



Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School

D'Arcy McGee, 1916 and the Revolutionary Republican Tradition

Monday 22nd August, 2016, Carlingford Heritage Centre

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



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.

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



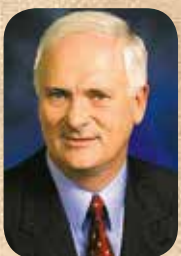
Kevin Vickers was appointed as the Ambassador of Canada to Ireland in January 2015. He previously served as the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons. Mr. Vickers was born and raised in Newcastle (now part of the city of Miramichi), New Brunswick. He studied at St. Francis Xavier University and the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

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



With a background in modern North Atlantic history, David A. Wilson 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.

11.00 Former Taoiseach, John Bruton



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.

11.30 Ruan O'Donnell, University of Limerick.



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 Keugh/ Naughton Institute.

12.00 Open Forum

13.00 Lunch

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



Professor Mark McGowan is a full 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.

14.30 7x7x7 Session — Each of the 7 speakers is invited to each make a 7 minute presentation, using 7 slides

1. Patricia Morrissey, Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust

The Women of The Easter Rising



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.

2. Kevin Murphy



Over the past thirty-five years Kevin has 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.

3. Pat McNamee



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.

4. Speaker TBC

5. Nigel Agnew

Bible & 1916



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".



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6. Kieran Taaffe



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.

Tom Clarke: The Soul of the Rebellion

7. Margaret Phillips



Born in Ballyshannon Co Donegal. From an early age I had a passion for the Irish Language and this influenced my career choice as a National School Teacher. My first teaching post brought me to the village of Omeath in Co Louth where I met my late Husband Patrick, raised 7 of a family and now enjoy my retirement. After my family, I have two passions in life, Irish language and Culture, and the countryside and nature and these are the basis of my involvement in the Irish Country Women's Association (ICA), Omeath Historical Society, Aras na nGael and Cór Chairlinne Choir and my love of the outdoors is spent with my horses and as former Lady President of Greenore Golf Club.

The Cultural and Literary Legacy of Pádraig Pearse

15.45 Open Forum

16.30 Conclusion

18.00 Reception at Thomas D'Arcy McGee Exhibition Centre



The Thomas D'Arcy McGee Exhibition Centre was opened at the 2015 Summer School. Participants will have the opportunity to visit the exhibition, view the displays, artefacts, as well as some interesting new additions on this year's summer school theme.

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



Born in November 1951 in Dublin, Ireland, Dr. John Raymond Bassett 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.

Limited places available. First come, first served. Advanced reservations strongly recommended.

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09.30 Chair: Frank Connolly, Communications Manager, SIPTU



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.

Screening of Mise Éire (1959)



Mise Éire relates the events in Ireland up to, during, and immediately after the 1916 Easter rising, extensively using original footage from newsreels and archives from Ireland and abroad from the time. Released in 1959, it provided a unique, contemporary perspective in the run-up to the 50th anniversary of the 1916 rising celebrations, and in juxtaposition to the 100th anniversary celebrations. Seán Ó'Riada's innovative and dramatic music ensured the film became and remains the most memorable and iconic Irish film ever made. An interview with George Morrison, the Director, which was recorded for a screening in Liberty Hall earlier this year, will be shown as an introduction to the film.

11.00 Coffee Break

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



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.

11.45 Open Forum

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Politicians Forum


What does the 1916 uprising represent for me?

Chair: Dr Eibhlís Farrell, Dundalk Institute of Technology

1. Louise O'Reilly, Sinn Féin TD



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.



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2. Linda Ervine, Irish Language Development Officer, East Belfast



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.

3. Sinead Bradley, SDLP



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

15.30 David Wilson

Summer School Reflections and Conclusions

19.30 Courthouse Drama

The Trial of Pádraig Pearse



In April 1916 Pádraig Pearse committed treason against the people of Ireland by ignoring their democratic will and leading a violent rising. This is the charge being brought by Thomas D'Arcy McGee (1825 – 1868) in the Court of History (Carlingford Courthouse). McGee, an Irish rebel and Canadian patriot, will suggest the 1916 rising was undemocratic and unnecessary; that it caused the deaths of hundreds of Irish men, women and children, then and in succeeding generations.

John Mitchel (1815 - 1875) will defend Padraic Pearse. Mitchel lived and died an Irish physical force republican and his writing strongly influenced and was much admired by Pearse. As always in the summer school the audience is the jury, and under the guidance of the judge, Larry McArdle, will decide on Padraic Pearse's guilt or innocence.

Anthony Russell, author of *Between Two Flags – John Mitchel and Jenny Verner* (Merrion Press) wrote this imaginative and challenging drama.

Special Prosecutor; Thomas D'Arcy McGee, MP

Special Defense; John Mitchell, MP

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



The Canadian Irish Folk Night provides the perfect setting for speakers, audience and locals to celebrate the conclusion of the 5th Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School. This year the folk and traditional aspects of the evening are in the experienced hands of two world-famous musicians, from either side of the Lough. The Tom and Gerry show will ensure a good balance between singing and traditional tunes from both sides of the Atlantic.

Tommy Sands

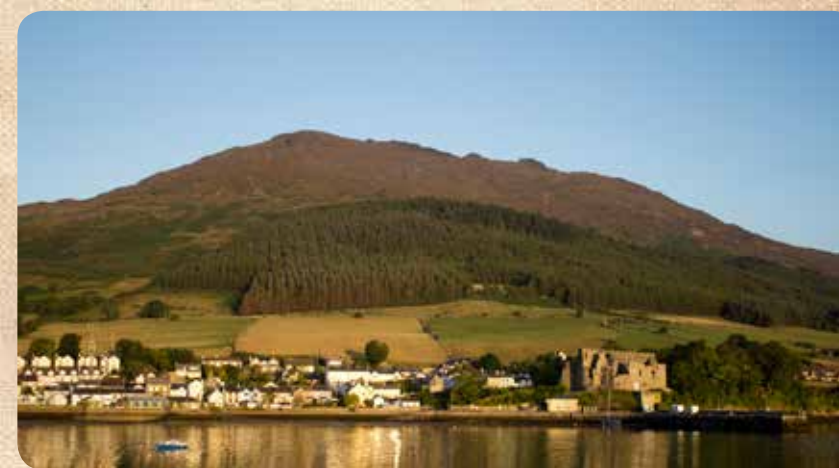


Tommy Sands, Co Down's singer, songwriter and social activist has achieved something akin to legendary status in his own lifetime. From the pioneering days with the highly influential Sands Family, bringing Irish Music from New York's Carnegie Hall to Moscow's Olympic Stadium, he has developed into one 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



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



The picturesque village of Carlingford



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