KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL 2016
A FESTIVAL OF IRISH AND AMERICAN HISTORY, POLITICS AND CULTURE
NEW ROSS, COUNTY WEXFORD, IRELAND
8th to 10th September 2016

PROGRAMME

Thursday 8th September

7.30PM OPENING NIGHT
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre
[Invitation only event - to apply, email: info@kennedysummerschool.ie]

Host: Anne Doyle
Wexford Ambassador

Official opening by: Kevin F. O’Malley
United States Ambassador to Ireland

“The Fact that I’m Irish”: Eugene O’Neill, US Playwright & Irish Revolutionary

Keynote Address Professor Robert M. Dowling
Central Connecticut State University

Reply by Billy Roche
Playwright

Dr. Richard Hayes
Head of School of Humanities, Waterford Institute of Technology

“The 10 Dark Secrets of 1916”

Paddy Cullivan
Comedian and musician of Callan’s Kicks, The Late Late Show and Kilkenomics presents his one man audiovisual spectacular on the strangest stories of 1916.

10PM WELCOME RECEPTION
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre
Friday 9th September

10AM-12 Noon  STUDENTS EVENT
Venue: The Library Park, Amphitheatre [Free open air event]

YOU ME & SOCIETY; CONVERSATIONS ON YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Speakers

Dr. Tony Bates
Founding Director and CEO of Headstrong - Ireland's National Centre for Youth Mental Health

Sorcha O’Neill
See Change – The National Mental Health Stigma Reduction Partnership

Charlie Bird
Journalist and author of “A Day in May: Real Lives, True Stories”

2.30pm  THE DUNGANSTOWN TEA PARTY
Venue: Kennedy Homestead, Dunganstown

“An Afternoon of Talks, Cookery Demonstrations, Entertainment and Light Refreshments”

Featuring

Edward Hayden, author of “Food for Friends”
TV chef, food writer/blogger

And many more....

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY €37.50,
FRIDAY ONLY PASS €20,
SATURDAY ONLY PASS €25.00

Tickets available at KennedySummerSchool.ie or St Michael Theatre 051
Friday Evening 8th September

6.30-7.30PM THE KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL INTERVIEW
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre

“A Personal and Policing Journey”
Public interview with: Noirin O’Sullivan
Commissioner of An Garda Síochána

7.30-8.45PM THE EDWARD M. KENNEDY LECTURE
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre
(In association with the Edward M. Kennedy Centre for Conflict Intervention)

Chair
Peter Cassells
Director, Edward M. Kennedy Centre for Conflict Intervention, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

“Distance Peacemaker: Ted Kennedy’s efforts for peace in Ireland”
Alison Meagher,
PhD Candidate, School of Politics, International Studies & Philosophy, Queens University Belfast

“Supported by her exiled children: Ireland and America 1916-2016”

Keynote Address
Martin O’Malley
Former Governor of Maryland

Reply
Frances Fitzgerald* TD
Tánaiste and Minister for Justice and Equality

9pm KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL FLEADH CHEOIL AND RECEPTION
Venue: Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience

Traditional music, ceoil and craic.
Saturday 10th September

11.00AM-12.45PM  AMERICAN POLITICS - SESSION ONE
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre


Robert Kennedy, The Greatest President America never had?
Ronan King, Programme Director of a cutting-edge “Advanced Transitions Programme” at Dublin City University

The Bay of Pigs, and other Kennedy lessons for the first 100 days of a new presidency
Dr Richard Aldous
Eugene Meyer Chair, Bard College, New York.

How did we get here? A Political Scientist’s perspective on the context of the 2016 US Election
Dr. Robert M. Mauro
Director of the Irish Institute, Boston College

12.45-2.00PM  LUNCHTIME BREAK
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre

2.00pm  IRISH POLITICS SESSION

Budget, Brexit and Better Politics
A Questions and Answers Panel on Ireland’s “New Politics”

Chair  Katie Hannon,
Political Correspondent, RTE Current Affairs

Panel  A line up of leading Irish politicians from each of the main political parties and the Independents will address topical issues raised by the Kennedy Summer School audience.
3.00 pm: COFFEE BREAK

3.15 pm AMERICAN POLITICS - SESSION TWO:
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre

The Bernie Sanders Campaign Story
Tad Devine
Chief Strategist, Bernie Sanders 2016 Presidential Campaign

The 2016 US Election: How Trump Could Win
Larry Donnelly
Political Commentator, Law Lecturer NUI Galway

The 2016 US Election: The Campaign on Twitter
Colin Crowell
Vice President Global Public Policy & Philanthropy, Twitter

The 2016 US Election: A journalist’s perspective
Kevin Cullen
Columnist, Boston Globe

The 2016 US Election: A Republican Perspective
Stacy Hilliard
Chair American Voices International, Republicans Abroad UK

Followed by Q&A panel with all speakers and Martin O Malley, former Governor Maryland,

5:30-7:30PM EVENING BREAK
Saturday Evening 10th September

7.30PM SPECIAL MOVIE SCREENING
Venue: St Michael’s Theatre

SPOTLIGHT
The 2016 Oscar ‘Best Picture’ tells the riveting true story of the Pulitzer prize-winning Boston Globe investigation into clerical sexual abuse in the Catholic dioceses, the decades-long cover-up at the highest levels of Boston's religious, legal, and government establishment.

Followed by a panel discussion:

BOSTON & FERNS: LESSONS FOR MEDIA AND SOCIETY

Colm O’Gorman
Executive Director Amnesty International Ireland,
Author “Beyond Belief”, documentary maker ‘Suing The Pope’ 2002

Alison O’Connor

Kevin Cullen
Member, Spotlight Investigation Team 2001-2007, Boston Globe

Tom Mooney
Editor Wexford Echo
Author. ‘All The Bishops Men’ 2010

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