

FINGAL 2016 CENTENARY PROGRAMME LECTURE SERIES

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Howth Gun Running

Gerry Byrne, Skerries Historical Society

Tuesday 12th January 2016 8.15pm

Keane's Bus Bar, Skerries

A Family History Day: Advice sessions on Family history research from "Findmypast" One to one with genealogist

Saturday 16th January 2016 11am - 4pm

Blanchardstown Library

Eneclann Ltd. (www.eneclann.ie) is an award-winning history and heritage company based in Dublin, Ireland. Founded in 1998, the Trinity College Campus Company has become the largest historical and genealogical research and consultancy service in Ireland, with tens of thousands of clients worldwide. Eneclann pride themselves on providing a high quality family history research service to clients in Ireland and overseas.

Eneclann Ltd researched President Obama and Tom Cruise's Irish ancestry. They also conducted research for Who Do You Think You Are? Ancestors during the famine, and PBS's Faces of America and finding your roots. Get started with your family history research today by visiting them at www.eneclann.ie.

Family History Research Day

Niall Cullen, Marketing Executive, Findmypast

Saturday 16th January 2016 11am - 4pm

Blanchardstown Library

Niall gets people interested in the fantastic range of records available on Findmypast through PR campaigns, advertising and by organising Findmypast's presence at events in Ireland and abroad. Working with the wider Findmypast marketing team based in London, Niall ensures that Irish records are at the forefront of everything the company does. Any questions about using www.findmypast.ie? Niall will be happy to help.

One-on-one 15 minute genealogy sessions

Enneclann expert

11am - 4pm

Blanchardstown Library

Irish Soldiers & Rebels: tracing WW1 and Irish revolutionary ancestors.

Brian Donovan, Director, CEO of Eneclann

Saturday 16th January 2016 11.30am

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The years 1912-23 saw the deaths of over 75,000 Irish people in armed conflict, from the fields of France to the streets of Dublin. Irish men and women took arms to fight for Irish freedom, to defend the British Empire and to liberate Belgium. They joined the UVF, the ICA, the Volunteers, the IRB, the IRA and other radical organisations. Possibly half a million Irish-born joined the British, American, Canadian and Australian armies. This lecture will untangle the complexities of the surviving records and explain what you are likely to find. Brian is the Head of Irish Data and Business Development at findmypast, as well as being a director of Eneclann. He previously lectured in history at Trinity College Dublin in the 1990s and since then has lectured throughout Ireland and the US on history, genealogy and digitisation. Brian's experience in digital technology, as well as his background in history, helped motivate the founding of the well-known Irish genealogy company Eneclann in 1998. He played a key role in establishing the Irish collection at findmypast, and continues to oversee all aspects of the development of their Irish record collection.

How to use Findmypast to start your family history

Brian Donovan, Director, CEO of Eneclann

Saturday 16th January 2016 3.00pm

Blanchardstown Library

Mary (Molly) Adrien, 1873-1949: Cumann na mBan Volunteer 1916

Frank Whearity

Tuesday 19th January 2016 7.30pm

Fingal Local Studies and Archives

Frank Whearity, from Skerries, graduated from the University of Maynooth with an honours degree in 'Local Studies' (2008) and an MA degree in 'Local History' (2011). He is the author of "The Easter Rising of 1916 in North County Dublin: a Skerries Perspective", part of the Maynooth series of local history books, edited by Prof. Raymond Gillespie, and published by the Four Courts Press in 2013. He has had several other works on a diverse range of subjects published as articles over the nearly two decades since he first became a member of the Skerries Historical Society.

Advanced Genealogy Workshop: 5 week series

Declan Brady

Wednesday 20th January - Saturday 17th February 2016 6.30pm-8pm Balbriggan Library

Declan Brady is a historian and genealogist based in Swords. He holds a Diploma in Family History and Genealogy (ICM) and has just completed a Masters in Irish History at Maynooth University, with a thesis entitled "Affluence, influence, and changing élites: culture, politics and local government in Fingal, 1891-1914." Declan specialises in family, social and political history of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

Easter Rising

Sean O'Gorman

Thursday 4th February 2016 8.30pm

Garristown Community Centre

Sean O'Gorman is a local historian with a keen interest in the 1916 period. Garristown Historical Society

Working life and social conditions in Dublin leading up to 1916

Jim Lacey

Saturday 6th February 2016 2.00pm

Blanchardstown Library Lecture Hall

Jim Lacey is a local historian and author. He has written three books relating to the Blanchardstown Castleknock area over the last 17 years. His latest book is "The Barony of Castleknock; A History" published last year by The History Press. He has given many talks on local and Irish history in general to local groups and schools.

Blanchardstown Castleknock history society

An Teanga Bheo* The planning of 1916

Padraig Ó Snodaigh

Thursday 11th February 2016 6.30pm-8pm

Baldoyle Library

Pádraig Ó Snodaigh was born in Carlow in 1935. He was assistant keeper of the National Museum from 1963-88, and President of the Gaelic League from 1974-78. He has published scholarly works such as "Hidden Ulster" (Belfast, Lagan Press, 1998); and "The Irish volunteers, 1715-1793" (Dublin, Irish Academic Press, 1995); a novel, "Ó Pharnell go Queenie" (1991); and poetry collections, including "Cumba agus Cumann" (1985); and "Cúl le Cúl" (1988).

He is founder and editor of Coscéim, which has had a seminal influence on Irish language publishing since the 1980s. He lives in Dublin.

Online and offline records for family research

John Grenham

Wednesday 17th February 2016 6.30pm -8pm

Blanchardstown Library

John Grenham came to professional genealogy in 1981. He was instrumental in setting up the GO Consultation Service, the forerunner of the current Advisory

* Bilingual lecture

Services in the National Library and National Archives. Among his publications are the standard guide to Irish genealogy, "Tracing your Irish Ancestors" (4th ed.2012), "Clans and Families of Ireland" (1995), "Generations" (1996), "The Genealogical Office and its Records" in The Genealogical Office, (1999), "Grenham's Irish Surnames" (CD-ROM, 2003) and numerous articles and columns in the UK magazine Your Family Tree. He has written the "Irish Roots" column and blog in The Irish Times since February 2009. In 2011, along with Irish Times Training, he developed and launched an online genealogical course. In 2011 and 2014, he was co-presenter of the RTÉ television programme "The Genealogy Roadshow". In 2014 and 2015, he delivered a ten-week diploma in family history course at City Colleges in Dublin.

Poetry and the Rising

Colm Keegan

Wednesday 24th February 6.30pm - 8pm

Swords Library

Colm Keegan is a writer and performance poet from Dublin, Ireland. Since 2005, he has been shortlisted four times for the Hennessy New Irish Writing Award, for both poetry and fiction and won the All Ireland Poetry Slam in 2010. In 2011, he was nominated for the Dublin Fringe's "Little Gem" Award for the spoken-word play he co-wrote with Stephen James Smith and Kalle Ryan - "Three Men Talking About Things They Kinda Know About" - which has toured Ireland and sold out in Bristol, London and Paris. In 2015 he was awarded a residency in the Lexicon, Ireland's largest public library. He is a creative writing teacher and co-founder of the Inklings Project, a creative writing initiative for young writers. His debut collection, "Don't Go There", was released in 2012 to critical acclaim. He is a joint director and founder of Lingo, Ireland's first Spoken Word festival.

Road to 1916 - Dublin 15

Declan Brady

Thursday 25th February

Blanchardstown Library

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The Art and Culture of 1916

Des McGuinness

6 week lecture series February/March 2016

Draocht Blanchardstown

Des McGuinness's passion for art and art history dates back to the 1970s. Prior to his retirement from the School of Communications, DCU, he taught modules on the relationship between art and communications.

See www.draocht.ie

Reaction and Experience of the 1916 Rising; a comparison of the various idealistic reactions to the Rising to the rather brutal and more mundane ground-level experience.

Thomas Earls Fitzgerald

Tuesday 1st March 2016 6.30pm

Rush Library

Thomas Earls Fitzgerald is a PHD Candidate researching the civilian experiences of the Irish Revolution 1916 -1923 at Trinity College Dublin. His 2012 essay 'Spies and Informers in West Cork 1921' was published in David Fitzpatrick's edited collection of essays Terror in Ireland 1916 - 1923 in 2015.

An Teanga Bheo*

An Turas a Rugadar - Turas an Chúigiú Cathlán mórthimpeall Fine Gall agus na cathanna a throid siad le linn Seachtain na Cásca 1916.

The Way They Went - The travels of the Fifth Battalion and the battles they fought across Fingal during Easter week 1916.

Seosamh Ó Maolalaí

Wednesday 2nd March 2016 6.30pm

Swords Library

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Those who died on Easter Monday: including military and political detail

Ray Bateson

Saturday 5th March 2016 2.00pm

Blanchardstown Library Lecture Hall

Blanchardstown Castleknock History Society at 085 2179587 or www.fingal.ie

Death in the Hedgerows: The Battle of Ashbourne 1916

Paul O'Brien

Saturday 5th March 2016 11am

Ardgillan Castle

Paul O'Brien M.A. is a military historian and has written six books detailing the tactics and strategies used by both sides during the 1916 Easter Rising. "Blood on the Streets", "Uncommon Valour", "Shootout", "Crossfire", "Field of Fire" and

"Battleground" enable the reader to examine the battlefields and those who took part in the Rising from a military perspective. He grew up in Dublin where he attended Drimnagh Castle School. When he left school, he completed an apprenticeship as a Precision Toolmaker and he pursued this trade for fifteen years. In 2000 he returned to college to complete a Diploma, Degree and Masters in history. He has developed an avid interest in military history since childhood. He currently lives in Dublin.

Hold and Secure: The Battle of St. Stephens Green 1916

Paul O'Brien

12pm

Ardgillan Castle

History Ireland Hedge School on Women in Revolution.

Panel chaired by Tommy Graham, and includes Mary McAuliffe University College Dublin; Fearghal McGarry, Queen's University Belfast; Ailbhe Rogers. John and Pat Hume PhD Scholar; Margaret Ward Visiting Fellow in Irish History at Queen's University.

2.30pm - 4pm

Ardgillan Castle

In the early twentieth century thousands — if not tens of thousands — of Irishwomen participated in the Irish nationalist, labour and cultural movements of the day. However, much of their work and activities was subsequently forgotten or overlooked in the historical record. Join History Ireland editor, Tommy Graham, for a lively round-table discussion that will bring to the light the contributions of these heretofore forgotten women.

Mary McAuliffe, University College Dublin, holds a PhD from the School of History and Humanities, Trinity College, Dublin and lectures on the UCD Women's Studies programmes. Her latest publication is "Irish Feminisms; Past, Present and Future" (Arlen Hse/Syracuse University Press, 2014) co-edited with Clara Fischer. She was also a co-editor of "Sexual Politics in Modern Ireland" (Irish Academic Press, 2015). Mary McAuliffe is the historical consultant on two 2016 commemorative events: the "77 women project" at Richmond Barracks (with Liz Gillis) and the "Royal College of Surgeons 2016" commemorative exhibition as well as being co-editor on the forthcoming publication, "Kerry in 1916". She is on the 2016 academic advisory committee at the National Museum of Ireland and sits on the

National Archives Advisory Committee (NAAC).

Fearghal McGarry's, Queen's University Belfast, books include "The Abbey Rebels of 1916: A Lost Revolution" (2015) and "The Rising Ireland: Easter 1916" (2016). With Richard Grayson, he has recently edited a collection of essays, "Remembering 1916: The Easter Rising", "the Somme and the Politics of Memory in Ireland" (2016). He has previously published biographies of Frank Ryan and Eoin O'Duffy. His edited collection of testimony by Irish revolutionaries, "Rebels: Voices from the Easter Rising" (2011) has recently been adapted for the stage by Jimmy Murphy for the Abbey Theatre. Fearghal McGarry is a historical consultant for An Post's GPO Witness History Interpretive Centre and several other 1916 centenary projects.

Ailbhe Rogers, John and Pat Hume PhD Scholar Department of History, Maynooth University, is undertaking a PhD in History under Professor Terence Dooley of Maynooth University on the topic of Cumann na mBan in the Borderlands, with a particular emphasis on counties Louth, Armagh and Down. Ailbe Rogers has worked as a tour guide in Kilmainham Gaol for the past two seasons.

Margaret Ward, Visiting Fellow in Irish History at Queen's University, is a feminist historian, and author of a number of books on women's role in the nationalist and suffrage movements in Ireland, including biographies of Hanna Sheehy Skeffington and Maud Gonne. Margaret Ward is editing the political writings of Hanna Sheehy Skeffington for publication in 2018.

www.fingal.ie

Skerries Women of Cumann na mBan

Marie Bashford Synnott

Tuesday 8th March, 2016 8.15pm

Keanes Bus Bar, Skerries

Marie Bashford Synnott was born in Limerick and is married with four grown-up children. Marie is a committee member of Skerries Historical Society. H.Dip and M.A. Women's Studies, UCD. Skerries Historical Society

The Role of the Church in the Revolution 1916-18

Declan F Brady

Thursday 10th March 2016 7.30pm

Fingal Local Studies and Archives

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Seosamh Ó Maolalaí

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Balbriggan Library

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* Bilingual lecture

An Teanga Bheo***Peig Sayers, Tomás Ághas agus Alexander 'Baby' Gray.**

Seosamh Ó Maolalaí

Tuesday 15th March 6.30pm

Baldoye Library

Seosamh Ó Maolalaí, Scéalaí agus Staráí páirt-aimseartha, as Cill Barróg ó dhúchas. Seosamh Ó Maolalaí is a storyteller and a part-time historian. He is a native of Kilbarrack.

An Teanga Bheo***Comhghuailithe Na Reabhlóide/Allies of the Revolution**

Pádraig Ó Snodaigh

Friday 18th March 6.30pm

Swords Library

Pádraig Ó Snodaigh was born in Carlow in 1935. An activist for the Irish Language, he is a poet, writer and publisher.

Forgotten soldiers: Ireland's Great War veterans in the War of Independence, 1919-21

Dr Steven O'Connor

Tuesday 29th March 2016 6.30pm

Balbriggan Library

Dr. Steven O'Connor is a historian who specialises in British-Irish military connections. He currently holds a Government of Ireland Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Centre for Contemporary Irish History, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. He previously held a Government of Ireland Postgraduate Scholarship at the Centre for War Studies, University College Dublin, Ireland where he completed his PhD in 2012.

* Bilingual lecture

The court-martials and executions following the Rising including material relating to Judge Wylie, who lived in Clonsilla House.

Pat Quigley

Saturday 9th April 2016 2.00pm

Blanchardstown Library

In 1916 Wylie was a Captain in Trinity College Officers' Training Corps (OTC) and also a practicing barrister. He was selected by General Maxwell to prosecute the cases against the leaders of the insurrection.

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**Easter Week 1916 and its Aftermath:
As it affected Skerries town and those in it**

Frank Whearity

Tuesday 12th April 2016 8.15pm

Keane's Bus Bar, Skerries

Frank tries to put a human face on the Rising as it played out in Skerries. His research was first published in his MA thesis entitled "The Irish Volunteers in north County Dublin 1913-1917" now held by Maynooth University Library, and also by the Fingal Library and Local History Archives, Swords. He is also the author of "The Easter Rising of 1916 in North County Dublin: a Skerries Perspective", published in 2013 by the Four Courts Press. Free admission. Donations accepted.

Skerries Men and Women of 1916 Exhibition

18th, April 2016 - 1st May 2016

Skerries Mills, Skerries

Photographic exhibition looking at the local people and events of the 1916 Easter Rising and it's aftermath, and their impact on the town of Skerries at the time. Skerries Historical Society

Fallen by Lia Mills - a remarkable story amid the ruins of the First World War and the Easter Rising.

Lia Mills

Tuesday 19th April 2016 6.30pm

Baldoyle Library

"Fallen" has been chosen for the Dublin: One City One Book festival in 2016. "Fallen" is Mills' third novel. Through the experiences of its central character Katie Crilly, the novel explores the challenges of living in a conflict situation. It vividly depicts the various and conflicting allegiances faced by Irish soldiers in the First World War and those supporting the cause of the Rebellion.

An Teanga Bheo*

1916 Balbriggan and Beyond, including a bilingual talk on Sinéad de Valera.

Saturday May 28th 2016 10am - 4pm

Balbriggan Town Hall

A day of events organised by Balbriggan & District Historical Society that will include a bilingual talk on Sinéad de Valera.
Contact berniekelly4@yahoo.ie

Rising to the Challenge: Researching 1916

Morgan Llywelyn

Tuesday 14th June, 2016 8.15pm

Keane's Bus Bar, Skerries

Morgan Llywelyn has written more than 20 internationally published novels. "Lion of Ireland" 1980 was her first best seller and established her reputation. In 1993 she was Ireland's nominee for the Nobel Prize for Literature. Published in 1998, her novel "1916" was the first of a five volume series on Ireland in the 20th century.
Skerries Historical Society
Free admission. Donations accepted.

* Bilingual lecture

The loss of the Baltic and her crew at sea in November

Dr. Brendan Grimes

Tuesday 8th November, 2016 8:15pm

Keane's Bus Bar, Skerries, Co. Dublin

Dr Brendan Grimes is an architectural historian with an interest in local history. His grandfather, John Grimes and his crew were lost off the north-west coast of Ireland from the Skerries schooner "The Baltic".
Skerries Historical Society

To book an event log on to www.fingal.ie unless otherwise stated.