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# DANIEL O'CONNELL SCHOOL 2021



**Ring of Kerry Hotel, Cahersiveen  
Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Derrynane House, Caherdaniel  
Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

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## Preface

After an absence of over two years, the Daniel O'Connell School will reconvene over the bank holiday weekend of Friday/Saturday, 22/23 October 2021. The programme on Friday, 22 October, will be held at the Ring of Kerry Hotel, Cahersiveen (at the western end of the town). The programme on Saturday, 23 October will be held in Derrynane House, Caherdaniel, as usual.

In both places, the School will be held in accordance with public health guidelines. The Government has indicated that these guidelines may be updated as and from Friday, 22 October. The School asks all those who intend to attend to abide by the guidelines.

Those who intend to attend the School (on **either** or **both** days), **must** pre-register. This can be done through our website ([www.danieloconnellsummerschool.com](http://www.danieloconnellsummerschool.com)) where those registering will be asked to pay an attendance fee of €15 per day. Those who may not have access to online may register by calling 087-3510732.

As numbers attending the School will be restricted due to social distancing requirements, registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

Admission to the School is by pre-registration **only**.

For those who do not attend the School in person, the lectures will be live-streamed in Cahersiveen on Friday, 22 October through the School's web-site. Saturday's lectures in Derrynane will be recorded and will be available for viewing on Sunday, 24 October, again through the School's website [www.danieloconnellsummerschool.com](http://www.danieloconnellsummerschool.com). Please register before 5.00pm on Sunday 17th October 2021.

For updates on the programme, please refer to the School's website.

We want to thank those who have supported the School in the past and who continue to encourage us to continue it into the future. We also want to welcome back to the area those of our visitors who live outside South Kerry. We hope that despite our changed circumstances this year, you will enjoy the School.

## Programme

### Friday, 22 October 2021

#### Ring of Kerry Hotel, Cahersiveen

##### 10.00 am: Introduction and Welcome

Professor Maurice Bric, Director of the Daniel O'Connell School.

**Opening Address: The Hon. Mr. Justice Frank Clarke, Outgoing Chief Justice of Ireland, "Ireland and the Law"**

##### 11.00am: Interval

##### 11.30am: Approaches to Kerry History

**Moderator: June O'Connell**, Cahersiveen and Dublin.

**Speaker: Professor Nicholas P. Canny**, "Approaches to Kerry History". Professor Canny is Professor Emeritus of History at the National University of Ireland, Galway, and former President of the Royal Irish Academy. He has published several books and articles on Irish history. His most recent, *Imagining Ireland's Pasts* has just been published by Oxford University Press.

##### 2.00pm: Towards an Irish State

**Moderator: Ruth Barrington**, Castlecove and Dublin

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Thomas Earls Fitzgerald** has held post doctoral fellowships from Trinity College Dublin and Concordia University, Montreal. Earlier this year, he published *Combatants and Civilians in Revolutionary Ireland 1918-1923* as well as a short history of the Irish Labour Party. Thomas will speak on "Insurgency and Reprisals in Kerry and Ireland 1920-1921".

**Professor Mary McAuliffe** is Assistant Professor in Gender Studies at UCD. Her latest publications are *We were there; 77 women of the Easter Rising* (co-written with Liz Gillis), and *Kerry 1916; Histories and Legacies of the Easter Rising* on which she was a co-editor. Mary will speak on the history of Cumann na mBan in Kerry and on the part which women played in the establishment of Irish independence.

**Owen O'Shea** is an Irish Research Council-funded PhD student at UCD, researching politics in Kerry in the decade after the Civil War. He has published several books on Kerry history and politics and his latest book, *Ballymacandy: The Story of a Kerry Ambush* was published by Merrion Press earlier this year. Owen will speak on "Reporting the Revolution: Newspapers in Kerry 1920-1923".

**4.00pm: Book Launch of A Man of His Times, the papers of Robert Fitzgerald, 17th Knight of Kerry**, edited by Adrian FitzGerald, Knight of Kerry.

##### 5.00pm: Con Keating Memorial Park, Cahersiveen

Maurice Fitzgerald and Colleagues, "Tribute to Maurice 'Junior' Murphy". This will be followed by the unveiling of the ACARD mural at the O'Connell Street entrance to the Car Park.

### Saturday, 23 October 2021

#### Derrynane House, Caherdaniel

##### 10.00am: South Kerry: Snapshots from the Past

**Moderator: Mary Lyne**, Ballinskelligs

**Speakers:**

**Professor Elva Johnston** is Associate Professor of History at University College Dublin. Elva will speak on the impact of saints - such as Crohan and Finian - on the religious and cultural memory of South Kerry.

**Dr. Nessa O'Connor** is Assistant Keeper of Antiquities in the National Museum of Ireland. She will speak about her grandfather, Joseph O'Connor (1877-1957), one of the first Inspectors of Schools to be appointed after 1922. He was also an authority on the folklore and history of South Kerry (especially in the Ballinskelligs area). He also studied under Sir William Orpen and his sketches of South Kerry are of considerable interest. It is on this work, writing and interest that Nessa will speak.

##### 11.00am: Interval

##### 11.30pm: The Unique Horticultural Legacy of South Kerry

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Micheline Sheehy-Skeffington** National University of Ireland, Galway will speak on "The Secret History of the Kerry Lily.

**Alan Power**, Head Gardener, Derreen Garden, will speak on "Derreen: Peeling back the Layers".

**James O'Shea**, Head Gardener, Derrynane National Historic Park and **Chris Maguire**, Craft Gardener, Derrynane National Historic Park will speak about "The Garden Landscape of Derrynane".

##### 3:00pm: The Daniel O'Connell Lecture, 2021

The lecture will be given by Professor Maurice Bric MRIA, Professor Emeritus of History at UCD and the Director of the Daniel O'Connell School. He will speak on "Daniel O'Connell: Lives and Legacies".

##### 6:30pm: Gala Concert, Skellig Six18 Distillery, Cahersiveen

"Liberation! The Music of Daniel O'Connell". As part of the annual Féile at the Skellig Six18 Distillery, Cahersiveen, Gavan Ring will take time out from his role as leading tenor at this year's Glyndebourne Opera Festival in the UK to lead a gala concert of some of the greatest and most iconic music from the O'Connell era in the auditorium of the Skellig Six 18 Distillery. He will be joined by the cream of Irish musicians including members of the RTÉ Concert Orchestra, star soprano Nicola Ring and leading pianist Fiachra Garvey. Skellig Six18 Distillery is located on the Western outskirts of Cahersiveen. Pre-booking for this event is essential and is separate from pre-booking for the School. See [www.gavanring.com/](http://www.gavanring.com/) liberationgala for information about the event and ticketing details.