



KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL

A FESTIVAL *of* IRISH & AMERICAN HISTORY,
CULTURE *and* POLITICS



12TH -14TH SEPTEMBER 2013

NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD

WELCOME!



Last September we launched the Kennedy Summer School to herald the year of events and celebrations marking the fiftieth anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's iconic visit to Ireland in 1963. The inaugural summer school exceeded all of our expectations, in both the quality of discussion and debate it inspired, and in the level of support and attention it received both locally and nationally.

This year we have created an exciting programme for the second Kennedy Summer School. Over the course of three days more than twenty speakers will participate in over a dozen events held in New Ross, at St Michael's Theatre, the Brandon House Hotel and the newly opened Kennedy Homestead Visitor Centre.

We are particularly delighted that Rory Kennedy, daughter of Robert Kennedy, will join us to discuss her documentary film about her mother, Ethel, and that Ted Kennedy Jnr will deliver a lecture in honour of his late father Edward M. Kennedy.

All are welcome to attend each of the summer school events and details of the special discount packages are available on the back of this brochure and at www.kennedysummerschool.ie

We hope that you will join us for some, or all, of the events.

Noel Whelan

Director Kennedy Summer School

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

12TH - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2013

THURSDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER

1.00pm: **A LIFE OF PEOPLE, POLITICS AND PASSIONS**

A lunchtime public interview
with Mary O'Rourke

Venue: St Michael's Theatre, New Ross.

4.30pm: Official Opening of the Kennedy Summer School **TEA PARTY AT THE KENNEDY HOMESTEAD**

**Dunganstown and Beyond: Kennedy Ancestors in
Wexford, Limerick, Fermanagh, Clare and Cork**
Speakers: Andrew Pierce, Patrick Grennan
Special guests: Ted Kennedy Jnr and Rory Kennedy

Venue: Kennedy Homestead, Dunganstown, New Ross

8.00 pm: **ETHEL: THE PERSONAL UNTOLD STORY OF ETHEL KENNEDY**

**The Irish premiere of this five time Emmy nominated
movie.**

Followed by a Public Interview with Rory Kennedy,
film maker, & Mark Bailey, film writer;
by Prof. Richard Aldous.

Venue: St Michael's Theatre, New Ross.





FRIDAY, 13th SEPTEMBER

Venue: All events, 11.00am to 4.00pm are in St Michael's Theatre, New Ross.

11.00am: WE CHOOSE TO GO TO THE MOON

The Kennedy Space and Science Legacy

An audio visual presentation by Leo Enright, Space Commentator

Presented in association with Waterford Institute of Technology

12.00pm: THE LEGACY OF JFK'S PRESIDENCY

Speakers: Prof. Richard Aldous & Brian Murphy, historians

1.10pm: REELING IN THE YEARS 1963

Themes & Tunes, Music & Memories, Television as a Time Capsule

An audio visual presentation by John O'Regan, Senior Producer RTE and Editor Reeling in the Years

4.00pm: THE EDWARD M KENNEDY LECTURE

A special address by Ted Kennedy Jnr

In association with Edward M Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention, NUI Maynooth

7.30pm THE POLITICAL CANVAS – KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL DINNER

Guest of Honour, Ted Kennedy Jnr

Venue: Brandon House Hotel





SATURDAY, 14th SEPTEMBER

Venue: All events, 11.00am to 3.00pm are in St Michael's Theatre, New Ross.

**11.00am: KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL
ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS FORUM**

**What, if anything, should
America do for Ireland now?**

Speakers: Barry O'Leary, Peter Cassells,
Margaret E Ward, Michael Taft

*In Association with Wexford Business Partnership and
Wexford County Council*

1.00 pm: REFORMING IRISH POLITICS

Focusing on Local Government and Seanad Éireann

Speakers: Minister Richard Bruton TD,
Micheál Martin TD, Senator Katherine Zappone,
Dr Jane Suiter, and others.

3.00pm: THE KENNEDY'S IRISH MAFIA

**The story of the Irish who supported the Kennedys.
A new Circle Films documentary for TV3.**

Followed by a panel discussion.

with David Harvey, Larry Donnelly and Andrew Pierce

5.00pm: AMERICAN BBQ & POLITICAL ROAST

George Hook v Michael Graham Debate:

"Ireland is deluding itself in its love affair with America"
Chaired by Nora Owen.

Sponsored by the Brandon House Hotel.

Venue: Brandon House Hotel

**8.00pm: CLOSING NIGHT in St Michael's Theatre
THE KENNEDYS – A HOMECOMING**

Hosted by Alan Corcoran, South East Radio

Premiere Screening of: The Kennedys - A Homecoming;

One hour behind the scenes documentary by Circle
Films for RTE, telling the story of the New Ross JFK50
Celebrations in June 2013

"Thanks for having us"

A video message from the Kennedys

**Reflections on two homecoming weekends in
1963 and 2013**

Speakers: George Hook, Nora Owen and others.

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GREAT EVENTS

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SPEAKERS



Barry O'Leary

CEO of IDA Ireland, served as Director of Europe from 1995-2002.



Peter Cassells

Executive director of the Edward M. Kennedy institute for Conflict Intervention at NUI, Maynooth.



George Hook

Presenter of popular drivetime radio show *'The Right Hook'* which airs on Newstalk.



John O'Regan

Executive Producer of current affairs and special events at RTE. Producer of hit television show *'Reeling in the years'*.



Margaret Ward

An award winning journalist, broadcaster and managing director at Clear Ink.



Mary O'Rourke

Former Minister, TD and deputy leader of Fianna Fail and Author of *Just Mary*.



Michael Graham

Former political consultant and author of four books. Now presents radio show, *'The Natural Truth'*.



Nora Owen

Former Fine Gael Minister; Presenter of *Midweek* on TV3.



Katherine Zappone

American born member of Seanad Eireann and a Human Rights campaigner.



David Harvey

Former TV and radio presenter, currently CEO of City Channel and a director of *Wavenex*.



Alan Corcoran

Presenter of South East Radio's Morning Mix.



Leo Enright

Space commentator, former Chairman of the science awareness programme, *Discover Science and Engineering*.

“Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other”

John F. Kennedy



Richard Bruton

Director Fine Gael Seanad Referendum Campaign, Minister for Jobs & Enterprise & Innovation.



Michael Taft

is Research Officer for UNITE the Union. He is author of UNITE's Notes on the Front - a blog on political economy.



Brian Murphy

is completing a PhD in the School of History & Archives, UCD. Was Special Adviser to two Taoisigh.



Micheál Martin TD

Leader of Fianna Fáil since January 2011. TD for Cork South-Central.



Larry Donnelly

Boston born American attorney, Lecturer in Law NUI Galway, political commentator.



Dr Jane Suiter

A political scientist and lecturer at DCU, Jane formerly worked as a journalist and economics editor at the Irish Times.



Ted Kennedy Junior

Son of the late Senator Edward Kennedy, an American lawyer and president of the Marwood group.



Rory Kennedy

An American documentary and film producer, her latest movie 'Ethel' has received five Emmy nominations.



Prof. Richard Aldous

holds the Eugene Meyer Chair at Bard College, New York, having previously taught for 15 years at UCD.



Patrick Grennan

Curator of the Kennedy Homestead Visitor Centre and third cousin, once removed, of JFK.



R. Andrew Pierce

Boston based professional genealogist specialising in Irish American connections.

BOOKING & SPECIAL OFFERS

Tickets from St. Michael's Theatre
BOX OFFICE 051-421255
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€99 Season Ticket for All Events
€169 All events plus Summer School Dinner
€70 Dinner Only (two for €130)
Individual Events are €15 each

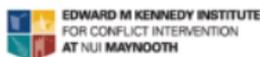
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