Kennedy Summer School and Festival

A FESTIVAL of IRISH & AMERICAN HISTORY, CULTURE and POLITICS

8th - 10th 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

Programme of Events

Thursday 8th September 2016

OPENING NIGHT EVENT

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

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 Kilkennomics presents his one man audiovisual spectacular on the strangest stories of 1916.

WELCOME RECEPTION

10pm | St Michael's Theatre ( Invitation only event )
Friday 9th September 2016

STUDENTS’ EVENT
Starts 10.30am | The Library Park, Amphitheatre

“*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.


DUNGANSTOWN TEA PARTY
Starts 2.30pm | Kennedy Homestead, Dunganstown

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


KENNEDY SUMMER SCHOOL INTERVIEW
6.30pm - 7.30pm | St Michael’s Theatre

“*On a Personal and Policing Journey*”


EDWARD M. KENNEDY LECTURE
(In association with the Edward M. Kennedy Centre for Conflict Intervention)
Starts 7.30pm | St Michael’s Theatre

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.

FLEADH CHEOIL & RECEPTION
Starts 9pm | Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience

Traditional music, ceoil and craic.
Saturday 10th September 2016

AMERICAN POLITICS, SESSION ONE
Starts 11am | St Michael’s Theatre

“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

“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.

LUNCHTIME
12.45pm

IRISH POLITICS SESSION
Starts 2pm | St Michael’s Theatre

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.

COFFEE TIME
3pm
Saturday 10th September 2016

AMERICAN POLITICS, SESSION TWO
Starts 3.30pm | 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 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.

EVENING BREAK
5.30pm - 8pm

SPOTLIGHT
Starts 8pm | St Michael’s Theatre

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.


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

**Kevin O’Malley**  
U.S. Ambassador to Ireland

**Kevin Cullen**  
Author, Boston Globe columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist

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

**Nóirín O’Sullivan**  
Commissioner, An Garda Síochána

**Ann Doyle**  
Journalist, Presenter and Wexford Ambassador

**Colm O’Gorman**  
Executive Director of Amnesty International in Ireland

**Colin Crowell**  
Vice President, Global Public Policy & Philanthropy for Twitter

**Tad Devine**  
Senior Adviser to the Bernie Sanders campaign for President

**Dr. Robert Mauro**  
Director of the Irish Institute at Boston College
Prof. Richard Aldous  
Eugene Meyer Chair at Bard College, New York

Katie Hannon  
Political Correspondent for RTE’s Current Affairs Department

Alison O’Connor  
Columnist with The Irish Examiner

Prof. Robert M. Dowling  
Professor of English at Central Connecticut State University

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