

Peter Higginbotham

is a writer and researcher best known for his extensive study of the workhouse and related institutions. He is the author of a number of books including *The Workhouse Encyclopaedia*, *The Workhouse Cookbook*, *Voices from the Workhouse* and *A Grim Almanac of the Workhouse* and the creator of the website www.workhouses.org.uk. He has also contributed to many radio and TV programmes including *Who Do You Think You Are?*, *Heir Hunters*, *Coming Home* and *Secrets from the Workhouse*.

Gerard Moran

lectured at NUI Galway and at NUI Maynooth, where he was director of the MA in Irish History. He has published extensively on nineteenth-century Ireland and among his publications are *Sending Out Ireland's Poor: Assisted Emigration to North America in the Nineteenth Century*; *Land, Famine, Emigration and Politics* and *The Mayo Evictions of 1860*. He is joint editor of *Galway: History and Society* (Dublin, 1996) and of the forthcoming *Mayo: History and Society*.

Mairín Doddy

is the Architectural Conservation Officer with Galway County Council. Mairín has been involved in the Irish Workhouse Centre Project from its onset, advising in particular on aspects of conservation and reuse.

Bill Marwick

was born in York, Western Australia. His interest in family research led him to Ireland to track down the origins of his great grandmother, Mary Ann Taylor. It transpired that Mary Ann had been an 'inmate' in Mountbellew Workhouse. Aged 18, she received assisted passage to Australia in 1853. In his presentation, Bill recounts Mary Ann's story. Bill is a former mayor and councillor of the cities of Wanneroo and Joondalup. In 2009, he was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Western Australia suburban newspaper industry, his local community and his contribution to the recorded history of the Cities of Wanneroo and Joondalup.

Laurence Geary

is senior lecturer in history at University College Cork, where he teaches modern Irish history. He has published extensively on the social, political and medical history of nineteenth-century Ireland and on the history of the Irish in Australia.

Georgina Laragy

completed her PhD *Suicide in Ireland, 1831-1921: a social and cultural study* at NUI Maynooth in 2005. Since then she has worked as a Research Fellow on a variety of projects at Oxford Brookes, University of Limerick and Queen's University Belfast. She is interested in all aspects of Irish social history and has published on poverty, murder and suicide.

Linda Lynch

is a human osteoarchaeologist and a licensed archaeological director, with almost 20 years experience in Irish archaeology. Her osteoarchaeological research spans from the early Mesolithic to the late nineteenth century and includes the study of human remains in Manorhamilton, Cashel and Tuam workhouses. She recently completed a PhD in UCC on the osteoarchaeological evidence of health in post-medieval Ireland.

Sean Lucey

is a historian of modern Ireland. He has written extensively on Irish social, economic, political and medical history and has a forthcoming book on the poor law in the Irish Free State. He is currently an Arts and Humanities Research Fellow in Queen's University, Belfast and is researching and writing a book on public health in twentieth-century Belfast.

The Irish Workhouse Past & Present



National Conference

Saturday 17th &
Sunday 18th May, 2014
Portumna,
Co. Galway.



The Irish Workhouse Centre

is located in the former Portumna Workhouse.

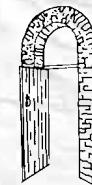
...telling the story of the workhouse as an institution
in Ireland from the 1840s to the 1920s.

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Saturday 17th June

8.30 to 9.30	Registration - Tea/Coffee
9.45	Opening of Conference Ciarán Cannon TD Minister for Training & Skills
10.00	The Workhouse in Ireland Peter Higginbotham
10.50	Tea/Coffee Break
11.10	Disorderly Conduct: Riots and Insubordination in the Workhouses during the Great Famine Dr Gerard Moran
11.55	The Architecture of the Irish Workhouse Mairín Doddy
12.30	Lunch
1.30	Health Care Provision under the Irish Poor Law Dr Laurence Geary
2.15	Children in Irish Workhouses
2.50	Tea/Coffee Break
3.10	A Galway Workhouse Girl in Australia Bill Marwick
3.50	Open Forum
4.30	Guided Tour of the Irish Workhouse Centre

This conference is organised by the Irish Workhouse Centre in partnership with the Heritage Office, Galway County Council.

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Upcoming Conference in Ballinasloe
'Understanding Ireland's Great Famine. New Perspectives.'
27th, 28th, 29th June, 2014
www.galway.ie

Sunday 18th June

8.30 to 9.15	Registration - Tea/Coffee
9.30	The Poorhouses of Scotland Peter Higginbotham
10.15	Tea/Coffee Break
10.30	A Regional Perspective on Poor Relief in Post Famine Ireland Dr Georgina Laragy
11.15	Osteoarchaeological Evidence from Irish Workhouse Cemeteries Dr Linda G. Lynch
12.00	Poor Law Reform and the End of the Workhouse post 1920. Perspectives from the North and South of Ireland Dr Sean Lucey
12.45	Open Forum
1.15	Lunch

To Book/for Further Information

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Conference Fee

Full Conference: €60

One Day: €35 (space permitting)

Fee includes lunch and refreshments

2.10	Fidelma Mullane The Heritage Council
2.20	Overview of Workhouse Buildings Today Emer Brannigan, Irish Workhouse Centre
2.30	Presentations on some current Workhouse Projects Callan Workhouse, Co. Kilkenny - Patrick Lydon Donaghmore Workhouse, Co. Laois - Trevor Stanley Bawnboy Workhouse, Co. Cavan - Tina Mac Intyre Carrickmacross Workhouse, Co. Monaghan - Kevin Gartland Birr Workhouse, Co. Offaly - Brian Rafferty Kilmacthomas Workhouse, Co. Waterford - Paul Barry Portumna Workhouse, Co. Galway - Ursula Marmion
3.45	Open Forum
4.15	Close of Conference: Mayor of County Galway, Cllr. Liam O'Carroll
4.30	Guided Tour of the Irish Workhouse Centre

A network meeting will be held after the conference in the Workhouse for people interested/involved in the conservation and reuse of Workhouse buildings.