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IRISH IN BRITAIN REPRESENTATION GROUP

IN ASSOCIATION WITH SOAR VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2nd NATIONAL CONFERENCE - SATURDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 1985

IRISH DIMENSIONS IN BRITISH EDUCATION

This Conference is aimed at parents, teachers, first and second generation Irish people, all Irish community organisations and all those interested in the process and content of education. It is hoped that the Conference will explore current cultural issues, and examine social and psychological aspects of ethnic identity with regard to the first and second generation Irish in Britain.

The Speakers:

MARY HICKMAN: doing Ph.D. research at London University, will offer a sociological analysis of the issues of identity and racism in education in relation to the Irish experience in Britain.

DR. PHILIP ULLAH of the Department of Psychology at Sheffield University will talk about "Psychological Aspects of Identity amongst the Second Generation Irish." Dr. Ullah's research was carried out in Birmingham.

BRID KEENAN, B.A., M.A., from Tottenham College of Technology, will consider the areas of cultural production and reproduction in terms of the multicultural/anti-racist debate and indicate the relevance of these issues to the Irish not only here but at home.

DR. ITA O'DONOVAN of Birmingham University (Psychology Department) will discuss the concepts of ethnic identity and the patterns of adjustment that immigrants may adopt in the "host" society, with particular reference to first and second generation Irish in Britain.

NESSAN DANAHER, B.A., M.Ed., IBRG Education Officer, will examine the reasons why the Irish community failed (until recently) to seek official recognition in the education system, and will analyse some recent examples of such recognition by LEAs, and by the Catholic Church.

DATE: Saturday 16th February, 1985.

TIMES: 9.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. (see p.3 for detailed timetable)

VENUE: Soar Valley College (location map overleaf)

FEE: £4.00. This covers registration, coffee on arrival and during a.m. and p.m. breaks, and a three course hot lunch. (Creche fee: £1.00 per child, includes meals and drinks)

Cheques should be sent, together with tear-off slip, to
Mr. N. Danaher, Irish Studies Co-ordinator, Soar Valley College,
Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester LE4 7GY and should be made payable to
'Soar Valley Association'

It is hoped that a display of printed and audio-visual resources will be mounted in conjunction with publishers materials from both Ireland and the U.K.

Ample parking facilities available. Please see timetable and reply slip on sheet attached.

Further enquiries to Mr. Derek Watkins at Soar Valley (Tel. 0533 669625) or
Mr. Nesson Danaher (Tel. 0533 875368).



Soar Valley College



Soar Valley School & Community College. Gleneagles Avenue
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Soar Valley College, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester LE4 7GY.

9.15 - 9.45 Registration (coffee available)
9.45 - 10.15 Introduction: Address by Chairman, Mr. Nesson Danaher
10.15 - 11.00 1st Speaker: Ms. Ita O'Donovan
11.00 - 11.15 Break - coffee
11.15 - 12.00 2nd Speaker: Dr. Philip Ullah
12.00 - 12.45 Discussion Groups
12.45 - 14.15 LUNCH (Licensed Lounge Bar will be open)
14.15 - 15.00 3rd Speaker: Ms. Mary Hickman
15.00 - 15.45 4th Speaker: Ms. Brid Keenan
15.45 - 16.00 Coffee Break
16.00 - 17.00 Discussion Groups
17.00 - 17.30 Plenary Session

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REPLY SLIP

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

Post CodeTel. No.

I enclose fee of £ to cover Registration, lunch and light refreshments.
(Cheques payable to Soar Valley Association) Creche charge £1.00 per child.

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY, 1985 to

Mr. N. Danaher at Soar Valley Community College, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester, LE4 7GY.

If you are representing an educational institution or Irish Community Organisation please specify its name and address and telephone number.

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Thank you.
N. Danaher
(Conference Co-ordinator)

<u>DISCUSSION GROUPS</u> - Please tick <u>2</u> boxes to reflect your preferences.	<u>MEALS:</u> If you are a vegetarian, please indicate: YES/NO
1. The Irish and Ethnic Identity Issues.	<u>CRECHE:</u> This facility will cost £1.00 per child. This includes meals and drinks. You <u>must</u> indicate child's age. Creche fee for.....child(ren) enclosed f..... Child(ren) age:
2. The Curriculum & The Irish Dimension.	
3. Primary & Secondary Curriculum Workshops	
4. Official recognition of the Irish Dimension	