



Newsletter

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HG & FP Launch – Thursday, 8th October, 2015 – NLI, Kildare Street, Dublin.

Local historians, contributors to the project, committee members and some special guests were present in the seminar room of the NLI, Kildare Street, Dublin for the launch by the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins of the special *Hidden Gems & Forgotten People* Exhibition Display Panels. Courtesy of NLI Director, Sandra Collins we were privileged with such a prestigious location.

President Higgins who was accompanied by his wife Sabina, spoke warmly and highly of the Federations and their unique project. He said: “the project’s aim to document these places, and to celebrate these people and to recover them in memory is admirable. Most communities both rural and urban have hidden gems, places of local interest, marking an event or people of significance to the community. Your project provides a platform where people can share their own hidden gems and perhaps hear something new about their own locality. Such sharing forms a bond that contributes to a real sense of community.”

The president was visibly moved by the presentation to him, on behalf of both Federations, of a special framed copy of a forgotten person of his acquaintance, his old schoolmaster, Willie Clune Headmaster of Ballycar National School in County Clare which the President attended as a young boy.

Celebrating Cork Past Exhibition – Friday, 3rd October, 2015 – City Hall Cork.

The Federation enjoyed a third successive year at the Cork Annual History Festival. There was a great buzz as the festival attracts groups/societies from Cork City and County and the Federation stand manned by Larry Breen, Frank Taaffe and Eamon Leonard proved a great attraction with many visitors calling during the day. It was our first opportunity to show off our new set of display panels and distribute our new tri-fold promotional leaflet. The visit has resulted in attracting new members to the Federation.

Federation for Ulster Local Studies AGM – Strabane, Co. Tyrone, Saturday, 7th. November, 2015

Representatives from the FLHS attended the AGM of the FULS held this year in Strabane, Co. Tyrone. Dick Ryan and Larry Breen congratulated both Federations for maintaining the strong link between each other and the many joint events held during the year. This was reciprocated by FULS outgoing Chairman, John Dooher and new chairman Pat Devlin. Richard Doherty delivered a most interesting talk on “Ulster in WWI” and after lunch there was a memorable tour of the nearby quaint village of Sion Mills.

Dates for your Diary

UK TRIP – HEART OF ENGLAND – 10th–14th April 2016. Based in Royal Leamington Spa the visit will include Chatsworth House, Warwick Castle, Coventry Cathedral, Stratford-upon-Avon, Blenheim Palace and Oxford. Details and booking form in early 2016. **Due to this trip being always heavily booked it is advisable for any individuals interested to send on their e-mail address to Larry Breen at larrybreen8@ericom.net**

FEDERATION AGM – LIMERICK – 13TH – 15TH MAY 2016. Staying at the Absolute Hotel. It promises to be an exciting weekend in the ancient

city of Sarsfield and the Treaty Stone. Details and booking form early 2016.

BATTLEFIELDS OF EUROPE – SEPT 2016. Staying in the beautiful city of Leuven, Belgium, the trip will include the Somme, West Flanders, Waterloo, European parliament, Bruges and more. Details to follow.

Local History Journal

Volume 20, 2015 has just been published and there will be a copy for you in the post before Christmas so enjoy the read

Seasons Greetings

The Federation would like to wish all its members a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year and we look forward to working with everyone in the New Year.

