Kennedy Summer School

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

6th / 7th / 8th *of* SEPTEMBER 2018

NEW ROSS, CO. WEXFORD, IRELAND.

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Larry Donnelly

WELCOME

We are happy and honoured to introduce another instalment of what has become a "can't miss" weekend on the Irish political calendar. Since its founding in 2012, the Kennedy Summer School has featured leading figures from the worlds of politics, academia, media, culture, business – and more. Attendees in New Ross this 6th - 8th of September 2018 will be witness to a similarly strong line-up of speakers, moderators, entertainers and other high-profile contributors.

Dr. Brian Murphy

2018 is the 50th Anniversary of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy and the summer school will consider his all too short life and extraordinary legacy. We are especially delighted to welcome home to County Wexford his daughter, Kerry Kennedy, who is our very special guest of honour this year. Additionally, a dear friend of three of the Kennedy brothers, Gerard Doherty, will share some of the political tales and personal anecdotes from his new memoir, '*They Were My Friends – Jack, Bob and Ted: My Life in and out of Politics*'.

2018 is also the 50th Anniversary of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Park and Arboretum – a fitting tribute to the Boston-born man who rose to become President of the United States. He never forgot that he was of Ireland – we will celebrate this wonderful monument and treasured resource with a dinner hosted by the Office of Public Works on Saturday evening.

2018 will also be a year in which the Brexit process moves towards its final stage. A powerhouse panel, with both vast expertise on the key issues and rich personal awareness of what it could all mean, will examine the myriad complexities that have flowed since this political earthquake hit more than two years ago.

Attention will again focus on the 2016 electoral shock on the other side of the Atlantic. The Trump presidency is, and will be for the foreseeable future, the number one topic of conversation around the globe. We are happy to be joined for a interview by John Weaver, a top Republican political consultant, and our American politics panel will flush out the state of play ahead of this year's mid-term elections.

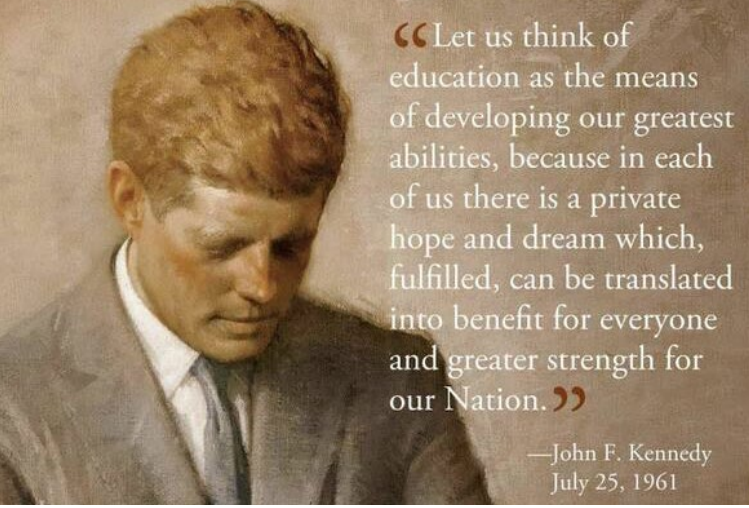
Finally, three extra special guests who are esteemed household names will be with us. RTE broadcaster Miriam O Callaghan, celebrity chef Rachel Allen and comedian Brendan Grace.

In this programme, there is something for everyone and plenty more besides. The discussions and debates among attendees and participants that occur during the breaks and in the evenings – over coffee, meals or pints – are cited as particularly stimulating.

In short, we are proud of the Kennedy Summer School. We really hope you will enjoy it again, or for the very first time, in 2018.

Larry Donnelly and Dr. Brian Murphy
Co-Directors, Kennedy Summer School 2018

The Kennedy Summer School Programme is subject to change. For up to date details and full profiles of speakers see kennedysummerschool.ie



Professor Tom Collins
Chair of the Governing Bodies of DIT, ITB and ITT

Thursday 6th @ 11.00am

Venue: To be confirmed

Round Table Discussion on the Future of Higher Education

Chaired by
Professor Tom Collins

A high quality, responsive higher education system is crucial to delivering on our national ambitions for our economy and quality of life. As the new academic year begins, the Kennedy Summer School has gathered some of Ireland's leading education professionals to examine the key challenges and opportunities facing our third-level institutions.

Roundtable participants will include:

- Professor Richard Aldous (Bard College, New York),
- Peter Cassells (Chair of the Expert Group on Future Funding for Higher Education)
- Professor Mary Daly (President, Royal Irish Academy),
- Professor Richard Hayes (Vice President for Strategy, Waterford Institute of Technology).
- Professor Brian MacCraith (President, Dublin City University)
- Professor Kerstin Mey (Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Engagement, University of Limerick).

This is a free event but places are limited and MUST be booked in advance. To reserve a space on a first come basis, email **brian.a.murphy@dit.ie** to receive confirmation of ticket allocation

Thursday 6th @ 2:30pm

Venue: The Marquee @ JFK Memorial Park and Arboretum

The Kennedy Afternoon Tea Party with Rachel Allen

Special Guest: Brendan Grace

The Kennedy Summer School will again revisit President Kennedy's iconic visit to New Ross and Dunganstown with a special event of talks and afternoon tea, hosted by TV chef, businesswoman and cookery journalist Rachel Allen. Rachel was brought up in Dublin and at the age of eighteen left to study at the prestigious Ballymaloe Cookery School. Today, she not only teaches at the school, she also writes regular features for national publications and presents highly acclaimed television programmes which have been broadcast internationally. She is the winner of the 2012 Irish Book Award for Best Non-Fiction for *'Easy Meals'.*

Rachel Allen

Also joining us for this special event will be famous comedian and transatlantic entertainer, Brendan Grace. Brendan is known for his comedy schoolboy character "Bottler", the role of Murphy in the 1995 movie Moondance, and his 1996 appearance in the Irish TV sitcom Father Ted as Father Fintan Stack. Nowadays Brendan spends a considerable amount of time in Florida where he resides with his family. Despite this, he still plays the Irish Theatre Circuit and major hotel venues and, in fact, still considers Ireland his first love.

Brendan Grace

Thursday 6th @ 6.00pm

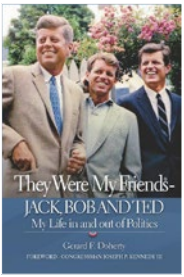
Venue: New Ross Library

Kennedy Book and Research Archive, Public Conversation with Gerard Doherty and Professor Richard Aldous

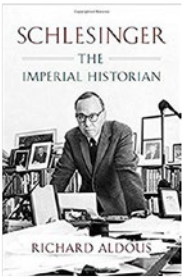
To mark the 100th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's birth in 2017, the Kennedy Summer School and Wexford County Council opened a Kennedy depository at New Ross Library. It hosts an impressive collection of books, publications and audio visual materials on the Kennedy Presidency, the Kennedy family and the link between the Kennedys and County Wexford. At this year's summer school, we are delighted to pay tribute to two further authors who will come to formally present their recent books.

Gerard Doherty was active in the campaigns of Jack, Bob and Ted Kennedy and became their friend. Richard Aldous is an internationally renowned historian and biographer of Arthur Schlesinger Jr., a defining figure in JFK's White House. In what will be a must-see event for all Kennedy aficionados, they will discuss the Camelot era in a public interview.

Gerard Doherty



Professor Richard Aldous



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"Think of the headlines over the past few years and it is easy to hear Robert Kennedy's voice and imagine him speaking out in our country — on the madness of gun violence, the shame of police brutality, the need for compassion in welcoming immigrants and refugees, the urgent need to defy the call to war and, where war has broken out, the moral necessity of seeking peace. One imagines him urging us to focus not only on stopping terrorism but also on understanding and addressing its root causes" – Kerry Kennedy.

OPENING NIGHT EVENT

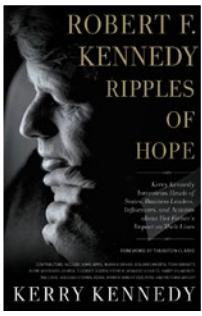
Thursday 6th @ 7.30pm

Venue: St Michael's Theatre

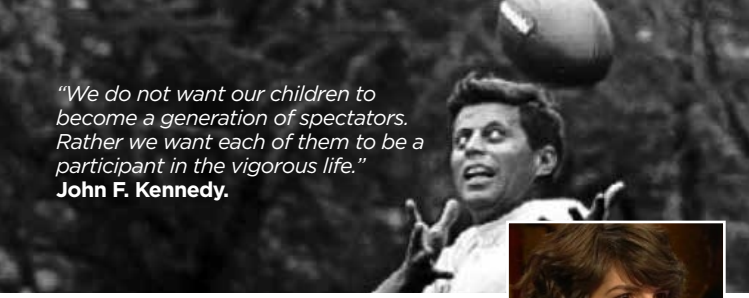
Official Opening of 2018 Kennedy Summer School by Kerry Kennedy, Chief Executive RFK Institute

Kerry Kennedy

KERRY KENNEDY is the president of Robert F. Kennedy Institute. Since 1981, she has worked on diverse human rights issues including child labour, disappearances, indigenous land rights, judicial independence, and freedom of expression, ethnic violence, impunity, women's rights, and the environment. She serves on the boards of the U.S. Institute of Peace, Human Rights First, Ethics in Action, SDG USA, Sustainable Development Goals Centre for Africa, Health Villages, and the Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation. A graduate of Brown University and Boston College Law School, she received the Medal for Social Activism from the World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates along with many other awards and honorary degrees. Kerry is the mother of three daughters.



In her new book '*Robert Kennedy; Ripples of Hope*', Kerry Kennedy shares personal remembrances of her father and through conversations with politicians, media personalities, celebrities and leaders, explores the influence that he continues to have on the issues at the heart of America's identity. Those interviewed include, Barack Obama, John Lewis, Marian Wright Edelman, Alfre Woodard, Harry Belafonte, Bono, George Clooney, Gloria Steinem, and more. They share personal accounts and stories of how Kennedy's words, life, and values have influenced their lives, choices, and actions.



Chair: Sinead O'Carroll

News Editor Journal.ie

Thursday 6th @ 8.00pm

Venue: St Michael's Theatre

Profiles in Sporting Courage: A Special Panel of Irish Sporting Greats

Despite chronic back pain, John Kennedy was an enthusiastic participant in family touch football games and he also enjoyed sailing and golf. The love of sport in the Kennedy family was also reflected in Eunice Kennedy Shriver's work with the Special Olympics. This panel of Irish sporting legends will discuss the demands and sacrifices that top level athletes must endure and it will provide the audience with a unique opportunity to hear the perspectives of two of our leading GAA personalities, a former Premiership footballer with 64 full Irish international caps and one of the world's most successful horse trainers.

Aidan O'Brien

Horse Trainer

Davy Fitzgerald

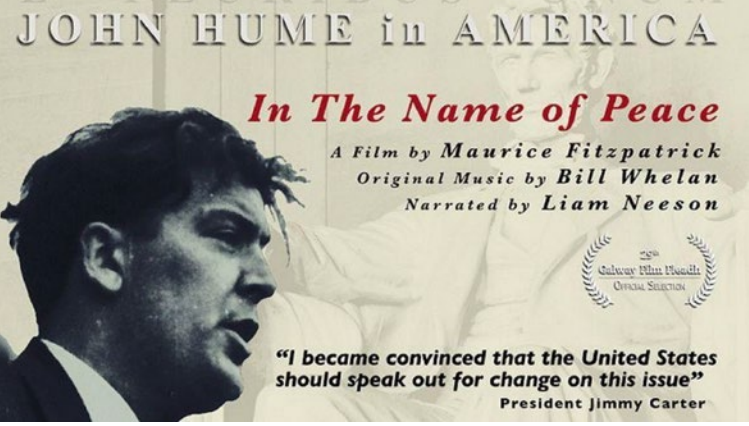
Wexford Hurling Manager

Anna Geary

Fomer Cork Camogie Captain

Kevin Doyle

Former Soccer International



Thursday 6th @ 9.00pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

The Edward M. Kennedy Lecture, A Special Screening of '*In the Name of Peace: John Hume in America*'

Edward M. Kennedy Lecture 2018

Maurice Fitzpatrick's documentary focuses on the inspired work of John Hume in building political support across the United States for the peace process in Northern Ireland. Narrated by Liam Neeson, the documentary includes extensive interviews with Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, John Major, Tony Blair, Bertie Ahern, Enda Kenny and Bono as well as many US Senators and US Congressmen.

This screening with be followed by a Special Panel Discussion

Maurice Fitzpatrick

Brian Cowen

Chaired by Peter Cassells

Director Edward M Kennedy Institute, Maynooth

Dr. Alison Meagher

John Hume Jnr

Maynooth University
National University of Ireland Maynooth

Friday 7th @ 10.00am

Venue: St. Mary's Secondary School

Secondary Schools Event - Inspiring Ambition over Adversity

Sinead Burke

Writer, academic and broadcaster

Through writing, public speaking, lecturing and social media, Sinead Burke highlights the lack of inclusivity within the fashion and design industries and consults with leadership to ensure the process of designing for, with and by disabled people is embedded into their business model. She also critiques the ways in which the media talks to women and offers an alternative conversation that celebrates the achievements of others with the 'Extraordinary Women' series. She has visited schools, workplaces, government agencies and the White House to facilitate honest conversations about education, disability, fashion and accessibility.

Senator Lynn Ruane

Senator and student activist

Lynn Ruane is an independent member of Seanad Éireann, a former President of Trinity College Dublin's Students' Union and a long time activist and campaigner on issues of justice and equality. She grew up on a local authority estate in Tallaght and left school early as a single mother at the age of fifteen. She returned to education through a programme for young mothers in An Cosán and began a diploma in addiction studies at the age of 17 in the Institute of Technology, Tallaght. Lynn then began a degree in Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology and Economics when she was 27. In 2015 she was elected president of Trinity College students' union and in 2016 was elected to Seanad Éireann at the age of 31. Her autobiography, '*People Like Me*', will be published this autumn.

Chaired by Chris Greene

Broadcaster and comedian, working at 2fm

Chris Greene is a broadcaster with RTÉ 2fm and a media producer/presenter who has worked with national and international T.V stations like Channel 4, RTÉ 2 and Yahoo!

Keynote: Phil Hogan

European Union Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

Friday 7th @ 12.30pm

Venue: The Marquee
@ JFK Memorial Park and Arboretum

Kennedy Summer School Speakers' Lunch

Delegates and invited guests get the opportunity to meet and mingle with the 2018 summer school speakers at this lunch event at nearby Kennedy Park. The event is hosted by Boston College and this year's speaker for the lunch itself will be European Union Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Phil Hogan.

Having previously had a long and distinguished career in Irish politics and now as the Irish member of the European Commission, Phil Hogan is well be positioned to give us an informed and up to date perspective on the European Union's ambitions for the Brexit negotiations process and the likely implications for Ireland. His keynote address will be followed by a public interview with Dr. Robert Mauro, Director of the Irish Institute and Global Leadership Institute at Boston College.

Chaired by Eileen Dunne

Journalist and newscaster with RTE

Willie Keilthy

Chair,
Kennedy Summer School

Dr. Robert M. Mauro

Executive Director of the Irish Institute and Global Leadership Institute at Boston College

Friday 7th @ 4.00pm

Venue: Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience

Opening Of The Irish American Hall Of Fame

Founded in 2010 in celebration of Irish America magazine's 25th anniversary, the Irish America Hall of Fame honours the extraordinary achievements of Irish-American leaders, from their significant accomplishments and contributions to American society, to the personal commitment to safeguarding their Irish heritage and the betterment of Ireland.

The Irish America Hall of Fame is housed at the **Dunbrody Famine Ship Experience** in New Ross, Co. Wexford. The official opening will take place on Sept 7th 2018 at 4.00pm

Friday 7th @ 6.00pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

Brexit Endgame: Implications For Ireland, North And South

Chair: Audrey Carville

RTE Morning Ireland

As negotiations of the United Kingdoms withdrawal from the European Union reach their final phase, with just six months to the exit date - The Kennedy Summer School has gathered a panel of expert voices for an in depth discussion on Brexit and its implications for politics, trade and economics in Ireland, North and South, and for the future of the European Union.

Dearbhál Mc Donald

Group Business Editor, Independent News and Media

Mary O' Rourke

Former Minister, former Deputy Leader Fianna Fail

Lucinda Creighton

CEO Vulcan Consulting, Former Minister of State for European Affairs

Michelle O' Neill

MLA, Vice President Sinn Féin

Friday 7th @ 7.00pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

The Kennedy Summer School Interview 'Meeting Miriam'

A Public Interview of broadcaster Miriam O'Callaghan, RTE

Broadcaster Miriam O'Callaghan was born and raised in Dublin. She qualified as a solicitor before beginning her broadcasting career in Britain on ITV, BBC and BBC2. In the early '90s, Miriam returned to Ireland to present RTÉ's current affairs flagship programme, Prime Time, while continuing to cover the Northern Irish peace process for Newsnight. Miriam was voted Best TV Personality at the Irish Film and Television Awards in 2003. In June 2013, her Prime Time interview with Praveen Halappanavar, won the Television News Category of the Justice Media Awards.

Miriam also presents her own chat show during the summer, Saturday Night with Miriam, and a radio programme, Sunday with Miriam. She has previously presented Miriam Meets.... which won the PPI Radio Award in 2011 for best Speech Driven Magazine Programme. In 2011 and 2012 she presented RTÉ's New Year's Eve show attracting huge audiences. Miriam also supports a large number of charitable causes throughout the year.

In an extended conversation with Irish Times Columnist, Noel Whelan and a question and answer session with the Kennedy Summer School audience, Miriam O Callaghan will be the interviewee for a change and will get the opportunity to talk about her own accomplished career in journalism and television.

She will talk about her early television assignments covering Northern Ireland and working in Britain before beginning her work as a leading current affairs presenter for RTE. She will reflect of the iconic events, election campaigns, debates and broadcasting dramas that she has covered in her career and on some of the personalities who shaped it. She will tell also of the many ordinary individuals who she has interviewed whose role, willing or unwittingly in big news stories, has brought them to national media attention.

Noel Whelan

Irish Times Columnist

Friday 7th @ 8.00pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

'The Final Year'

A special screening of Greg Barker's fly-on-the-wall documentary about Barack Obama's final year in office.

The Final Year is a unique insiders' account of President Barack Obama's foreign policy team during their last year in office. Featuring unprecedented access inside the White House and State Department, the fly on the wall documentary by Greg Barker offers an uncompromising view of the inner workings of the Obama Administration as they prepare to leave power after eight years. Shot over 90 days in 21 countries during the last 12 months of the Obama presidency, this film gives an intimate picture of the former president and his foreign policy team

"With the ticking-clock element of a proper political thriller, the real-life members of office - including John Kerry, Samantha Power, Ben Rhodes, Susan Rice and Barack Obama himself - give unprecedented access to their day-to-day dealings, attempting to get America as good as it can be before handing over the keys to the country to Donald Trump."- Joe.ie

Saturday 8th @ 10.30am

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

Kennedy Summer School History Symposium

Chair: Ms Justice Deirdre Murphy SC

Member of the High Court

Prof. Michael Kennedy

Editor Documents in Irish Foreign Policy

JOSEPH KENNEDY & 1938 ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

Michael Kennedy is the Executive Editor of the Royal Irish Academy's Documents on Irish Foreign Policy Series. For over twenty-five years Dr. Kennedy has also published widely on the history of Irish foreign policy and Irish military and political history. His most recent publications include: *'Ireland, the United Nations and the Congo'* (2014) and *'Ireland and Japan, 1957–2017: diplomatic, economic and cultural connections'* (with Dr Eoin Kinsella) (2017). He is currently working on a centenary history of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with his colleagues Dr. Kate O'Malley and Dr. John Gibney.

David McCullagh

Historian, Prime Time Presenter

DE VALERA IN AMERICA

David McCullagh is a journalist with RTÉ. After 12 years as Political Correspondent, he became a presenter on Prime Time in 2013. He is the author of *'A Makeshift Majority: A history of the First Inter-Party Government and The Reluctant Taoiseach: A biography of John A. Costello'*. The first part of his new assessment of the life of Éamon de Valera, '*De Valera, Volume I: Rise, 1882-1932'* was published last year; '*De Valera, Volume II: Rule, 1932-1975'* will be published this autumn.

Prof. Christine Kinealy

FREDERICK DOUGLASS IN IRELAND

Since completing her PhD at Trinity College in Ireland, Christine Kinealy has worked in educational and research institutes in Dublin, Belfast and England and, more recently, in the USA. In September 2013, Professor Kinealy was appointed the founding Director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. Her publications have included: '*This Great Calamity. The Great Irish Famine 1845-52'*, *'Repeal and Revolution. 1848 in Ireland'*, and *'Daniel O'Connell and Anti-Slavery. The Saddest People the Sun Sees'*, and her most recent book, *'Charity and the Great Hunger in Ireland. The Kindness of Strangers.'* Professor Kinealy is also a Director of the Frederick Douglass Ireland Project.

Bridget Murphy

BRIDGET MURPHY; WEXFORD EMIGRANT, GREAT GRAND MOTHER OF A US PRESIDENT

Celestine Murphy, Wexford Public Library Service

A short investigation into the life, background and journey of Bridget Murphy who emigrated from Ireland circa 1849 and was the great grandmother of President John F. Kennedy.

Saturday 8th @ 12 Noon

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL PERSUASION

In conversation with Larry Donnelly, leading Republican political consultant John Weaver will discuss his involvement in a number of GOP presidential campaigns, including those of Arizona Senator John McCain and Ohio Governor John Kasich. Weaver will also consider the future of his party in the Trump era, in both the shorter and longer terms.

In the short term, it looks likely that Republicans will lose congressional seats in November's mid-term elections. In the longer term, first, there is the question of whether President Trump may be vulnerable to a primary challenge in 2020? And then, given that he remains extremely popular with grass roots American conservatives despite a tumultuous presidency, what does the future hold for the Republican Party? John Weaver has spoken and written forthrightly on all of these complex matters.

Chair: Aine Lawlor

RTE, The Week in Politics

Saturday 8th @ 2.00pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

Budget, Brexit and Better Politics

Aine Lawlor, presenter of RTE's The Week in Politics, chairs a special one-hour panel of leading Irish politicians, who will debate topical issues and take questions from the Kennedy Summer School audience. As the political season is about to restart after the summer recess and with Budget 2019 just weeks away, there will be plenty to discuss. The Confidence and Supply deal between Fine Gael and Fianna Fail is a new departure in Irish politics, but is this a temporary arrangement or will 'new politics' continue to evolve after October's Budget? The panel will also give their up to date perspectives on Ireland's approach to Brexit, as negotiations between Britain and the EU 27 play out in the period ahead.

Brendan Howlin TD

Labour

Catherine Murphy TD

Social Democrats

Minister Josepha Madigan TD

Fine Gael

Michael McGrath TD

Fianna Fàil

Saturday 8th @ 3.00pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

Trump, Immigrants, Jobs and Guns American Politics Panel

Again this year, a panel of leading American political experts encompassing a wide ideological spectrum will look at the Trump administration and the two narratives currently playing out in the United States On the one hand, endless scandals and non-presidential behaviour - on the other, an economy that has continued to rally and a large segment of the population who strongly support the president. Additionally, some of the issues that divide Americans and engender astonishment around the globe – the gun culture, immigration, and more - will be debated.

John Weaver

Republican Strategist

Gina London

Former CNN Correspondent, Communications Consultant, Sunday Independent columnist

Regina L. Quinlan

Former Associate Justice, Massachusetts Superior Court

Dr. Robert M. Mauro

Executive Director of the Irish Institute and Global Leadership Institute at Boston College

Charlie Wolf

London-based conservative political commentator

Dr. Íde B. O'Carroll

Social researcher, author of *'Models for Movers: Irish Women's Emigration to America'* (2015) and *'Irish Transatlantics'* (2018)

Saturday 8th @ 4.15pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

Reflections on a Referendum

On the 25th May 2018 Ireland voted by two to one in favour of a referendum to repeal the 8th Amendment to the constitution, thereby enabling a dramatic liberalisation of the country's abortion law. How did it happen. What was the role of the Citizens Assembly in preparing debate. What does the result say about Ireland now. What happens next. The Kennedy Summer School has gathered an impressive panel to consider and seek to answer these questions. Former Supreme Court Judge, Mary Laffoy who chaired the Citizens Assembly will deliver an introductory address on the role of deliberative democracy in constitutional debate. Deirdre Duffy who was campaign manager for the 'Together For Yes' campaign will tell the inside story of the movement which mobolised so many, especially young women, to achieve the winning result. Fr. Joe McDonald, Parish Priest of St. Mathews in Ballfermot and himself a prominent commentator will give his take on what the campaign and the result says about Irish society. He will also reflect on the position of the Catholic Church in Ireland in light of the referendum result and the visit to our shore this summer of Pope Francis. Minister for Health Simon Harris will also join us to offer his reflections on the referendum and to discuss the pathway for implementation of the legislation.

Mary Laffoy

Chair of the Citizens' Assembly

Deidre Duffy

Campaign Manager, Together for Yes

Fr. Joe McDonald PP

St. Mathews Ballyfermot

Simon Harris TD

Minister for Health

CLOSING EVENT
Saturday 8th @ 5.30pm

Venue: St. Michael's Theatre

We Shall Overcome and Other Songs

The Waterford High Hopes Choir and The New Ross Pipe Band come together to do this special entertainment piece. To mark the 50th Anniversary of 1968, a pivotal year in US politics and the civil rights struggle, they will perform a series of familiar and inspiring songs and tunes reflecting themes of struggle, freedom and overcoming personal and political adversity.

The New Ross Pipe Band

The Waterford High Hopes Choir

President Eamonn De Valera, Eunice Shriver, Taoiseach Jack Lynch and other guests at the official opening of JFK Arboretum 1968. (Photo: PJ Browne)

Saturday 8th

All day: Tours and Workshops
@ 7pm Formal Tree Planting
@ 8pm Gala 50th Anniversary Dinner

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Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí
The Office of Public Works

Venue: JFK Memorial Park and Arboretum

JFK Memorial Park and Arboretum ANNIVERSARY

President Eamonn De Valera (pictured above) officially opened the JFK Memorial Park and Arboretum at New Ross in May 1968. To mark this 50th anniversary year, the Office of Public Works will present a day of unique tours, talks, workshops and special events. The day will conclude with a gala dinner at the JFK Marquee to celebrate this important milestone for the arboretum and the close of the 2018 summer school. Very Special Guest Speaker to be announced. Dinner will be preceded by formal tree planting and the launch of a newly commissioned guide book for the Arboretum.

For full details see www.botanicgardens.ie

A limited number of tickets are available for the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner priced at €35 from St Michael's Theatre

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Thursday 6th September 11.00am-1.00pm
Venue: TBC.
Round Table discussion on the Future of Higher Education.
Chaired by Professor Tom Collins, DIT, ITB, ITT

Thursday 6th September 2.30pm-5.30pm
Venue: JFK Memorial Park and Arboretum
The Kennedy Afternoon Tea Party with Rachel Allen, Special Guest: Brendan Grace

Thursday 6th September 6pm
Venue: New Ross Library.
Kennedy Book and Research Archive Event
Speakers: Gerard Doherty, Professor Richard Aldous

Thursday 6th September 7.30pm
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
Opening Night Event
Speaker: Kerry Kennedy, followed by a public interview

Thursday 6th September 8pm
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
Profiles in Sporting Courage
Chair: Sinead O'Carroll, Speakers: Aidan O'Brien, Davy Fitzgerald, Kevin Doyle, Anna Geary

Thursday 6th September 9pm
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
Edward M. Kennedy Lecture, Hume in America Documentary
Panel: Peter Cassells, Maurice Fitzpatrick, Brian Cowen, John Hume Junior, Dr. Alison Meagher

Friday 7th September 10am
Venue: St. Mary's Secondary School.
Secondary Schools Event
Host: Chris Greene, Speakers; Sinead Burke, Senator Lynn Ruane

Friday 7th September 12.30pm
Venue: JFK Memorial Park and Arboretum
Kennedy Summer School Speakers' Lunch
Chair: Eileen Dunne, Keynote: Phil Hogan Interview by Bob Mauro

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Opening of The Irish American Hall of Fame

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Brexit Endgame: Implications for Ireland
Chair: Audrey Carville Panel: Dearbhal Mc Donald, Lucinda Creighton, Mary O 'Rourke, Michelle O'Neill

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Friday 7th September 8pm
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
'The Final Year' A special screening the documentary about Barack Obama's final year in office

Saturday 8th September 10.30am
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
Kennedy Summer School History Symposium, Chair: Ms Justice Deirdre Murphy, Prof. Michael Kennedy, David McCullagh, Prof. Christine Kinealy and more TBC

Saturday 8th September 12noon
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
Presidential Elections and Political Persuasion with John Weaver, in conversation with Larry Donnelly

Saturday 8th September 1pm Lunch Break

Saturday 8th September 2pm
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
Brexit, Budget, Better Politics
Chair: Aine Lawlor, Brenand Howlin TD, Catherine Murphy TD, Minister Josepha Madigan TD, Michael McGratgh TD

Saturday 8th September 3pm
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
Trump, Immigrants, Jobs and Guns
John Weaver, Bob Mauro, Charlie Wolfe, Gina London

Saturday 8 September 4pm Coffee Break

Saturday 8th September 4.15pm
Venue: St. Michael's Theatre
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Mary Laffoy, Deidre Duffy, Fr Joe McDonald, Simon Harris TD

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@ 8pm Gala 50th Anniversary Dinner

Ticket Prices

Tickets: St. Michael's Theatre.
Box Office +353 (0)51 421255 or online at
www.kennedysummerschool.ie

- **The Kennedy Afternoon Tea Party at JFK Arboretum €15**
- **Thursday Opening Night €15**
- **Speakers' Lunch (Friday 12.30pm) €25**
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