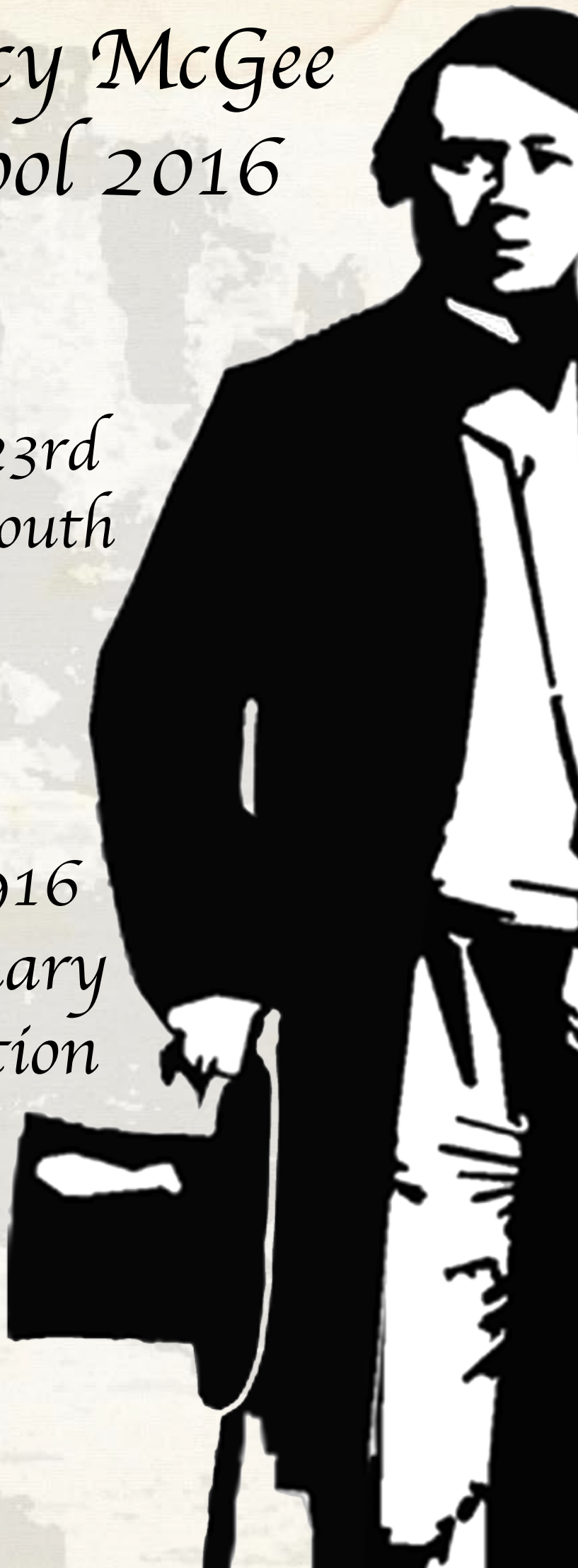


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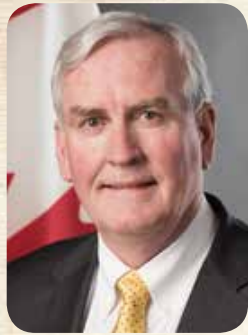
*August 22nd & 23rd
Carlingford, Co. Louth*

*D'Arcy McGee, 1916
and the Revolutionary
Republican Tradition*





Welcomes



Kevin Vickers, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland

I am delighted to continue the support which my predecessor, Ambassador Loyola Hearn, so enthusiastically afforded the Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School. D'Arcy McGee, the Carlingford born revolutionary-turned-constitutionalist is well known throughout Canada as a Founding Father of Canadian Confederation.

The annual Summer School in Carlingford provides a unique opportunity for politicians, academics, historians and community activists, from Canada, Ireland and the UK, to engage in issues which were pertinent in McGee's time, and continue to be relevant in the modern era.

McGee helped shape the modern multicultural Canadian nation, and it is my hope that he continues to be an inspiration to create dynamic, mutually beneficial relationships among and between communities both in Ireland and Canada.

**His Excellency, Kevin Vickers,
Canadian Ambassador to Ireland**

Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust

Medieval Carlingford is the pearl of Ireland's Ancient East. Steeped in centuries of history, this special place has a story to tell. Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust has been interpreting that story for over 25 years, and the life and legacy of Thomas D'Arcy McGee is a proud and inspirational chapter, with significant bearing in this year of commemoration.

We, along with our community partners, afford a warm Carlingford welcome to our beautiful Heritage Centre for this fifth Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School. We look forward to two days of insightful presentation and debate, along with a busy social programme, an enlightening experience for all participants.

While here, we would encourage you to visit the evolving D'Arcy McGee Exhibition at our Station House building, where the story of Carlingford's most famous son comes to life throughout the year.

**Gerard Quinn,
Chairperson, Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust**



Carlingford and Cooley Tourism Association

The Carlingford and Cooley Tourism Association extends a hearty Céad Míle Fáilte to the summer school visitors from near and far. The annual Summer School affords us the opportunity to celebrate Carlingford's most famous son, and to extend our hospitality to you all. We hope you have an interesting, invigorating and enjoyable stay, and hope to see you back here again soon.

**John McNerney,
Representative, Carlingford and Cooley Tourism Association**

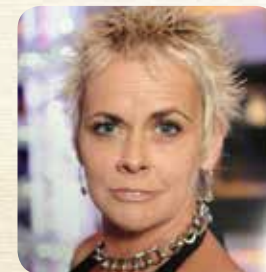
Pat O'Callaghan, Thomas D'Arcy McGee Foundation

Fáilte chuig Scoil Shamraidh Thomas D'Arcy McGee. I am delighted to welcome you all to the 5th annual Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School. It is most appropriate that, in this year of the 1916 celebrations, we reflect on the dynamic tension between revolutionary republicanism and constitutional nationalism which has been at the heart of our politics since before D'Arcy McGee's time.

This year's programme has struck a perfect balance between internationally renowned politicians, academics and historians and local political and community activists. The participation of two Carlingford choirs- St Oliver's Primary School Choir and Cór Charlinne-in the promotional campaign in the run-up to the summer school provides a local dynamic which is essential to sustaining the legacy of Carlingford born Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

In addition to the packed programme of interesting, controversial speakers, this year's Summer School offers an eclectic mix of events to ensure that everyone has an interesting and enjoyable experience. The Trial of Pádraig Pearse in the local courthouse provides the jury (audience) with the opportunity to debate the issues, as well as vote on the charge of treason. The Thomas D'Arcy McGee Exhibition has been extended to include significant local 1916 connections, including Pearse's close association with Coláiste Bhríde in Omeath. The final event-Canadian Irish Folk Night-is guaranteed to be a memorable night in the hands of two local and internationally famous musicians, Tommy Sands and Gerry O'Connor. Enjoy!

**Pat O'Callaghan,
Chairman, Thomas D'Arcy McGee Foundation**



Omeath District Development Company LTD

Omeath District Development Company LTD is delighted to welcome you to the annual Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School. We look forward to successfully delivering, what we feel, is the most interesting programme yet in partnership with the Altnaveigh House, Newry, The Carlingford Heritage Trust and Carlingford Cooley Tourism Association.

Omeath District Development Company wishes to express a sincere thank you to our guest speakers, delivery associates and event coordinators. We wish to acknowledge Mr. Loyola Hearn, previous Canadian Ambassador to Ireland for his continued dedication and support of this summer school and his tireless work of strengthening Canadian Irish linkages in many forms. We look forward to welcoming Ambassador Mr Kevin Vickers to the Summer School and to our area.

Finally we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and hope you enjoy an inspiring, enlightening and memorable two day summer school celebrating the life and works of Thomas D'Arcy McGee.

**Frances Taylor,
Cooley Peninsula Tourism Officer**

Altnaveigh House Trust Limited

Altnaveigh House Trust (2005) Limited, located in Downshire Road, Newry, was established to promote good citizenship amongst the people of the area through the provision of services and facilities in the interests of social welfare and recreation. The organisation has provided training in a wide variety of areas over a number of years and prides itself in supporting a wide cross section of the community.

**Wilbert McKee,
Community Development Officer, Altnaveigh House**





Speakers



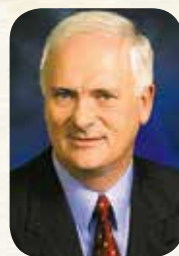
Pat O'Callaghan originally from Dundalk, emigrated to Newfoundland in 1973 where he founded East Coast Catering. In 2012 Pat was awarded the prestigious Ernst and Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year" for Atlantic Canada, and was inducted into the Newfoundland and Labrador Business Hall of Fame in 2013. He was a Founding Director of the Ireland – Newfoundland Business Partnership. Pat has supported many charitable and voluntary organisations in Canada and Ireland, and his passion for stronger ties between his two homes has inspired him to support the Carlingford initiatives around Thomas D'Arcy McGee. He has worked tirelessly and generously to support the establishment of a permanent exhibition to McGee in Carlingford.



Kevin Vickers was appointed as the Ambassador of Canada to Ireland in January 2015. He previously served as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons. Mr. Vickers was born and raised in Newcastle (now part of the city of Miramichi), New Brunswick. He studied at St. Francis Xavier University and the University of Calgary.



David A. Wilson has a background in modern North Atlantic history and specialises in Modern Irish History and the Irish in North America. His books include *Paine and Cobbett: The Transatlantic Connection*; *Ireland, a Bicycle and a Tin Whistle*; *United Irishmen, United States: Immigrant Radicals in the Early Republic*; and *The History of the Future*. His *Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Volume 1: Passion, Reason, and Politics 1825-57* received the Raymond Klibansky Prize from the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, and was co-winner of the James S. Donnelly prize given by the American Conference for Irish Studies. His *Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Volume 2: The Extreme Moderate* won the Canadian Historical Association Political History prize. He is currently the General Editor of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography*, and is writing a book on the Fenian underground in Canada.



John Bruton was educated at Clongowes, University College, Dublin, and King's Inns. In 1969, at the age of 22, he was elected to the Dáil Éireann for the Fine Gael party. John Bruton is a former Taoiseach, who helped transform the Irish economy into one of the fastest growing economies in the world. He was deeply involved in the Northern Irish Peace Process leading to the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, under whose terms 'a conflict of allegiances dating back to the seventeenth century was resolved'. He was the European Union ambassador to the United States and remains a refreshing and insightful voice on the Irish and International stage.



Ruan O'Donnell is a senior lecturer in history at the University of Limerick. He previously worked at the Australian National University, University College Dublin, National University of Ireland Galway and St. Patrick's College, Drumcondra. He is a Director of the Irish Manuscripts Commission and a member of the Universities Ireland Decade of Commemorations Committee. His involvement in academic publishing includes ongoing roles as co-series and commissioning editor of the '16 Lives' project for O'Brien Press, as well as series editor of the 'Irish Abroad' series for Irish Academic Press. In 2010-2011 he was on sabbatical at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, where he held the position of O'Donnell Visiting Chair of Irish Studies in the Keough/Naughton Institute.



Mark McGowan is a professor of History at the University of Toronto and serves as the Senior Academic Advisor to the Dean of Arts & Science on International matters. From 2002 to 2011 he served as Principal of St. Michael's College and in 2014 worked as Acting Vice-Provost (Students) for the University of Toronto. He currently directs the Book & Media Studies Program and the Celtic Studies Program; he has been the recipient of four university teaching awards.



Patricia Morrissey is a native of Carlingford. Growing up in a local family business instilled in her a great social conscience, an interest in people and a pride of place. She formerly followed a career in banking during which she married and became the mother of two sons. The experience of family life motivated her to take a change in direction and she became a childcare manager at a time of development in the sector. Following the death of her husband Patricia has returned to reside in Carlingford and she is currently vice chair of Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust. She has successfully completed a Local Studies course at NUI Maynooth and this together with tour guide and Geo Ambassador training has prepared her for her current role as a tour guide.



Kevin Murphy has over the past thirty-five years conducted historical, literary and cultural tours of south Armagh and Dublin city (specialising in 1916 and James Joyce's 'Dubliners' and 'Ulysses'). Kevin has lectured widely on a number of historical and literary topics such as: Richard Jackson and the Forkill Estate; famine in south Armagh; agrarian secret societies in the first half of the nineteenth century; United Irishmen and defenders in south Armagh; the importance of the townland in history and landscape; the prose of Michael J. Murphy; emigration from south Armagh to Ontario; history; the poetry of Patrick Kavanagh and the fourth northern division of the IRA.



Pat McNamee comes from Crossmaglen. He studied a HND in Jordanstown and completed a degree with the Open University in Maths and Computers. He served an eight year sentence in Portlaoise prison in the 1980's as a political prisoner. Formerly a member of Sinn Féin he was elected to the Forum in 1995, to Newry and Mourne Council in 1997, to the Northern Ireland Assembly in 1998 and was also elected to Armagh City and District Council in 2001. He left Sinn Féin in 2005. He is no longer associated with any political party but continues to have an interest in politics and describes himself as an independent republican.



Emma Coffey was born and reared in County Louth, Ireland. Emma studied law in Liverpool, trained as a solicitor and subsequently established her own law firm, in Drogheda County Louth. Emma lives in Dundalk and is married and has a two year old daughter. Through her work Emma witnessed the many social issues that confront families and communities. Concerns such as the dearth of social housing, an inadequate public healthcare system, underfunded education programmes, and spiralling child care costs all of which motivated her to become involved in politics in order to improve the lives of others. She was successful in being selected by the Fianna Fáil party to contest the recent General Election 2016.



Nigel Agnew is a minister in the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland. Originally from Mountnorris, in County Armagh, he has lived in Coleraine as well as Ballybay, County Monaghan. Having graduated from QUB with a degree in Law and Accounting Nigel spent a short time working as a solicitor before entering Theological college. He is married to Sandra and they have three children, Benjamin, Reuben and Tabitha, who are better known as local band Cup O'Joe. Nigel was installed as a minister in Riverside Church, Newry in May 2015. He lists his interests as Christian Apologetics, and playing "old-time banjo".



Kieran Taaffe is Emeritus Dean of International Affairs at Dublin Institute of Technology. A native of Blackrock, Co Louth, he was educated at Dundalk CBS, UCG, RATI Sweden, UCD and Kings Inns. In 1994 he was created an Erasmus Laureate by the EU Commission for his work on European University Integration and in 2007 he was honoured by Harbin Institute of Technology, China for his contribution to Sino/Irish University Co-operation. He is Chairman of the Board of the Robert Boyle Foundation and is a former Chairman of the boards of the Birr Scientific & Heritage Foundation and the Drugs Treatment Centre, Dublin. He was a founder member of the Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School.





Speakers



Margaret Phillips was born in Ballyshannon, Co Donegal. From an early age she had a passion for the Irish Language and this influenced her choice of career as a National School Teacher. Her first teaching post was in Omeath, Co Louth where she met her late husband Patrick, raised seven children and where she is now enjoying retirement. After her family, her two passions in life are the Irish Language and Culture and nature; they are the reasons for her involvement in the Irish Country Woman's Association (ICA), the Omeath Historical Society, Aras na nGael and Cór Carlingford. A former Lady President of Greenore Golf Club Margaret's love of the outdoors means spending time with her horses. Patrick Pearse's association with Omeath is a special interest.



John Raymond Bassett was born in November 1951 in Dublin, Ireland, who prefers to be known as Ray Bassett. While completing his Ph.D. thesis on the biochemistry of Folic Acid and vitamin B10 at Trinity College Dublin, Ray worked as a research assistant in Trinity's Biomedical Research Laboratories. After gaining some experience as a Clinical Biochemist at the Mater Hospital Dublin, moved to the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs to begin working as a career diplomat. Since August 2010, Dr. Bassett has served as Ambassador to Canada, Jamaica and Bahamas, where he continues his work supporting the Irish Diaspora overseas. Ambassador Ray Bassett is married to Mrs. Patricia Bassett and together they have 5 children.



Frank Connolly is an investigative journalist whose work contributed to the establishment of two tribunals in Ireland into planning corruption in Dublin and police corruption in Donegal. In 2014 he published the best selling book Tom Gilmartin, the man who brought down a Taoiseach. He is Head of Communications with SIPTU, Ireland's largest trade union.



Eibhlís Farrell is a composer member of Aosdána, the state-sponsored academy of Irish artists which honours artists who have made an outstanding contribution to the arts in Ireland, and she has also served on the Toscaireacht. She is a graduate of Queen's University, Belfast, Bristol University and Rutgers University, New Jersey and studied composition with Raymond Warren in England and Charles Wuorinen in the United States. Her works have been widely performed and broadcast internationally and she has represented Ireland at the UNESCO sponsored International Composers' Rostrum. She was honoured by Rutgers University with the Distinguished Alumna 2011 Award for Distinguished Accomplishments and Service in the Humanities in Music and Music Education. Dr Farrell is currently Head of Music and Creative Media at Dundalk Institute of Technology and her work is available through the Contemporary Music Centre, Dublin. (www.cmc.ie)



Andy Bielenberg was born in Dublin and grew up in various Leinster counties before undertaking a degree in history at UCC; an M. Litt at TCD; and a PhD at LSE. He has taught in the School of History at UCC since the early 1990s. His research interests include Irish social and economic history and his recent publications include An economic history of Ireland since Independence, published by Routledge in 2013. His recent research focus has been on the Irish revolution, and publications include an article in the journal Past and Present on the exodus of part of the southern Irish Protestants community during 1919-23.



Louise O'Reilly is a Sinn Féin TD for Dublin Fingal. Louise is a full time Trade Union Organiser and a lifelong union activist. She is a member of the ICTU Public Services Committee and has extensive experience negotiating on behalf of workers in both the public and private sector. She is passionate about workers' rights and fighting and campaigning against inequality. Louise comes from a politically active family and has been involved in many campaigns over the years, both locally and nationally.



Linda Ervine is the Irish Language Development Officer for East Belfast. Until five years ago, when she started learning Irish as part of a cross-community project with women from the nearby nationalist Short Strand, Linda didn't know a word of the language. Now she manages an Irish language project which provides eleven classes per week of various ability levels to over 150 language learners of all ages, as well as tin whistle, set dancing classes, children's Irish dancing and a once a month traditional music session. She has achieved great success in encouraging members of the loyalist community to engage with Irish language and culture.



Sinéad Bradley, married with one child from Burren, Co. Down, is a secondary school teacher by profession and has worked in both the educational and political arena over many years. Sinéad contested and won her first ever election in May 2016, as an SDLP MLA for South Down. A community activist, Sinéad has served on the Board of Governors at Southern Regional College and has strong associations with the M.S. Society. The newly elected MLA sits on the Assembly's Committee for the Economy and the Northern Ireland Assembly Business Trust. Autism and mental health services are high on her political agenda.



Maria Doyle is from Dundalk and has been a Fine Gael Councillor in Louth since 2014. Prior to that, she was a Town Councillor. Maria holds a BA in History and Economics from NUIG, a Graduate Diploma in Business Studies from UCD and a Primary Certificate in Education from the University of Ulster, Coleraine. Maria worked for several years in procurement in the public and private sector before training as a primary teacher. She has a keen interest in local history. Last year, her 3rd Class in the CBS Primary School (Dundalk) won the all-Ireland 'Decade of Centenaries' competition for primary schools for a project entitled "Dundalk and the First World War".



Tommy Sands, Co Down's singer, songwriter and social activist has achieved something akin to legendary status in his own lifetime. From the pioneering days with the highly influential Sands Family, bringing Irish Music from New York's Carnegie Hall to Moscow's Olympic Stadium, he has developed into one of the most powerful songwriters and enchanting solo performers in Ireland today. His songwriting, which draws the admiration of Nobel Poet Laureate Seamus Heaney and father of folk music Pete Seeger, prompts respected US magazine "Sing Out" to regard him as "the most powerful songwriter in Ireland, if not the rest of the world".



Gerry O'Connor hails from Dundalk, in County Louth and is the product of four generations of fiddle players. His recordings have focused strongly on local music and his work as a soloist and as a band member of Lá Lugh and Skylark is well known across the world. Over the past two decades he has recorded and performed with all the leading performers of the Irish music world including members of the Chieftains, Boys of the Lough, Planxty, De Dannan and Bothy Band. His solo album Journeyman has been hailed as one of the significant albums of Irish fiddle music. Gerry is also a violin-maker, music teacher and music producer and currently tours as fiddle player with the Canadian Irish legends The Irish Rovers.





Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School

Monday 22nd, August, Carlingford Heritage Centre

Morning

09.00 - 10.00 Registration

10.00 Chair: Pat O'Callaghan, Chairman, Thomas D'Arcy McGee Foundation

10.10 Official Opening; His Excellency, Kevin Vickers, Canadian Ambassador to Ireland

10.20 David Wilson, University of Toronto. — *Thomas D'Arcy McGee, Conor Cruise O'Brien and the Irish Republican Army*

11.00 Former Taoiseach, John Bruton — *A constitutional path to independence, implications for both parts of Ireland*

11.30 Ruan O'Donnell, University of Limerick — *International aspects of the 1916 Rising*

12.00 Open Forum

13.00 Lunch

Afternoon

14.00 Mark McGowan, University of Toronto. — *Committed to "Double Duty": Canada's Irish Catholics, The Rising, and the Great War*

14.30 Chair: Anthony Russell

7x7x7 Session — Each of the 7 speakers is invited to each make a 7 minute presentation, using 7 slides

1. Patricia Morrissey — *The Women of The Easter Rising*
2. Kevin Murphy — *The Price of Pigs*
3. Pat McNamee — *Revolutionary Republicanism in 2066*
4. Emma Coffey — *The Easter Widows*
5. Nigel Agnew — *The Bible & 1916*
6. Kieran Taaffe — *Tom Clarke: The Soul of the Rebellion*
7. Margaret Phillips — *The Cultural and Literary Legacy of Pádraig Pearse*

15.45 Open Forum

16.30 Conclusion

Evening

18.00 Reception at Thomas D'Arcy McGee Exhibition Centre

19.30 Seafood Banquet, Carlingford Sailing Club. Sampling the best of food in and around the Lough in the spectacular setting of Carlingford Sailing club.

After-Dinner Speaker; Ray Bassett, Former Irish Ambassador to Canada, Jamaica and Bahamas — *Canada, Ireland's friend in North America*



Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School

Tuesday 23rd, August, Carlingford Heritage Centre

Morning

09.30 Chair: Frank Connolly, Communications Manager, SIPTU

Specially recorded interview with George Morrison, Filmmaker and creator of *Mise Éire* and *Saoirse*, by Lelia Doolan. (Produced by Betty Purcell, Directed by Ray Lynam. Special thanks to Frank Connolly, Theo Dorgan and Robert Navan)



Screening of *Mise Éire* (1959)

11.00 Coffee Break

11.15 Dr Andy Bielenberg, University College Cork — *The Irish Revolution and the Protestant Community in the 26 Counties*

11.45 Open Forum

12.30 Lunch

Afternoon

14.00 Female Political Activists' Forum — *What does the 1916 uprising represent for me?*

Chair: Dr Eibhlís Farrell, Dundalk Institute of Technology

1. Louise O'Reilly, Sinn Féin TD
2. Linda Ervine, Irish Language Development Officer, East Belfast
3. Sinéad Bradley, SDLP
4. Maria Doyle, Fine Gael Councillor

15.30 David Wilson — *Summer School Reflections and Conclusions*

Evening

19.30 A Courthouse Drama by Anthony Russell — *The Trial of P.H. Pearse in the Court of History.* D'Arcy McGee prosecutes, John Mitchel defends and the audience is the jury.

21.30 Canadian Irish Folk Night, Carlingford Arms, hosted by Tommy Sands and Gerry O'Connor



Past Summer Schools



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The man who pulls it all together...



In addition to all the staff and volunteers in each of the partner organisations who collaborate to make the Summer School such an enjoyable success every year, one man in particular stands out. It's Jamie Callaghan, who designs everything from the website and Facebook pages, to the brochures, leaflets, posters and programmes that give voice and form to the School. Jamie's creative skills are matched by his calm, patient approach to the endless redrafting that goes into building up the new programme each year. Take a bow, Jamie.



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