

Slógadh Eachtaí

The 3rd Aughty Gathering, Woodford, April 19th 2008

The **Slógadh Eachtaí** will take place on the 19th April 2008 in the East Galway village of Woodford, *Craig na Muilte Iarainn* ('the village of the Iron Mills'), and include keynote addresses and group sessions that will cover familiar and less explored aspects of the history and heritage of the Sliabh Aughty Uplands.

The purpose is to celebrate the uniqueness of Slógadh Eachtaí - the followers or people of Aughty - and make connections between people and places around Sliabh Aughty.

Archaeologist and Hillwalker **Tamas Peter Váry** will be our first speaker in the morning.

Tamas came to Ireland in 2004 and fell in love with the Irish language and heritage. He went to Rathcarn (*Ráth Chorráin* or *Ráth Cairn*), to learn Irish and has a great interest in Irish Mythology and Celtic Studies.

Tamas has walked Woodford and knows the highways and byways. His talk will explore the history and mythology of the Sliabh Aughties.

Our next speaker is **Anita Donaghy**.

Anita is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast. She works for Birdwatch Ireland and her special brief is the conservation of the Corncrake and other endangered bird species.

She will talk on the different birds found in the Slieve Aughty range: Hen Harrier, Quail, Bittern, Snipe, Pheasant, Woodcock, Pigeon and even the Cormorant that comes up from the river Shannon Callows.

The musician **Michael Fahy** will be hosting **A Celebration of Sliabh Aughty Music** in the afternoon.

Slógadh Eachtaí is a group of local people drawn from community groups who have gotten together to represent the different facets of community life in Woodford.

Registration: 10.00 A.M.

First Speaker: 10.30 A.M.

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Please share this information with others whom you think may be interested.