



## *Irish Studies Workshop*

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### 11TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IRISH DIMENSIONS IN BRITISH EDUCATION

SATURDAY 26TH & SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 1994

#### EXILES AND ERIN : IMAGES AND REALITIES

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 and teaching staff in secondary, further, community and higher education.

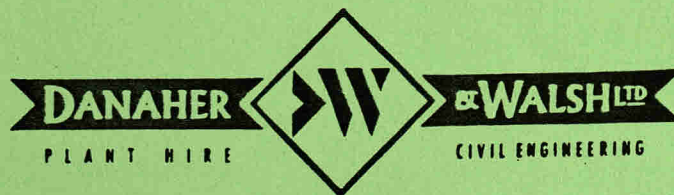
This year there will be four guest speakers:

- 1) **LIAM GREENSLADE**, Institute of Irish studies University of Liverpool, "LIGHTNING IN THE BLOOD : ISSUES IN THE HEALTH OF IRISH PEOPLE IN BRITAIN" - discussion of the health of Irish migrants in Britain today, examining the cultural, historical and political background to high rates of mortality and mental illness.
- 2) **SEAN HUTTON**, Community Care Development Co-ord Federation of Irish Societies, "MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN" - this paper will examine the needs of the Irish community in Britain, especially in the field of community care, and the ways in which these needs are met through statutory provision and by the Irish voluntary sector. It will discuss some of the further steps which need to be taken in order to adequately meet these needs.
- 3) **PROF JAMES O'CONNELL**, of the Peace Studies Department, University of Bradford - "CAN SMALL CULTURES SURVIVE?" - a comparative study with special reference to the Irish, against the background of contemporary developments in Europe and the wider world.
- 4) **DR MARY HARRIS** of the Irish Studies Centre at the University of North London - "INTERNAL EXILE" BELFAST CATHOLICISM, POVERTY AND POLITICS IN THE INTER-WAR YEARS. Contemporary interpretations of Catholic poverty in Belfast, the search for solutions within the framework of Catholic social teaching and the increasing detachment of Catholics from the state and from the Catholic poor.





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Please retain for reference.

- 1) BOOKING CONFERENCE PLACES: Because of the expense and administration involved, PLEASE BOOK BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY 1994. The scale of fees is:

£25.00 for individuals

£20.00 for unwaged, senior citizens, students, etc.

£35.00 for educational institutions, community associations, etc.

Please enclose £2 extra to cover Shuttle Bus Service for both days.

NOTE: There is a 10% discount for bookings received before 30 JANUARY 1994 (ie £25 down to £22.50; £20 down to £18; £35 down to £31.50). This discount is on the Enrolment Fee (not on accommodation).

The fee covers the following: buffet lunch on both Saturday and Sunday; tea/coffee at breaks; Conference Dinner & Reception on the Saturday pm.

It does not cover accommodation. (See Paragraph 2).

CHEQUES should be made payable to: "S.V.C Allowances Account."

Conference Papers and receipts will be issued at Reception on the Saturday am; please ensure your place is secure. You will be contacted beforehand only if there is a problem of some sort.

- 2) BOOKING ACCOMMODATION - As this is a special event, it is being held over 2 days rather than the usual one. A special arrangement has been agreed with the LEICESTER CONFERENCE BUREAU (Tel: 0533 - 547799; ask for Nikki) which is handling all matters to do with accommodation.  
(Therefore PLEASE DO NOT contact the College in respect of accommodation.) A separate BOOKING FORM for accommodation is attached to this brochure.

Please NOTE: overnight stay offered above is available in 3 STAR HOTELS in the City Centre (SEE SEPARATE ENCLOSURE.) As many of our participants come in groups, the special offer does represent excellent value; similar conference charge around £100.

- ACCOMMODATION IS TO BE BOOKED VIA THE BUREAU (NOT the College).  
(The College can accept no enquiries, bookings or monies for hotels.)
- TO OBTAIN CHEAP RATES, HOTEL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE BY THE 1 MAR '94

The Bureau will send on all details and finalise hotel arrangements with you direct.

- 3) SPECIAL FREE BUS SERVICE. A chartered bus service will operate in respect to the following:
- a pick-up point at London Road B.R. Station on Saturday am for trains arriving before and up to 9.30.
  - Saturday pm. participants will be able to go to their hotels for a break and a wash and brush up in preparation for the Conference Dinner. The bus will collect them from the Hotels and take them back to the College for the evening's celebrations. At the end of the evening the buses will ferry participants back to their hotels.
  - Sunday am. - as per Saturday am, buses will collect from hotels for Conference.
  - Sunday pm. - at conclusion of programme buses will take participants to the Rail Station.

(The distance from College to hotels is about 2½ miles; therefore journey times should be more than 15 minutes at most.) The Bus Company is called CONFIDENCE COACHES: the vehicles can be identified by their dark/blue/light blue livery. The Saturday am pick-up point will be immediately outside the Station.

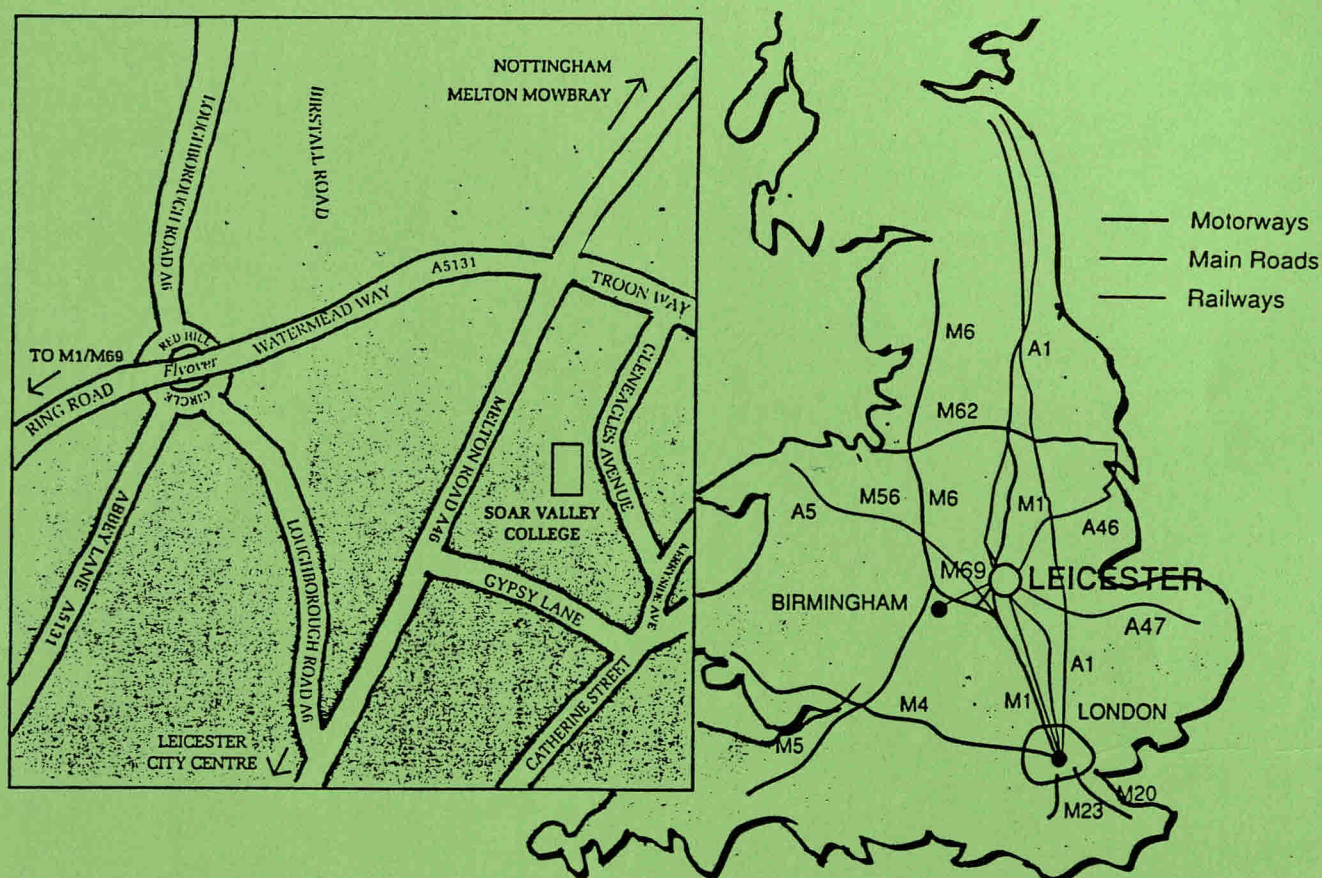
\* 2 BOOKSTALLS will be operating:

- Four Provinces of London, who carry a very wide range (Tel 071 - 833 - 3022).
- Canavan's Antiquarian Irish Books, for the afficianados.



- \* The Conference will be addressed by a prominent visiting speaker.
- \* **CHURCH SERVICES:** there are both RC and C of E Churches very close to the College for those who wish to avail of them. Details will be in the final programme. R C service on site, Sunday am.
- \* The College's FAX NO is: 0533 - 660634.
- \* There will be designated cloakroom space for baggage on both days.
- \* There is a wide range of workshops to choose from covering many aspects of development; please choose from list which follows.

THIS IS A POPULAR EVENT - YOU ARE ADVISED TO BOOK EARLY TO ASSURE YOUR PLACE.



## Soar Valley College LOCATION

The College occupies a site of 25 acres off Gleneagles Avenue in the north-eastern part of the city of Leicester.

It is within easy reach of Leicester's rail and bus stations and close to the M1 and M69 motorways.



PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE  
11TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF IRISH STUDIES WORKSHOP -  
EXILES AND ERIN: IMAGES AND REALITIES

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE - SATURDAY 26 MARCH 1994

09.30 - 10.15	Registration (coffee available in Refectory upstairs)
10.15 - 11.15	LIAM GREENSLADE: "LIGHTNING IN THE BLOOD: ISSUES IN THE HEALTH OF IRISH PEOPLE IN BRITAIN."
11.15 - 11.45	Coffee
11.45 - 1.00	Workshops - see list of choices on Page 5 (1st session)
1.00 - 14.15	Lunch
14.15 - 15.15	PROF JAMES O'CONNELL: "CAN SMALL CULTURES SURVIVE?"
15.15 - 15.45	Tea
15.45 - 17.00	Workshops (2nd session)
17.15	Bus Service to Hotels
	For participants who are not in hotels, but who are attending the Dinner, College facilities will be available from 17.15 - 19.00.
19.00	Bus shuttle pick-up at Hotels for:
19.30	RECEPTION - City of Leicester Brass Band - Irish Airs
20.00	CONFERENCE DINNER
21.00	After Dinner Speaker
21.30 - 11.30	Relaxation and Optional Entertainment (Traditional Music Session)
	(Note: if you wish to contribute to the late evening entertainment, you are most welcome.

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE - SUNDAY 27 MARCH 1994

9.15 am	Bus shuttle service from hotels
09.30 - 10.00	Coffee available in Refectory upstairs (R C Service on site)
10.00 - 11.00	SEAN HUTTON: "MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN."
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee
11.30 - 12.45	Workshops - see list of choices (1st session)
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	DR MARY HARRIS: "INTERNAL EXILE"
15.00 - 15.30	Tea
15.30 - 16.45	Workshops (2nd session)
16.45 - 17.15	Brief Plenary and Farewell in Main Hall

- \* All Main Lectures will be in large hall.
- \* Workshops and Seminars will be in other designated areas.
- \* CITY OF LEICESTER BRASS BAND, (musical director, F. Evans, Esq.,) will contribute a specially arranged selection of Irish Airs, past and present, and from all traditions; also, Saturday pm, Irish Music for Brass Bands - activity workshop.)
- \* TRADITIONAL MUSIC WORKSHOPS - MIKE FEELEY AND BEVERLEY WHELAN - Lincs. Comhaltas member, music tutors at Soar Valley College, with wide experience of practical workshop sessions for all ages and abilities (open sessions - Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes and Saturday pm.) These do not have to be booked on the return sheet).



Workshop No	<p align="center"><u>WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS</u></p> <p>Please note your choice of workshop in the boxes provided and keep this sheet for reference.</p>
1	<p><u>GAVIN MURPHY</u>, University of Ulster at Belfast. <u>REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN IRISH CINEMA</u>. Looking at films such as <i>The Field</i>, <i>The Quiet Man</i>, <i>Hush A Bye Baby</i> and <i>December Bride</i>, the role of women in relation to the land question and contemporary debate will be examined.</p>
2	<p><u>RAYNER O'CONNOR LYSAGHT</u>, of the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. <u>THE LIMERICK SOVIET</u>. The story of the General Strike against the British imposition of travel permits in Limerick in the War of Independence.</p>
3	<p><u>DR BRIAN P MURPHY</u>, Glenstal Abbey, Co. Limerick. <u>REVISIONISM AND ROY FOSTER'S HISTORY OF IRELAND</u>. a) Revisionism in general; b) 20th Century Ireland in Foster's c) his use of sources and d) political effects.</p>
4	<p><u>MARIE O'REILLY</u>, St. Mary's School, <u>IRISH STUDIES IN BRITISH SCHOOLS; REALITY AND PRACTICALITY</u>. Topic related work for Primary Schools; a look at Music and Language (Irish) Story and Drama. Secondary school work; areas of reference for National Curriculum work, based on classroom experience.</p>
5	<p><u>JOHN EGAN</u>, researcher in London. <u>JOHN O'NEILL - SHOEMAKER, POET, TEMPERANCE WORKER AUTHOR OF FIFTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE OF AN IRISH SHOEMAKER IN LONDON</u>. Born in Waterford, John O'Neill (1788-1858) spent the last 50 years of his life in London. His memoirs show how he worked at his trade, how he lived (very poorly) and why his name should be remembered.</p>
6	<p><u>GERRI MORIARTY</u>, freelance drama specialist, <u>EXPLORING IMAGE AND REALITY THROUGH DRAMA - IN BELFAST, DUBLIN AND MANCHESTER</u>. Community drama/theatre offers a "safe space" for individuals and groups to explore the controversial, the painful, the hilarious, the challenging. This workshop will examine what happens when the "safe space" is offered in an Irish context.</p>
7	<p><u>KATE JOYCE</u>, Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool, <u>IRISH WOMEN IN MERSEYSIDE : ISSUES OF IDENTITY</u>, this study of Irish Republic born women living in Merseyside represents a quantitative investigation of the experience of migration and 'settlement.' I will talk about the research and outline the importance of an investigation of identity.</p>
8	<p><u>SEAN QUINN</u> St Mary's College Belfast, <u>THE TRADITIONAL MUSIC EDUCATION PACK - INTRODUCING SCHOOL PUPILS TO IRISH MUSIC</u> an exploration of the purpose and methodology of teaching about traditional music in schools, and facilitating workshop members in working with these published materials..</p>
9	<p><u>PAULINE ROCHE</u>, Birmingham Irish Women's Support Group, Co-ord, <u>GETTING OVER COMING OVER - IRISH WOMEN ARRIVING IN ENGLAND IN THE 1980'S AND 1990'S (A WOMEN - ONLY WORKSHOP)</u>, the effects of coming to England on the physical and mental health of Irish women based on conversations with women who have come to England from Ireland since 1980</p>



10	<b>GAVIN MURPHY</b> , University of Ulster at Belfast, <u><b>MODERN ART AND THE CONFLICT IN THE NORTH</b></u> , how artists and critics have approached issues surrounding the conflict in the North.
11	<b>PATRICIA McCARTHY</b> , Archivist, Cork, Cork Archives Institute, <u><b>AN INTRODUCTION TO SOURCES HELD</b></u> , the Cork Archives Institute provides an archival service for Cork City and County. The archive is chiefly utilised by third level students, academic researchers, those involved with heritage related projects, local historians, schools and adult educational groups. The archives holds a wide range of collections relating to the development of Cork City and County.
12	<b>LIAM O CUINNEAGAIN</b> of Oideas Gael, Gleann Cholm Cille, Co. Dhún na nGall, <u><b>TEACHING IRISH LANGUAGE TEACHERS SKILLS FOR BEGINNERS AND INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS</b></u> , syllabus and materials and methods for adult learners; setting up classes for best results; reinforcement techniques and means of staying in contact with the language.
13	<b>RAYNER O'CONNOR LYSAGHT</b> , of the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin, <u><b>THE IRISH LABOUR MOVEMENT SINCE THE TROUBLES OF c.1918-21</b></u> , highlights of development and relations with British labour Organisations.
14	<b>NOEL COUGHLAN</b> , HIV Research and Development (Irish Community), <u><b>ACTIONS ON IRISH PEOPLES HEALTH</b></u> , A summary of current information on the health of Irish people and presentation of the Coventry experience. A detailed look at attitudes towards sex and sexuality and the effects of these on our health; a closed workshop for lesbians, gay and bi-sexual people at the conference.
15	<b>MICHAEL PARKER</b> , Sen. Lect in English at Liverpool Inst. of H.Ed., <u><b>BRIAN FRIEL AND 'TRANSLATIONS'</b></u> . The Politics of Language - a participatory Workshop with video.
16	<b>PROF. JAMES O'CONNELL</b> , Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, <u><b>FURTHER REFLECTIONS ON IRISH ATTITUDES IN BRITAIN</b></u> , a postscript to the extensive Irish Post survey.
17	<b>DR LLOYD LAING</b> , Archaeology Section of Nottingham University, <u><b>AN INTRODUCTION TO CELTIC ART</b></u> , an illustrated talk dealing with the art of the Celts from the 4th to the 12th Centuries.
18	<b>MICHAEL PARKER</b> , Sen. Lect. in English at Liverpool Inst. of H.Ed., <u><b>SEAMUS HEANEY AND THE TROUBLES</b></u> : The interaction of poetry and politics. A participatory workshop with slides and video.
19	<b>DR BRIAN P. MURPHY</b> , Glenstal Abbey, Co. Limerick, <u><b>IRELAND AND AMERICAN CONNECTIONS</b></u> c.1916-1940, a) de Valera's first tour of America to the Treaty of 1921, b) Pro and Anti-Treaty groups compete in America 1922-1926 and c) Fianna Fail and rival groups in America 1926-1940.
20	<b>JOAN O' FLYNN</b> of the London based <u><b>ACTION GROUP FOR IRISH YOUTH</b></u> will address two topics: access to Social Services and dealing with Anti-Irish Racism.



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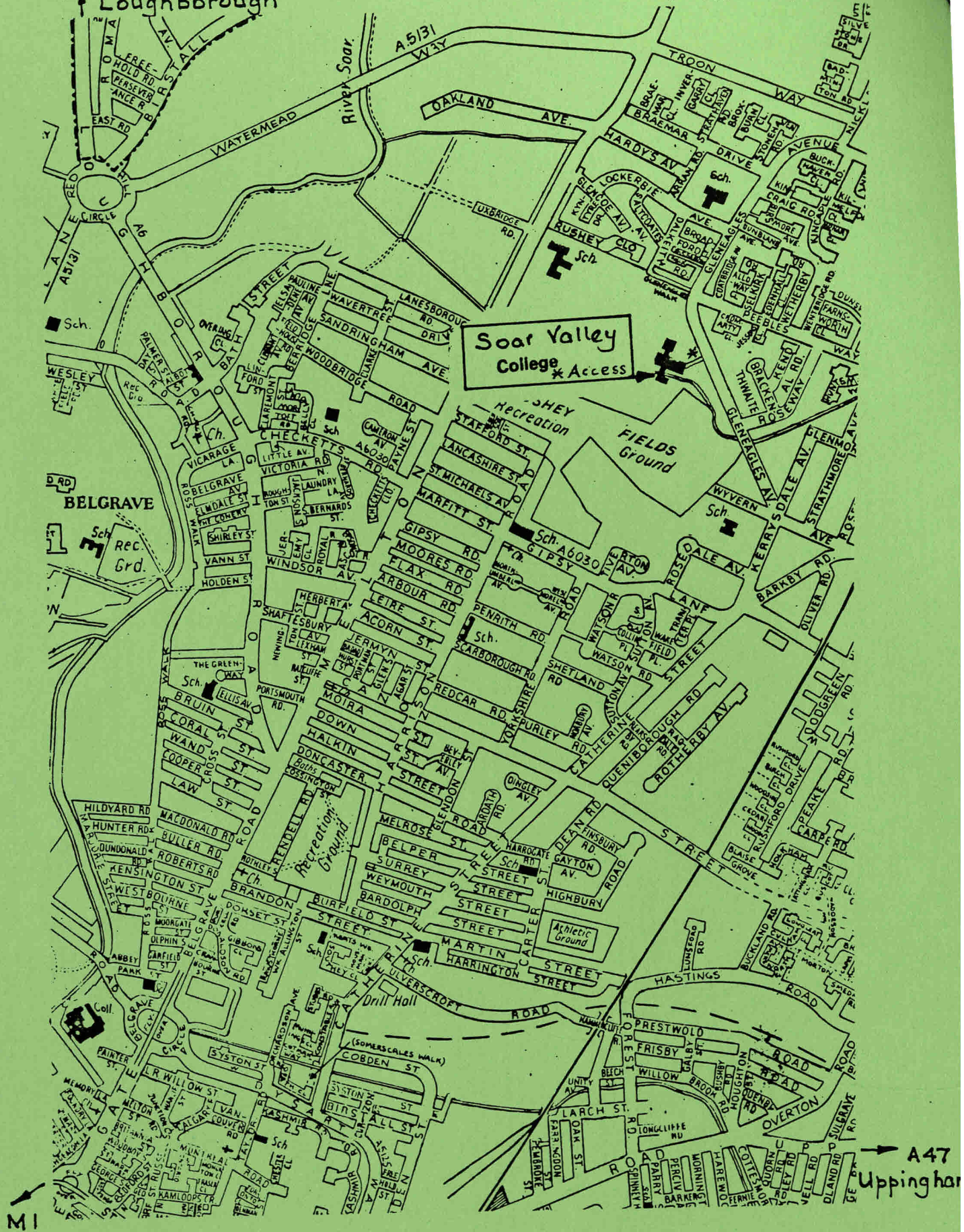
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## 1994 CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

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NOTE: Shuttle Bus for both days costs £2 in total.

Total Fee enclosed = £ ..... Cheques to "SVC Allowances Account"

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, together with full conference documentation, to all participants.

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Please choose <u>5 WORKSHOPS</u> to reflect your preferences	Choice	No	<u>Workshop chosen</u> Title
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	3rd		
	4th		
	5th		

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## IRISH STUDIES WORKSHOP

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# IRISH STUDIES CONFERENCE

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