



Newsletter

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Federation AGM – Kinsale Co. Cork May 8th – May 10th

This year we are in the beautiful and picturesque town of Kinsale in Co. Cork. It is in keeping with the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania which went down off the coast near Kinsale and we will have the opportunity to be involved in the local commemorations.

The historic port and fishing town of Kinsale situated at the mouth of the Bandon River has many attractions for visitors with its narrow winding streets, artsy shops, lively bars and superb restaurants. It resonates with military history holding memories of the 1601 Battle of Kinsale and within the walls of Desmond Castle tells the story of Ireland's wine trade and the "Wine Geese".

This is our "flagship" event in the Federation calendar and for that reason alone we urge you to give us your support. There are options for a weekend stay, overnight or a day visit.

The programme is both interesting and exciting including a special concert, seminar and field trips/historical walks in the locality, fine food and good company. It is a great opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and meet local historians from all around the country.

The official booking details will be circulated very soon so watch out for it. Come along and join us in the magical atmosphere of Kinsale and West Cork.

Local History Review

This year's local history review has now been circulated to all member societies and we hope you have enjoyed reading it. Our aim is to widen the circulation and we would like societies to consider taking some for sale. Societies can have 10 copies with two complimentary ones for sale at the bargain price of €5 each. We will look at how we can deliver them and anyone interested should contact Larry Breen at larrybreen8@eircom.net

Membership Renewal Subscriptions 2015

2015 annual subs are now overdue. We thank those societies who have already paid and would ask those who have not to do so by the end of March at the latest.

Dates for your Diary

August Day trip to Galway jointly with the RSAI . Details to follow

September: Federation Seminar/Workshop – Oral History. Details to follow

Obituaries:

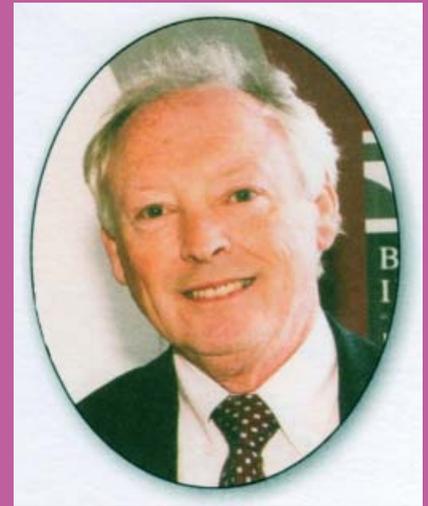
William (Liam) Devlin: FULS

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of our great friend and colleague, Liam, just before Christmas. Liam was an important member of the Ulster Federation and played a major role in its success over the years.

A graduate of TCD, he became secretary and eventually president of the TCD Northern Ireland Association. Liam was a teacher with a special interest in life-long learning and worked with European Institutes to develop education and social links between people in different countries.

He was a member of the Federations' joint North/South committee since its inception and made a significant contribution to the close relationships

developed between the Federations over many years.



We have many fond memories of Liam as fellow travellers on our joint visits north and south of the border. He will be greatly missed. The Federation extends its sincere condolences to his wife Monica and his children Peter and Catherine.

Martin McCrossan : Derry City



Martin McCrossan, who died after a short illness, was a tour guide extraordinaire and a dynamic force in Derry's tourism. A winner of N.I. Tourist Board's "Tourism Hero" he was an iconic figure and a much loved figure on the Walls of Derry for over twenty years.

He was well known to the Federation and to FLHS member groups as the definitive guide to the City of Derry. We had the privilege to work with him on a number of occasions on visits to the city but it only took one to never forget him.

He looked after us personally on our joint visit to Derry City in September 2013 when Derry was U.K. City of Culture. Always a gentleman, he will be missed from Derry City Centre where his yellow coat was part of the streetscape. The Federation extends its sincere condolences to his wife Sharon and daughters Christina and Charlene.