

British Association for Irish Studies

Irish Studies in U.K. Universities

In February last the first Institute of Irish Studies in Great Britain was launched at Liverpool University.

This represents a major advance in the provision of Irish Studies at all levels; but we must now decide how we are to respond to the other recommendations of Professor W. L. Warren's report for the Arts Sub-Committee of the U.G.C. In particular, we need to concentrate on the provision of courses; the use of existing staff resources; provision for the replacement of staff, to ensure that such courses as we have do not disappear; and the possible creation of new posts, including those at 'Director' level.

These suggestions are not of course the only ones we should consider; but we should perhaps use them as a series of discussion topics. We also need an updated report on what universities and other institutions of higher education have been doing in Irish studies since our December 1986 meeting. An essential preliminary to these discussions is a report from the B.A.I.S. on funding, and a report from Dr. Patrick Buckland on the Liverpool venture.


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