



## Irish Studies Workshop

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### IRISH DIMENSIONS IN BRITISH EDUCATION

9TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE - Saturday 8 February 1992

#### "NICE PEOPLE AND REDNECKS": INTERPRETATIONS OF IRISH HISTORY AND THE IRISH IN BRITAIN.

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 - especially students in secondary, further, community and higher education.

This year there will be two guest speakers:

1. Dr. BRENDAN BRADSHAW of Queen's College, Cambridge will deliver A SURVEY OF IRISH HISTORIOGRAPHY OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS: what position has it reached, and where might it (or should it) go on in the future - a viewpoint. This will be a rare opportunity to critically examine the rather monolithic school of established Irish "revisionist" history. The debate has needed opening up and should lead to healthy discourse.
2. Dr. GRAHAM DAVIS, author of the most recent study of the Irish in Britain from 1815 - 1914, and a lecturer at Bath College of Higher Education, will give the conference an up-to-date analysis of THE IRISH IN BRITAIN IN THE 19th CENTURY. This is a much needed survey and will appeal to students at all levels. This talk will bring together the main strands of research carried out over the last 30 years.

There is a wide range of workshops to choose from covering many aspects of development; please choose from list overleaf.

DATE: Saturday 8 February 1992  
TIMES: 9.30am - 4.45pm  
VENUE: Soar Valley College (location map overleaf)  
FEE: £10.00 - this covers registration, coffee/tea on arrival, and at am and pm breaks, and a 3 course lunch. (£6.00 concession rate).

Cheques should be sent, together with reply slip, to Mr N Danaher, address as above, and made payable to Irish Studies Workshop. There will be a BOOKSHOP (run by Four Provinces Books (071-833-3011)). There will also be an ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION, entitled "Seo an ait a beidh conai orm", of drawing and models, demonstrating how Celtic ornament and symbolism could be used to generate the design of a house. The work is by a young architect, Mark Simm, and will comprise visual and 3D material. **THIS CONFERENCE IS GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY BAIS.**

#### CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

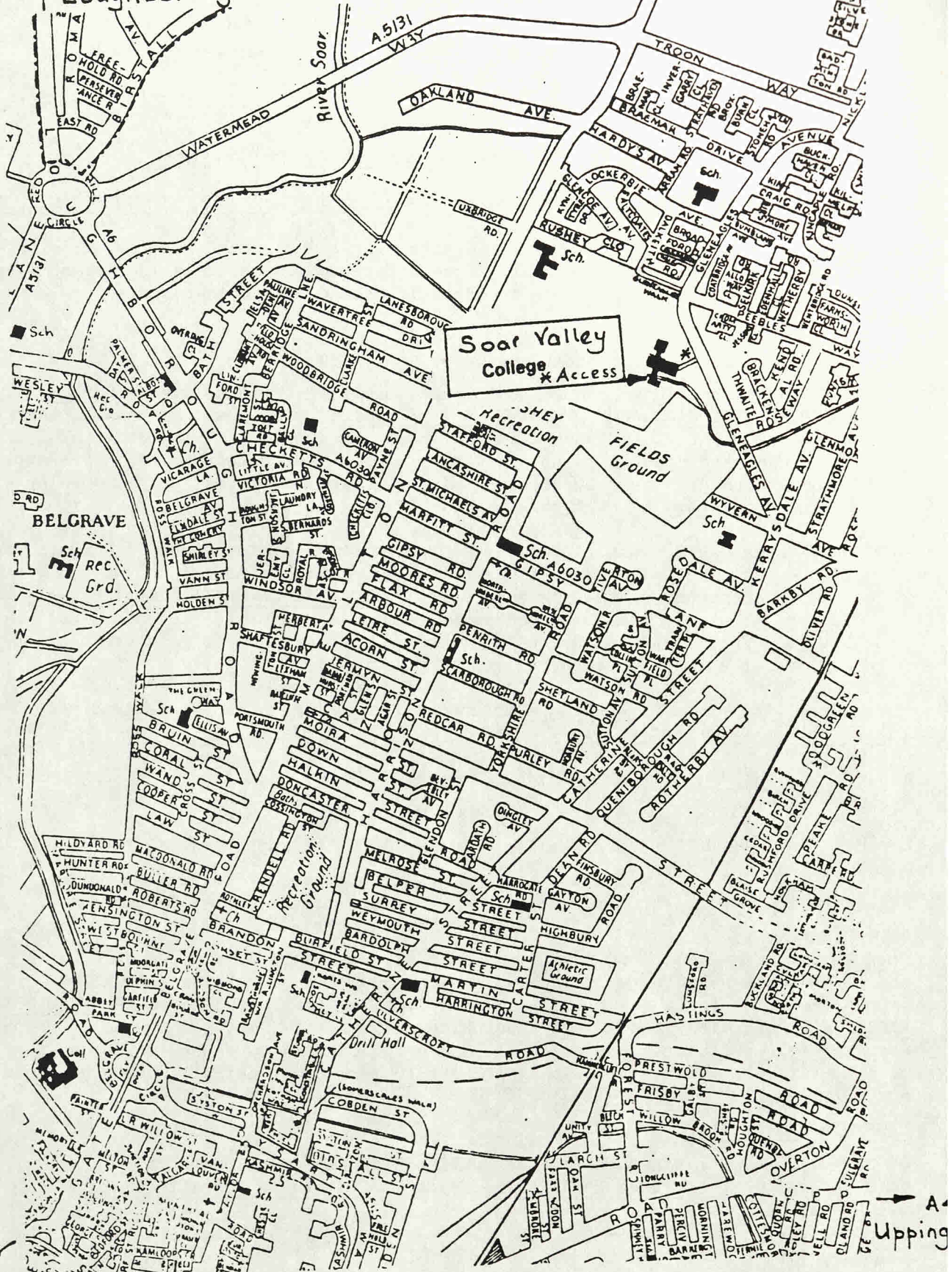
09.30 - 10.00 Registration (coffee available in Refectory upstairs).  
10.00 - 11.00 Dr. Graham DAVIS - The Irish in Britain in the 19th Century.  
11.00 - 11.30 Coffee  
11.30 - 12.45 Workshops - see list of choices on Page 3 (1st session).  
12.45 - 14.00 Lunch  
14.00 - 15.00 Dr. Brendan BRADSHAW - Interpretation of Irish History.  
15.00 - 15.30 Tea  
15.30 - 16.45 Workshops (2nd session)  
16.45 Farewell. There will be no plenary because of the long return journeys that most participants have to make



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NOTE: For your own benefit, please keep a note of the seminars/workshops that you have opted to attend (see list below). There is a wide range to choose from; please select three, and order them in number of preference on the reply slip below. We shall endeavour to offer you two, to match your order of preference. A full range of Seminars/Workshops will be offered in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

**PLEASE RETAIN THIS PORTION AND RETURN REPLY SLIP BELOW.**

No.	Tick Box	WORKSHOPS - Please note your choice of workshops in the boxes provided and keep for reference. Remember to indicate these on RETURN SLIP below.
1		<u>JOHN DUNLEAVY</u> , well known writer on the Irish in Britain, will examine the <u>CHANGING NATURE OF ORGANISATIONS AMONGST THE IRISH IN BRITAIN, c1870 to c1940</u> . Personalities to be discussed will include Butt, Parnell, Davitt and T. P. O'Connor
2		<u>Dr. TERRY BRUGHA</u> , Senior Lecturer and Hon. Consultant Psychiatrist at the University of Leicester/Leicester Royal Infirmary, will explore <u>AN HISTORICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE ON MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THE IRISH AT HOME AND IN BRITAIN</u> .
3		<u>SABINA SHARKEY</u> of the Irish Studies Centre at North London Polytechnic, will discuss <u>CULTURAL PRODUCTION AND POST COLONIALISM</u> . Using mixed media, this seminar will look at how Irish artists negotiate issues of place and identity and consider contemporary representational strategies in the visual arts. (Jack B. Yeats, Ann Tallentire, Willie Doherty and Christine O'Leary).
4		<u>MAUDE CASEY</u> , author of ' <u>Over the Water</u> ', the acclaimed novel about a <u>second generation Irish girl</u> , and her experience here and in Ireland, will talk about this work, and the new C.U.P. edition which is related to <u>NATIONAL CURRICULUM ENGLISH 14-16</u> .

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WORKSHOPS 6 - 9 LISTED OVERLEAF:-

REPLY SLIP - (Please return with fee to Mr. Danaher, Conference Co-ordinator, address as on preceding page, before 1 February 1992).

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Name: ..... NOTE: This form may be used for registering more than 1 person; please attach relevant details and correct fee.

Address: ..... (Please note: there is no creche facility this year due to funding constraints.)

Post Code ..... Tel No: ..... Are you a vegetarian? Yes/No

Total Fee enclosed = £ \_\_\_\_\_ Cheques to Irish Studies Workshop

If you are representing an educational institution or Irish Community Organisation please specify name, address and tel no. Official receipts will be issued at registration on day.

Please choose <u>3 WORKSHOPS</u> to reflect your preferences	Choice	No	<u>Workshop Chosen Title</u>
Send this portion to the College	1st		
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5		<p><b>TONY BRESLIN</b>, a teacher at a N. London secondary school will lead a seminar on <b><u>ANTI-RACIST TEACHING STRATEGIES &amp; THE IRISH DIMENSION</u></b>. The debate will focus on the status of the Irish dimension on <u>today's</u> multicultural and anti-racist agenda, an agenda that now arguably finds itself marginalised by the impetus towards the new National Curriculum.</p>
6		<p><b>IRISH WOMEN IN BRITAIN - IDENTITY AND EXPERIENCE.</b>  We are pleased to welcome two colleagues recently graduated from Loughborough University; <b>Pauline POLKEY</b> (who is of Liverpool-Irish extraction) and <b>Deirdre O'BYRNE</b> (who is from Co. Carlow). They have recently analysed an extensive questionnaire on the experiences of Irish Women from a variety of backgrounds who are living in Britain and they will share with us the fruits of their research.</p>
7		<p><b>CAOIMHGHIN O BROLCHAIN</b>, the well-known Irish Language enthusiast from Sunderland, will talk on <b><u>'The GUID BUIKS' - AN INTRODUCTION TO IRISH LITERATURE, COURTESY OF FLANN O'BRIEN.</u></b> (Non-Irish speakers are welcome to attend this workshop).</p>
8		<p><b>IRISH LANGUAGE WORKSHOP: "TEACHING AND PROMOTING AN GHAELIGE IN IPSWICH" - "TEAGASC AGUS CUR CHUN CINN NA GAEILGE IN IPSWICH":</b> this will cover different teaching methodologies for different groups and the activities of the local branch of <b>CONRADH NA GAEILGE</b> (Craobh Phadraig Ui Dhonnchu). The workshop leader will be <b>Mici MacCuULADH</b> (Mickey McUllough).</p>
9		<p><b>ALAN MORTON</b> of Edge Hill H. E. College, Lancs., will consider <b><u>CONTEMPORARY IRISH STUDIES WITHIN SOCIAL SCIENCES DEGREE &amp; MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAMMES</u></b> - The Edge Hill College Experience. For 13 years there have been annual courses at every year group/degree level. The Workshop will examine how this was achieved. what is taught, and what are the current strengths and weaknesses of such work.</p>
