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**THE
NATIONAL
IRISH STUDIES
CONFERENCE
2006**

Part of the Manchester Irish Festival
Saturday 11th March

9.30am – 4pm

Manchester Town Hall

Professor Alan Ford

"Sectarianism and Religious Hatred in Northern Ireland"

Born in Dublin, Alan studied at Trinity College and then St Johns, Cambridge, before joining the Irish Foreign Service in 1982. He served in the Anglo-Irish division, and then the Irish Embassy, Washington, before moving to England to become an academic. Like many other Irish people at the time, he found the only place he could find work was in England, where he took a position at Durham University. He has been Professor of Theology at the University of Nottingham since 1999, and has written the standard book on the Irish Reformation. He has recently edited a book on religious hatred in early-modern Ireland with John McCafferty, and is currently in the process of writing a book on Archbishop James Ussher, who dated the foundation of the world to 4004 BC. His session at the Conference will look at the continuing sectarianism in Northern Ireland.

Dr John Dunleavy ***"Michael Davitt"***

Born in Haslingden of Mayo stock, Historian John Dunleavy has taught in the USA, Australia, Hungary and here in England. He has contributed to many journals, and also published 2 books, one of which is currently being republished – Davitt's Haslingden - as part of the Haslingden Davitt centenary



Michael Davitt

Michael Sheehan
"Manchester's Irish Story"

Mike Sheehan has a long standing interest in the history of the Irish in Manchester. For many years he wrote for the Irish Post newspaper including a series of articles on Irish Manchester which form the basis of this talk.

Páidi Ó Seighin

"A Walk Along the Western Seaboard of Ireland"

Páidi was born in Brosna, Kerry, but has lived in England for more than 40 years. After taking early retirement from teaching, he furthered his hobby of walking. This past-time has now taken him across the west of Ireland, Scotland, and the Grand Canyon. His travels through Ireland allowed him to experience many interesting places... and people!

Gemma Clarke

"The Free State in Flames: New Politics or Old Prejudices. A study of arson during the Irish Civil War"

From Manchester, Gemma was educated in Modern History at Queen's College, Oxford. During her time at University, the paper 'Nationalism, Politics and Culture in Ireland, 1870-1921', sparked a special

interest in Irish issues. Inspired by both her ancestry and relatives, Gemma completed a thesis on arson in the Irish Civil War and will be looking at this in her session at the Conference. Gemma is also hoping to further her studies in to this in the near future.

Requested Donations

(This is a non-profit event, and the donation is requested to cover the costs of the day)

Booked in Advance:

Adult: £9.00

Student £7.50

On The Day:

Everyone £10.00

Booking Form

Name _____

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*I would like to book the following places for
The National Irish Studies Conference:*

advance adult tickets @ £ 9.00 = _____

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About the day...

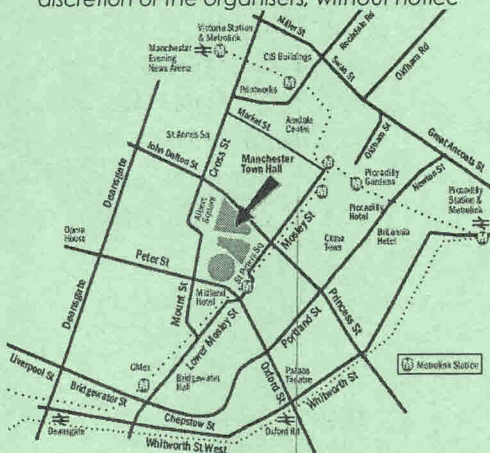
The day will be opened by keynote speaker, Professor Alan Ford, and then a series of workshops will be held. After lunch, the second keynote speaker, Dr John Dunleavy, will open, and a further set of workshops will be held

Expected timetable:

9.30 – 10.00	Tea & Coffee
10.00 – 11.00 Ford	Professor Alan
11.00 – 12.00	Workshops
12.00 – 1.30	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.30	Dr John Dunleavy
2.30 – 3.30	Workshops
3.30	Tea & Coffee
4.0	Finish

An extended lunch has been included to allow you time to have a walk through the Irish Market outside the Town Hall, or perhaps enjoy lunch in the Town Hall's Irish Themed Café

Please note that this is subject to change at the discretion of the organisers, without notice



How to get there

By Air

Manchester Airport is the nearest airport. A short taxi journey or half hour bus ride will bring you into the city centre

By Road

Follow signs from all major motorways for Manchester city centre. There is no public car parking at the Town Hall, but a number of NCP car parks nearby. Contact them on 0870 606 7050 or visit their website to find out locations and charges

By Bus

There are bus stops in St Peter's Square, Albert Square and on Princess Street. For information on bus services that serve the Town Hall telephone GMPT on 0161 228 7811

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