



# IBRG MANCHESTER

IRISH IN BRITAIN REPRESENTATION GROUP

## HEARTS AND MINDS: THE IRISH IN BRITAIN TODAY

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SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 1987 – MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

A ONE DAY CONFERENCE FOR ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN THE  
PROGRESS OF THE IRISH COMMUNITY IN BRITAIN

### PROGRAMME

- 9.30 a.m. Registration
- 10.00 a.m. Formal opening of the Conference by Councillor Eileen Kelly – Chair of Manchester City Council
- 10.15 a.m. EMIGRATION: THE HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE – C. DESMOND GREAVES
- 11.15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.30 a.m. **MORNING SEMINARS**
1. IRISH POLITICS IN MANCHESTER 1890-1914 – STEVEN FIELDING  
THE WORK OF THE IRISH IN MANCHESTER HISTORY GROUP
  2. ASPECTS OF IRISH WOMEN'S EMIGRATION – MARY LENNON
  3. THE NEEDS OF THE IRISH ELDERLY – LIAM CLARKE
  4. WORKING WITH IRISH TRAVELLERS – SISTER ANNA
  5. MEMBERS OF FRONTLINE-CULTURE AND EDUCATION DISCUSS THEIR NEW PLAY  
"NO IRISH NEED APPLY"
- 1.00 p.m. Lunch
- 2.00 p.m. THE IBRG AND THE IRISH COMMUNITY – GEAROID MACGEARAILT
- 3.00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3.15 p.m. **AFTERNOON SEMINARS**
6. FIGHTING ANTI-IRISH RACISM – PATRICK REYNOLDS
  7. IRISH DIMENSIONS IN BRITISH EDUCATION – MARY HICKMAN
  8. THE IRISH AND MENTAL HEALTH – DR. MAIRE O'SHEA
  9. GROWING UP IRISH IN LIVERPOOL – MOY McCRORY
  10. "TIOCFADH AR LÁ!" – AND THEN WHAT? – MICHEAL O RIABHAIGH
- 4.45 p.m. Closing remarks
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REFRESHMENTS

BOOKSTALL

Sponsored by Barbara Castle MEP, Eddie Newman MEP, Christine Crawley MEP, Bob Parry MP, Eric Heffer MP, Alf Morris MP, Cllr. Jim King, Cllr. Mary Kelly, Cllr. Luke Kearns, Merseyside Irish Studies Enterprise, Irish in Britain History Centre, UCATT (North West Region), Mna Na hEireann, Manchester City Council.

FEES: £6 Statutory Organisations £4 Voluntary Organisations £2 Individuals £1 Unwaged

### PRE-CONFERENCE SOCIAL – FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER – 8.00 p.m.

!!THE HAIRY MARYS!! Celtic mayhem with a madcap gang of women Irish dancers + support from the Hooligan Brothers.  
An IBRG/Green Room Co-Promotion

Venue: The Green Room, 54/56 Whitworth Street West Tel: 236 1676

Tickets: £3.30/£2.30 concessions

## SPEAKERS

C. DESMOND GREAVES – A distinguished historian and author of "The Life and Times of James Connolly". Member of the Connolly Association and editor of "Irish Democrat".

STEVEN FIELDING – Currently completing a PhD at Warwick University on the Irish in Manchester 1890-1939. Member of Coventry IBRG.

MARY LENNON – Researching a book on the history of Irish women's emigration as part of Granuaile Collective. The book will be published by Virago in Spring 1988.

LIAM CLARKE – Lecturer in Social Work. Currently researching a PhD on the needs of the elderly and the workers who support them.

SISTER ANNA – Sister of Charity and member of Catholic Travelling Mission.

FRONTLINE-CULTURE AND EDUCATION – Manchester Theatre Group who work with young people. Their first production "A Struggle for Freedom" received wide acclaim. In December their play "No Irish Need Apply" will be performed in Manchester.

GEAROID MACGEARAILT – National Chair of IBRG.

PATRICK REYNOLDS – National Public Relations Officer for IBRG. He has extensive experience in taking up anti-Irish racism in the media.

MARY HICKMAN – Lecturer in Irish Studies Centre at North London Polytechnic. She helped establish the Irish in Britain History Centre and is a member of IBRG.

DR. MAIRE O'SHEA – Former consultant psychiatrist. Founder member of the Irish Mental Health Forum. She is National President of IBRG.

MOY McCRORY – Born in Liverpool of Irish parents. Author of "The Water's Edge" which was widely praised.

MICHEAL O RIABHAIGH – Works for Merseyside Probation Service. Member of Merseyside Irish Studies Enterprise and IBRG. His talk looks at the decline of Irish Nationalism in Liverpool after 1922.

DISABLED ACCESS – Details available on request.

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