

**Oral Histories of Work & Leisure  
Conference Programme  
23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017, The Connacht Hotel Galway**

**DAY ONE: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

09.30 – 10.30 Registration [Inish Mor Suite]

10.30 – 12.15 Workshops A & B

**Workshop A:** Interviewing basics -- Sinéad Power-Quinn [Oranmore Room]

**Workshop B:** Oral histories of work as a lens on society: where and how to look? -- Ida Milne [Inish Mor Suite]

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch (at leisure)

13.30 – 14.50 Panel Session 1

**Panel 1A: Rural Lives [Inish Mor Suite]**

Paul O'Brien -- Life and leisure: memories of the 'big houses' of Co Clare since 1930

Sorcha O'Brien -- Brown bread and washing machines: nostalgia and perspective in Irish women's experience of rural electrification

Arlene Crampsie -- Work, leisure or life? The muddy lines of GAA membership

**Panel 1B: Changing Worlds [Oranmore Room]**

Carmel McKenna -- (Irish) Dancing at the crossroads of work and leisure – utopia, dystopia or myopia?

Marina Ní Dhubháin -- Performing testimony: some dramaturgical permutations

Nora Katz -- Performing remembrance: history, ethics, and spectatorship in Irish site-specific theatre

14.50 – 15.20      Tea / Coffee Break

15.20 – 16.40      Panel Session 2

**Panel 2A: Public Servants [Inish Mor Suite]**

Archana Venkatesh -- Private lives, public work: women doctors at work and home in post-colonial India

Mark Loughrey -- Resemblance amid rupture – the 1999 National Nurses' Strike: new insights from oral history

Noelle Grothier -- Defence forces oral history project

**Panel 2B: Workers' Lives in England [Oranmore Room]**

Angela Maye-Banbury -- Strangers in the shadows – the hidden housing histories of Irish men living in Leicester's 'Boarding Houses' during the 1950s and 1960s

Michael Mulvey -- "*Paddy does not die in vain*": Irish builders in post-war London – health, safety and welfare at work, hegemonic masculinity and reckless roguery

Sarah Campbell – 'Smokestack nostalgia' or re-imagining a future? Deindustrialisation in north-east England

16.40 – 17.30      Opening Reception

17.30 – 19.00      Keynote: Don Ritchie -- Oral Historians at Work (and Play) [Inish Mor Suite]

19.00                  Conference Dinner

\*\*Please note: Due to space limitations, delegates wishing to attend the conference dinner must book and pay by June 16<sup>th</sup>\*\*



## **DAY TWO: Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

- 09.00 – 09.15      Registration [Inish Mor Suite]
- 09.15 – 11.00      Workshop C: The rewards and perils of creating an oral history archive – Don & Anne Ritchie [Inish Mor Suite]
- 11.00 – 11.30      Tea / Coffee Break
- 11.30 – 12.50      Moments [Inish Mor Suite]  
Lynda Dunne -- Crafts and Trades – A Dublin City Master Tailor crafting men’s attire for over six decades: An Oral History  
  
Christina Cassidy -- Anyone wearing false teeth? I'd advise them to take them out now! Oral Histories from Day Centre clients at St. Brendan's Community Hospital, Loughrea, Co Galway  
  
John Gibbons -- The arrival of the ‘Electric’ in Co Offaly  
  
Patricia McCarthy & Mick Rafferty -- The radical tradition in working class Protestantism
- 12.50 – 14.00      Lunch (at leisure) & OHNI AGM [Inish Mor Suite]
- 14.00 – 15.20      Panel Session 3  
  
**Panel 3A: Working Women [Inish Mor Suite]**  
Rita McCarthy -- Challenge and opportunity: the Irish women at work in London and New York, 1950 – 1970  
  
Victoria Millar -- Wrens of HMS Caroline: recording women’s experiences of serving in the Royal Navy  
  
Sara S. Goek -- Nurses to nannies: Irish women’s working lives in the United States after the Second World War  
  
**Panel 3B: Ordinary Lives [Oranmore Room]**  
Paul Carroll -- A job for life: Using oral history to examine job security and stability  
  
Sam Manning -- Cinema memory in post-war Belfast: reflections and insights

Tracy-Ann Mahady -- Oral history as a method for researching the topic of working history in Ireland prior to 1990

15.20 – 15.40      Tea / Coffee Break

15.40 – 17.00      Panel Session 4

**Panel 4A: Leisure in Troubled Times [Inish Mor Suite]**

Fearghus Roulston -- *'Justa Nother Teenage Rebel'*: Belfast punk remembered

Nancy Cooley -- "We started to live a normal life": stories of work and leisure in displaced persons camps after the Holocaust

Maria Clara Mendes -- A child's play: remembering infancy in Enniskillen during the Troubles

**Panel 4B: Moving beyond the interview [Oranmore Room]**

Conor Curran -- Writing *Irish Soccer Migrants: A Social and Cultural History* and the use of oral sources

Chris Fitzgerald -- Oral histories: the linguistic perspective

Gavin Wilk -- 'I thought I was home in Ireland again': Irish emigrants' recollections of life in Mayo and Cleveland during the interwar years

17.00 – 18.00      Panel Session 5 -- Gaps or silences: where next for oral histories of work and leisure? [Inish Mor Suite]

18.00                Closing Address

