



# KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL *and Festival*

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



8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> *of* SEPTEMBER 2016  
NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD, IRELAND.

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# Welcome



We are delighted to host the fourth Kennedy Summer School this year, again in New Ross and Dunganstown.

Our special guest of honour is Martin O'Malley, former Governor of Maryland, who will give the keynote lecture reflecting on the relationship

between our two countries in the context of the centenary of the 1916 Rising.

We are delighted also this year to have Professor Robert M. Dowling to pay special tribute to the work of the U.S playwright Eugene O'Neill, whose family heritage is local to the New Ross area.

We have given much of this year's programme over to exploring what has been an extraordinary year in Irish and U.S. politics. As a result, we have gathered the most impressive panel ever assembled in Ireland on the U.S presidential election, which will then be a matter of weeks away.

It will be a busy, entertaining and stimulating programme across two and a half days and we hope you will join us for at least some of it.

**Noel Whelan, Director**

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## Programme of Events

*Thursday 8th September 2016*

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### OPENING NIGHT EVENT

7.30pm | St Michael's Theatre ( Invitation only event )

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**Hosted by 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*

**Professor Robert M. Dowling,**

Professor at Central Connecticut State University.

**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.

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### WELCOME RECEPTION

10pm | St Michael's Theatre ( Invitation only event )

*Friday 9th September 2016*

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## STUDENTS' EVENT

**Starts 10.30am** | The Library Park, Amphitheatre

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*"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, an organisation that aims to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health.

**Charlie Bird**, Journalist and Author of *A Day in May: Real Lives, True Stories*. (2016)

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## DUNGANSTOWN TEA PARTY

**Starts 2.30pm** | Kennedy Homestead, Dunganstown

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*"An Afternoon of Talks, Cookery Demonstrations, Entertainment and Light Refreshments"*

**Featuring: Edward Hayden**, *Food for Friends* (2013) TV Chef, Food writer/blogger.  
Plus, other talks and demonstrations.

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## KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL INTERVIEW

**6.30pm - 7.30pm** | St Michael's Theatre

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*"On a Personal and Policing Journey"*

A public interview with: **Nóirín O'Sullivan**  
Commissioner of An Garda Síochána.

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## EDWARD M. KENNEDY LECTURE

*(In association with the Edward M. Kennedy Centre for Conflict Intervention)*

**Starts 7.30pm** | St Michael's Theatre

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

*"Distance Peacemakers: Ted Kennedy and the struggle for conflict resolution 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 & Equality.

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## FLEADH CHEOIL & RECEPTION

**Starts 9pm** | Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience

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Traditional music, ceoil and craic.

*Saturday 10th September 2016*

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## AMERICAN POLITICS, SESSION ONE

**Starts 11am | St Michael's Theatre**

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*"US Presidency And Politics, Present & Future – The Good The Bad and the Ugly"*

*"Robert Kennedy, A President in the Making."*

**Ronan King,**

Director, Advanced Transitions Programme, DCU.

*"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. Author, *Reagan and Thatcher* (1989) and *Arthur Slesinger* (2017).

*"How did we get here? A Political Scientists' perspective on the context of the 2016 US Election"*

**Dr. Robert M. Mauro,**

Director of the Irish Institute, Boston College.

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## LUNCHTIME

**12.45pm**

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## IRISH POLITICS SESSION

**Starts 2pm | St Michael's Theatre**

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*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 Independents, will address topical issues raised by the Kennedy Summer School audience.

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## COFFEE TIME

**3pm**

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*Saturday 10th September 2016*

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## AMERICAN POLITICS, SESSION TWO

Starts 3.30pm | St Michael's Theatre

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### *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 and Philanthropy for Twitter.

### *The 2016 US Election: A Journalist's Perspective*

**Kevin Cullen**, Columnist, Boston Globe.

### *The 2016 Election: A Republican Perspective*

**Stacy Hilliard**, Chair, American Voices International, former Vice Chair, Republicans Abroad.

Followed by a Questions and Answers panel.

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## EVENING BREAK

5.30pm - 8pm

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## SPOTLIGHT

Starts 8pm | St Michael's Theatre

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*A special screening of the Oscars 2016 Best Picture. SPOTLIGHT, tells the riveting true story of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Boston Globe investigation into clerical sexual abuse in the Catholic dioceses, and the decades-long cover-up at the highest levels of Boston's religious, legal and government establishment.*

Followed by a panel discussion,

*Boston and Ferns: Lessons for Media and Society.*

**Colm O'Gorman**, Executive Director, Amnesty International in Ireland, Author 'Beyond Belief', documentary maker 'Suing The Pope' (2002).

**Alison O'Connor**, Columnist Irish Examiner, Author 'A Message from Heaven: The Life & Crimes of Fr. Sean Fortune' (2000).

**Kevin Cullen**, Member Spotlight Investigation Team, Boston Globe (2003-06).

**Tom Mooney**, Editor of the Wexford Echo, and author of 'All the Bishops Men' (2010).

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# Speakers to include:



**Martin O'Malley**

Former Governor of Maryland,  
2007 to 2015

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**Frances Fitzgerald**

Tánaiste and Minister for Justice  
and Equality

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**Kevin O'Malley**

U.S. Ambassador to Ireland

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**Nóirín O'Sullivan**

Commissioner, An Garda Síochána

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**Kevin Cullen**

Author, Boston Globe columnist  
and Pulitzer Prize-winning  
journalist

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**Colm O'Gorman**

Executive Director of Amnesty  
International in Ireland

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**Ann Doyle**

Journalist, Presenter and Wexford  
Ambassador

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**Colin Crowell**

Vice President, Global Public  
Policy & Philanthropy for Twitter

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**Tad Devine**

Senior Adviser to the Bernie  
Sanders campaign for President

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**Dr. Robert Mauro**

Director of the Irish Institute at  
Boston College

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### **Prof. Richard Aldous**

Eugene Meyer Chair at Bard College, New York

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### **Katie Hannon**

Political Correspondent for RTE's Current Affairs Department

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### **Alison O'Connor**

Columnist with The Irish Examiner

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### **Prof. Robert M. Dowling**

Professor of English at Central Connecticut State University

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### **Peter Cassells**

Executive Director, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth

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### **Larry Donnelly**

NUI Galway, Law Lecturer and Political Commentator

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### **Dr. Tony Bates**

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### Sorcha O'Neill

Representative of See Change



### Alison Meagher

Doctoral researcher at the School of Politics, International Studies & Philosophy at Queen's University, Belfast



### Tom Mooney

Editor, The Wexford Echo Group of Newspapers

## Ticket Prices

Tickets: St. Michael's Theatre.

**Box Office +353 (0)51 421255** or online at **www.kennedysummerschool.ie**

- **Friday & Saturday Ticket €37.50**
- **Friday ONLY €20 or Saturday ONLY €25**
- **Individual Events €12.50**  
Places must be booked in advance
- **Thursday Events, for invite, contact**  
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