

**CALL FOR PAPERS: 'Voicing Commemoration'**  
**11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015, Trinity College Dublin**

The **Oral History Network of Ireland (OHNI)** is pleased to announce its 2015 Conference 'Voicing Commemoration'. This two day conference will take place from **11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2015** in the Long Room Hub, **Trinity College Dublin**.

In light of the ongoing *Decade of Centenaries*, this year's conference theme focuses on the role of oral history in giving voice to various forms of commemoration. We invite papers that examine commemoration in relation to the *Decade of Centenaries*, but we are also seeking contributions that will address commemoration in a wider way, through the lens of political, social, cultural and community commemorations of any historic period. Potential topics could include (but are not limited to):

- Oral histories of key political events and moments
- Oral histories of community organisations reaching significant anniversaries (schools, churches, community councils, sports clubs, charities, societies and groups)
- The role of oral history in commemoration events, exhibitions and projects
- The challenges faced by oral historians when recording narratives of collective or public memory

As with OHNI's previous conferences, our objective is to bring together individual oral history collectors, local community groups, curators, archivists, academics and policy practitioners in order to encourage a range of lively debate and discussion across the broad spectrum of oral history. In continuing with OHNI's tradition of inviting keynote speakers of international renown, we are delighted to welcome **Professor Sean Field, Department of Historical Studies, University of Cape Town** to this year's conference.

If you would like to propose a paper, please submit an abstract (of not more than 250 words) that includes your name; the name of your group, organisation or institution; and your email address to [info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie](mailto:info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie) before **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015** at 5pm. Suggestions for organised sessions are also welcome, but proposals for these must be sent to the conference organisers (at the email address above) by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2015**. Building on the success of last year's community practitioner focussed 'Moments in Oral History' panels, we are seeking contributions for 10-minute presentations that focus on outstanding moments, descriptions of people encountered, or reflections on the challenges and rewards of the experience (see the call for contributions on our website). The conference committee's decision on successful abstracts will be communicated to potential presenters in early August.

Registration for the conference is now open through our website at <http://www.oralhistorynetworkireland.ie/2015-conference>. For further information or queries please contact us through [info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie](mailto:info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie).