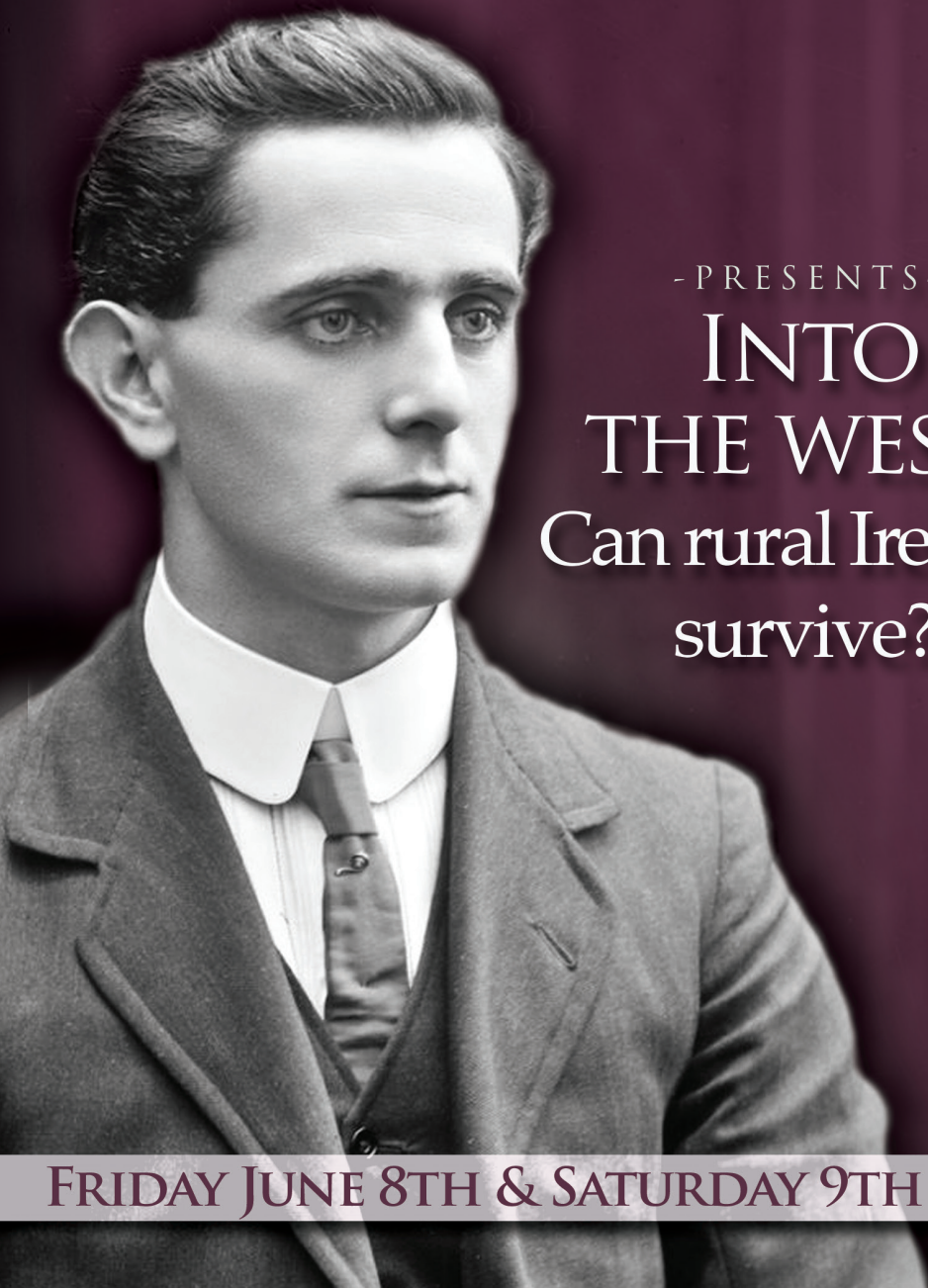


SEÁN MAC DIARMADA

SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

KILTYCLOGHER, CO. LEITRIM



- PRESENTS -

INTO THE WEST!

Can rural Ireland
survive?

FRIDAY JUNE 8TH & SATURDAY 9TH 2018

FRIDAY 8TH JUNE- 7.00 P.M.

The opening ceremony of the Seán Mac Diarmada Summer School will take place in Kiltyclogher at 6.00 p.m. at the Seán Mac Diarmada homestead. Following the opening ceremony, light refreshments will be served in the Community Centre in Kiltyclogher. On Friday evening, we encourage people to park in Kiltyclogher at the community Centre and avail of our free shuttle service. Shuttle buses to the homestead will depart at 5.00pm from the centre and return after the event.

OPENING SPEAKER: Aisling Ní Choisdealbh

Aisling is a national journalist working as a senior news reporter with TV3. She has worked with the commercial broadcaster for the past 10 years. Prior to this Aisling worked across a number of national and international organisations including Sky News Ireland and Today FM. Originally from Roscrea, County Tipperary, Aisling is also a renowned musician playing both fiddle and piano. She has won many accolades over the years including numerous All-Ireland titles. She is married to Damian, a proud Leitrim man. They have two little girls Doireann and Siún.

EVENING SESSIONS **Time:** 8.00 p.m.

Susan Carton:

Susan moved to Kiltyclogher in 2004 with her partner Paul. Born and reared in Dublin, she was looking for a different quality of life and was drawn to Leitrim for the beautiful unspoilt landscape, the spirit of the people and the peace and quiet.

In 2013, Susan got involved with Love Leitrim, a grassroots community group, who were interested in protecting Leitrim and the rest of the country, from the threats posed by Fracking. Following a successful campaign, culminating in the passing of a ban on Fracking in June 2017, Susan became involved, with the rest of her community, in the campaign to secure the primary school in Kiltyclogher.

She currently works in St Angela's College in Sligo where she is Programme director for the BA (Health and Disability Studies) and BA (Disability Equality Studies).

Jim Connolly:

A sculptor by trade, Jim is originally from Limerick but moved to Co. Clare in 1972. He is synonymous with the rural resettlement movement, having founded the voluntary organisation, Rural Resettlement Ireland in 1990. This registered charity boasts of facilitating the rural resettlement of over 800 families in various rural areas to date.

Jim has also founded the Irish Rural Dwellers Association (2002 – member appointed to An Bord Pleanála – 2012). Other initiatives include The Open Fair (1992/1993 & 2011) and the Safe Driving Pledge (2005-2010). In 1993, Jim was presented with a People of the Year award for the establishment of the Rural Resettlement Programme.

Declan Sweeney:

Declan Sweeney is the Cofounder and CEO of the start-up CampusConnect, a mobile solution that improves student recruitment rates for universities and colleges. Working out of the IT Sligo Innovation Centre, the company's clients include high profile names such as Dublin City University, the University of Limerick, Ulster University, and the University of Manchester. Declan completed the Enterprise Ireland New Frontiers 'Entrepreneurship' programme in 2014 before embarking on a career as a start-up founder. Declan is a native of Kiltyclogher and recently relocated to the area from London with his wife Nessa and two young children.

Rob Doyle:

Originally from Co. Wexford, Rob Doyle has lived for the last 17 years in North Leitrim. Over that time he has been involved in numerous local initiatives including the SLNCR Rail-to-Trail working group, Cycling Without Age, Green Door Leitrim Festival, Resilience North West and the Leitrim Cycling Festival. Rob is a member of the founding committee of Gaelscoil Chluainin, and a member of the Love Leitrim group. Committed to a resilient lifestyle, Rob lives with his partner Mairead in an off-grid cottage, powered by wind, water and sun.

SATURDAY 9TH JUNE

Session 1: 10.30 a.m. Speaker: George O'Malley
Presentation Title: Saving the West -What Time Is Left?

George O'Malley

An honours graduate in pure mathematics and the sciences, George commenced his career in education, teaching for over a decade at second and third level colleges in Ireland. A career change around 1988 saw him enter the private forestry sector in Ireland, and in the post Berlin-wall Europe, George, deepened this engagement in the emerging challenges facing the economies of Central/East European countries and some former Russian States.

George has lead several projects in forestry, land use, rural development and their associated SME sectors over two decades, these projects being funded by the private sector and industry, EC and World Bank.

He is generally regarded as being the first in Ireland to recognise the significance of bio refining for the integrated production of power, fuels, chemicals and materials from biomass residue created in agriculture, forestry and marine sectors through his participation in an EC Fifth Framework research project.

More recently he introduced Forest Management Certification to the private forest sector in Ireland and developed the first scheme to facilitate private forest owners achieving forest certification. Born and reared on a small farm in West Mayo he is passionately concerned about the future of small scale farmers and rural economies everywhere, but especially in the West of Ireland.

Session 2: 12.00 Noon

Speaker: Eamon O Cuiv (TD)

Presentation Title: The Establishment and the Government Got It Seriously Wrong in the National Planning Framework.

Eamon is a Fianna Fáil Teachta Dála (TD) for the Galway West/South Mayo constituency and is currently Fianna Fáil spokesperson on Regional, Rural, Gaeltacht and Island Affairs.

He was previously Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs from 2002 to 2010 and Minister for Social Protection from 2010 to 2011.

Prior to this, Eamon was Minister of State at the Department of Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands from 1997 to 2001 and at the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development from 2001 to 2002.

A member of Seanad Éireann from 1989 to 1992 and a member of Galway County Council from 1991 to 1997, Eamon was a Fianna Fáil delegate on the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation (1994-1997) which was established following the Downing Street Declaration of 1993.

Session 3: 2.30pm

Speaker: Caoimhghín O Caolain

Presentation Title;
Balanced Regional Development:
a Win- Win wherever we choose to live'.

Caoimhghín Caoláin T.D. is Sinn Féin's longest serving Dáil Deputy, representing the border constituency of Cavan and Monaghan since 1997. He has been an elected representative for 33 years, having first been elected to Monaghan County Council in 1985.

He was a member of the Sinn Féin negotiating team that led to the Good Friday Agreement. He was his party's Dáil Leader from 2002 until 2011. A long time spokesperson on Health and Children issues, he is currently his party's spokesperson on Disability Rights and Older People. Caoimhghín is Chairperson of the Oireachtas Committee on Justice and Equality. A native of Monaghan town, Caoimhghín is married to Brieghe and they have five children.

Session 3: 3.30pm

Speaker: Mairead Mc Guinness (MEP)

Presentation Title: Rural Ireland's Place in Europe.

Mairead McGuinness is the First Vice-President of the European Parliament and represents the Midlands-North-West constituency in Ireland.

As First Vice-President, she oversees relations with national parliaments, in particular with the EU affairs committees of Member State parliaments. She has responsibility for the Parliament's dialogue with religious and non-confessional organisations on EU policies and legislative proposals under Article 17 of the TFEU.

She is a member of the Parliament's Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee and the Constitutional Affairs Committee.

Mairead is a Member of the European Parliament since 2004.

*All Day display of
Exhibition of original
copies of Seán Mac
Diarmada's pages of
rough notes and up to
40 pages of his hand
written answers and
returned corrections
with comments from
the night course '1904
Revised Programme
of Examinations,
Candidates for
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NAME:

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FRIDAY 8TH OF JUNE

Evening Session Cost €5.00 ☐

Shuttle bus from Kiltyclogher to MacDiarmada cottage from 4.00pm onwards.

SAT 9TH JUNE

Morning lectures Cost €25 ☐

Evening lectures Cost €25 ☐

Full conference (Fri & Sat including lunch) Cost €45.00 ☐

Lunch is available on site. Cost €5.00

All cheques and postal orders to be made out to:
Seán MacDiarmada Summer School

For booking or further information please contact:

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Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim.
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Please note:

*The Conference fee does not include accommodation.
We recommend early booking as spaces are limited.*



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