



Irish Studies Workshop

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IRISH DIMENSIONS IN BRITISH EDUCATION

5th NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Saturday 20th February 1988

THE IRISH DIMENSION - FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

This conference is aimed at teachers, parents, first and second generation Irish, Irish community organisations and all those interested in the relationship between culture and education.

The guest SPEAKER:

Dr. Patrick BUCKLAND: History Dept., University of Liverpool, will speak about the University's commitment to developing its new IRISH STUDIES INSTITUTE; he will cover developments to date and intentions for the future vis-a-vis curriculum provision at all levels.

This years theme is to concentrate on actual developments, with the intention of disseminating the relevant information about them. Therefore the emphasis will be on working seminars, the duration of which will be lengthened. The choice of these is outlined

	WORKSHOP/SEMINARS - Please tick 3 boxes to reflect your preferences
2 a.m. and p.m.	Room HG3 HIGHER EDUCATION AND DEGREE COURSES (BAIS PANEL): Patrick Buckland, Ruth Dudley Edwards, Eamonn Hughes and Jim O'Hara
p.m. only	Room 1 NORTH LONDON POLYTECHNIC'S NEW COURSES: Alan Clinton and Mary Hickman; covers the Half Degree Course and adult education courses.
a.m. only	Room 2 THE R.S.A. IRISH STUDIES ACCESS COURSE (Kilburn Poly (FE)). Gerry Landers, Ann Rossiter, Jonathan Moore and Noel O'Connell (16-18 and Adult Education)
p.m. only	Room 3 A/S LEVELS & THE NEW G.C.S.E. MODULAR COURSES (14-16). George Boyce, Roger Swift and Nessan Danaher (BAIS PANEL).
2 a.m. and p.m.	Room HG2 The work of the <u>MANCHESTER IRISH EDUCATION GROUP</u> - an example of good practice: Joe Flynn and Les Hankin.
2 a.m. and p.m.	Room HG1 <u>IRISH LANGUAGE EXAMINATIONS</u> new courses at GCSE and Institute of Linguists; Siobhan Ui Neill and Oliver McInerney (BAIS Panel)

A RESOURCES DISPLAY and BOOKSTALLS will be operating. If Mr. Danaher is unavailable for telephone enquiries, please ask for Miss Jo. McGuigan. The 1987 Conference Report will be distributed at this Conference.

This Conference is supported financially by the BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR IRISH STUDIES and Soar Valley College. This years conference will be opened by the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council, Mr. MARTIN RYAN.

C	T	9.30 - 10.00	Registration (coffee available in Refectory upstairs).
O	I	10.00 - 10.30	Opening of Conference and Introductory Address.
N	M	10.30 - 11.15	<u>Patrick Buckland</u> - the new <u>Irish Studies Institute</u> .
F	E	11.15 - 11.45	Coffee
E	T	11.45 - 1.30	<u>Workshops/seminars</u> - see choices on p.3.
R	A	1.30 - 3.00	Lunch (Licensed lounge available).
E	B	3.00 - 4.45	<u>Workshops/Seminars</u>
N	L	4.45 - 5.00	Plenary (Minute-takers please leave your names and addresses with Conference Co-ordinator).
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Dear Mr Ó Conchúir

ENGLISH CENSUS: CELTIC LANGUAGES

Thank you for your letter of 3 November in which you comment on the need for a question on the ability to speak a Celtic language in the 1991 Census.

You may be interested to know that the Parliamentary announcement on 2 November that there would be a census in Great Britain in 1991 (Hansard Vol 121 No 36 Col 573) stated that the Registrars General for England and Wales and Scotland would be consulting users of census statistics. Submissions from users were also invited. Proposals for the census will be published in a White Paper next year.

The process of putting together a proposed census package from the many demands for questions will not be easy since it will need to be acceptable to and not an undue burden on the public who have to complete the forms. A question on the ability to speak a Celtic language directed at the whole population of England and Wales would only be relevant to a very small part of it. However all requests for questions which are practicable and for which there is a substantiated and well defined need will be carefully considered.

As you refer to Census forms for Northern Ireland a copy of your letter and this reply is being sent to the Registrar General for Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

Basil Mahon

B H MAHON
 Head of Census Division

cc: Mr R McMurray, NI.

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- Making Irish cards
- Crossing the Irish Sea
- Ogham + Gaelic script
- Writing a letter
- Proverbs and prayers
- A tongue twister
- Irish words in English

HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

(32 pages)

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- Why revive Irish?
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- Learning Irish, the next steps

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