

Irish Perspectives on British Education

A National Conference organised by the Irish in Britain Representation Group

Saturday 13 October 1990

Haringey Irish Centre, North London

**Bookstall - Exhibitions - Information stalls
Food - Creche**

This conference is aimed at parents, students, providers of education, community activists and all those interested in education provision for the Irish in Britain. There will be seminars on Travellers, Youth Provision, Women and Education, History, Anti-Irish racism, the Irish language and Censorship/Self-Censorship.

Guest Speakers:

Gearóid O Cairealláin from **Lá**, the Irish language daily published in Belfast, will speak on **Rebuilding the Irish Speaking Community**.

Dr Elinor Kelly of Manchester University, researcher for the MacDonald enquiry into racism in Manchester schools, will address the conference on **Racism - The Experience of Irish Children in British Schools**.

Time:

9.30am to 5.30pm

Venue:

Haringey Irish Centre
Pretoria Road (off White Hart Lane)
Tottenham
London N17

Disabled Access and WC

Transport:

Wood Green Tube (Picadilly Line) then W3 bus
or
Seven Sisters Tube (Victoria Line) then bus no.s
279, 259 or 149
or
White Hart Lane BR
(See map overleaf)

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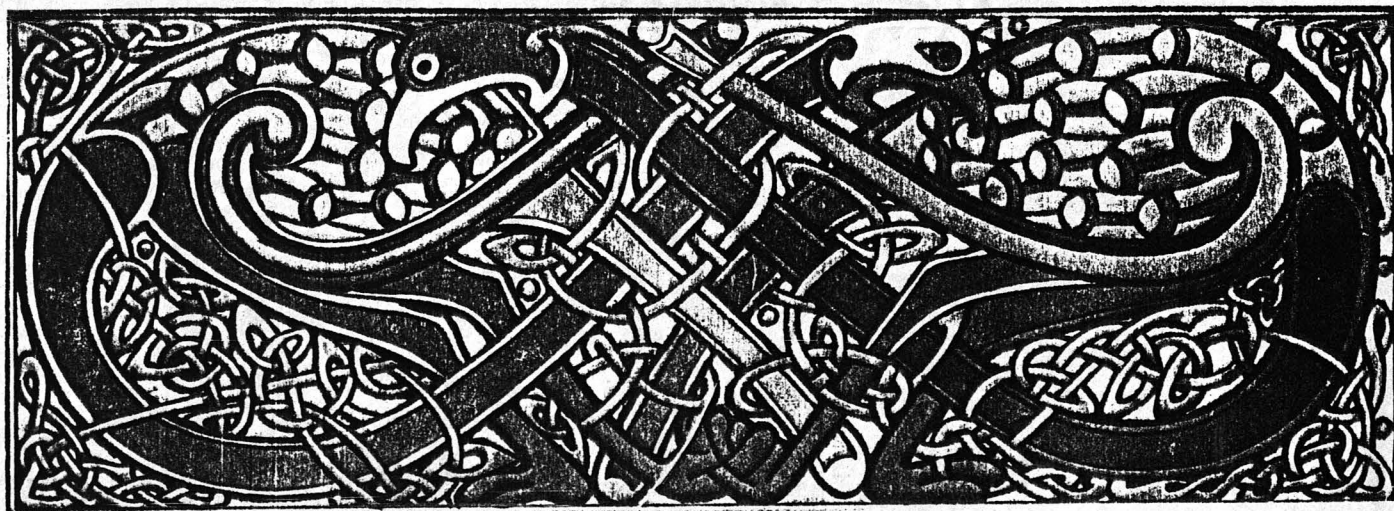
£3.00 Individuals/£1.00 concessions
£5 Statutory organisations

Creche:

Free but please **book in advance**

Food:

Lunch available but please **indicate on booking form**



Conference Timetable:

- 9.30 - 10.30 Registration (Tea/Coffee)
- 10.30 - 11.00 Rebuilding the Irish Speaking Community (G. O Cairealláin)
- 11.00 - 1.00 Morning Seminars
- 1.00 - 2.00 Lunch
- 2.00 - 2.30 Racism - The Experience of Irish Children in British Schools (E. Kelly)
- 2.30 - 4.30 Afternoon Seminars
- 4.30 - 4.45 Tea/coffee
- 4.45 - 5.15 Seminar Report Backs
- 5.30 Close



Seminars: (Timing may be subject to change to facilitate speakers so please check beforehand)
Further details: (081) 348 3351 ext. 1432

Morning Seminars:

1 Catriona Ní Scannláin - An Ghaeilge :

There is a growing number of Irish people in Britain anxious to keep and reclaim their language. Catriona, an Irish language teacher and community worker at the Roger Casement Irish Centre will discuss ways forward for the promotion and revival of the language in our community. (This seminar will be conducted in English so that those who do not have very much Irish can take part.)

2 Brian Foster - Travellers - A Right to Education:

Irish Travellers both at home and in Britain are denied basic human and civil rights. Brian Foster has worked as a teacher with Travellers for fourteen years and is concerned that education should play a positive role in the development of Travellers' culture and their struggle for civil rights.

3 Ann Rossiter - Irish Women and Education in Britain:

Many Irish children go to Catholic schools who promote the teachings of a church whose views on women are repressive. Ann Rossiter, a writer and teacher of Irish studies who has been active in Irish women's issues in London since 1972, will explore this dilemma facing Irish women and mothers.

4 Irish Youth - Provision for a Positive Identity:

A speaker from the Irish Youth Workers Group will examine current provision for Irish young people and will discuss how youth workers, local authorities etc. can ensure that services are appropriate to the needs of Irish Youth.

Afternoon Seminars:

5 Brigid Loughran - Anti-Irish Racism:

Brigid, from Belfast, is an equal opportunities and positive action trainer with Hackney Council and a founder member of the Brent Irish Mental Health Forum. She will discuss positive ways of countering anti-Irish racism in the British education system.

6 Maude Casey - Our Censored Voice:

Maude will explore issues around censorship and self-censorship, drawing on her own experiences as a writer, teacher and second generation Irish woman.

7 Alan Clinton - Irish History:

Alan, a history teacher and deputy leader of Islington Council was involved in the setting up of the Irish Studies Unit at the PNL. He will discuss Irish history in the school curriculum in Britain and current trends in Irish historical writing.

8 Siobhán Uí Néill - An Ghaeilge:

Tá Siobhán ag obair i Londain ar son na Gaeilge leis na blianta anois. Tá clú agus cáil uirthi mar mhúinteoir den chéad scoth agus tá an cháil sin tuillte aici mar is léir ón mhéid daoine a spreag sí chun an Ghaeilge a fhoghlaim. Beidh Siobhán ag labhairt faoi stáid na Gaeilge sa lá atá inniu ann agus céard tá i ndán di.

Please return to Haringey IBRG, c/o Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, Crouch End, London N8. Tel: (081) 348 3351 ext 1432

Name

Address.....

Fee encl: £3.00 ☐ / £1.00 ☐ concs. Stat. Organisations: £5 ☐

Cheques payable to Haringey IBRG

If you are representing a statutory authority, community organisation or other body please specify name, address and telephone number:

Name Tel:.....

Address.....

Creche: There will be a free creche but you must book in advance as soon as possible:

No. of children:

Ages:

Please indicate your first and second choice preferences for the seminars listed above:

Seminar No.

Morning Session:

1st preference

2nd preference

Afternoon Session:

1st preference

2nd preference

Food: Lunch (vegetarian dishes only) will be served at the Centre at a cost of £2. Please tick here if you will require lunch. ☐