish Haemochromatosis Association.

The journey, which began in Shanghai, China, took Brendan (25), from Chicago, and Ben (28), from Brisbane, across two continents and eleven countries in six months. Dublin was chosen as the final destination, because Ireland is one of the furthest points in Europe from China, and haemochromatosis is more common here than anywhere else.