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IRISH STUDIES

Irish Studies embraces all those disciplines which involve the study of Ireland, and the culture, history, politics, and economic activities of the Irish, at home and overseas.

WHAT BAIS IS

The Association was set up in 1986. It is a non-political, non-sectarian organisation. Membership is by payment of an annual subscription. BAIS has charitable status, and is controlled by its elected Officers and Executive Committee, while day-to-day matters are in the hands of a full-time Executive Director. Subcommittees advise, develop policies, and initiate programmes in the areas of higher education, adult and further education, compulsory education, the Irish language, and cultural matters.

OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY

BAIS supports those already involved in Irish Studies. It also aims to promote and expand Irish Studies at all levels of the education system throughout the United Kingdom by

- * establishing Irish Studies on a firm basis in the higher education system
- * giving the school-going population access to Irish Studies
- * developing Irish Studies programmes for adult education.

SERVICES TO MEMBERS

BAIS organises a biennial Irish Studies conference and an annual series of public lectures. It publishes the Survey of Irish Studies in Britain and a twice-yearly Newsletter, which are distributed free to members along with Irish Studies in Britain and the Irish Literary Supplement. It offers financial support to a number of independent initiatives,

including the highly successful annual conference at Soar Valley College, Leicester, on "Irish Dimensions in British Education".

ACHIEVED SO FAR

In 1986 the University Grants Committee stressed the importance of Irish Studies provision. Since that time BAIS has achieved funding from the British and Irish governments, the Allied Irish Bank and the American Ireland Fund. The support of BAIS contributed to the setting up of an Institute of Irish Studies at Liverpool University. The partnership between BAIS and the Institute in a Joint Education Programme has resulted in two A/S level syllabuses, "The Irish in Britain 1815-1914" and "History, Literature and the Irish identity 1890-1926", which together make up an A level in Modern Irish History. BAIS has also developed a series of Irish language examinations for adult learners in co-operation with the Institute of Linguists, set up the BAIS/GAEL-LINN Irish language scholarships, and held a series of Sixth Form History Conferences in Northern Ireland.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

BAIS's current priorities are:

- * to raise money to fund the firm establishment of Irish Studies in universities, polytechnics, colleges;
- * to develop education programmes for the schools and for adult/further education;
- * to provide in-service training and back-up materials to support Irish Studies in schools and in adult/further education.

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