

- 1. Celtic Art - Cards, Posters Workshops
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- For many its work and an early death -
- Community involvement - its up to you

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# Northampton Connolly Association



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**Let the Truth be Told**  
**BLOODY SUNDAY** - on January 30 1972 the British Army shot dead 14 civil rights demonstrators. With unusual candour Ted Heath revealed that the British Army was "in Ireland fighting not only a military war but a propoganda war." The British Government set up an inquiry which turned out to be a whitewash.

Join us to demand that the truth be told. **Bloody Sunday March, London Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Assemble 12 noon at Whitehall Place. Charing x/Embankment. Transport from Northampton. Book your place ring now. 01604-715792**

Signed  
 Simon Draper, Chair  
 Peter Mulligan, Secretary  
 Martin Cleere, Treasurer

**Ceili for Mozambique** - organised by the Bedford Comhaltas. 8pm to 12. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January in the Community Centre, Church Lane, Goldington, Bedford.

**OUR AGM** will be held on 4 March in Teachers Centre - London + evening social. We must formally meet before the February to nominate delegates and agree resolutions. Please give some thought to this.

## IRISH COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT Making Contact

**CELTIC ART - AN EXHIBITION OF THE ART FORM.** a number of local Celtic artists have contributed to put together An exhibition of their craft. This is the second exhibition and will be held in the Wellingborough Library, Pebble Lane, Wellingborough. from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. During normal library hours only. Library Tel: is 01933-225365. We need to borrow some finely decorated dancing costumes for this exhibition. If you can help, make contact.

Mile Buiochas to all the volunteers and artists who have helped to put this exhibition together.

**Millennium Exhibition - 21 Years of Bedford Comhaltas** - a standing exhibition plus a series of music workshops and art classes 21<sup>st</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Bedford Museum. Details 01234-308224

The Irish Community Arts Project will be presenting the Celtic Art workshop on 12 March. Joy Daniels will present a class on Celtic stencil making and will produce Celtic art cards. Peter Mulligan will assist with a class on handing colour in pre-printed Celtic art posters. Class's will be run for children and adults.

**RACE EQUALITY FORUM** - we are affiliated - Chris Dalton has agreed to be our representative on this forum. Meetings are held bi-monthly in The Guildhall, Northampton. Next meeting 9/2/20 -Sean Silver, Policy Officer.

**Early Notice** - We have agreed to be a Patron of the Anne Frank Exhibition to be held in March 2001

### LOCAL IRISH DANCING CLASSES

**Fiona MacMahon School of Irish Dancing** (tcrg) Friday at St. Gregory's Church Hall, Park Avenue North. Beginners 5-6pm Advanced 6-7pm. All Grades Welcome. Expert tuition by fully qualified Teacher and ex-world championship medal winner. Tel (01604) 702016.

**Tír Ná Nog - Baldrey Academy of Irish Dancing.** *Tuesday* Sacred Heart, Weston Fevell 5.30 *Thursdays* - . 6pm to 8pm junior. 8pm to 10pm senior. Trained to world standards. Details from - 0410-653411

**Corby Irish** - Irish Dancing - Beginners Monday & Wednesday 5.15-6.30. Experienced Thursday evening. Irish Centre Corby. Also at United Reformed Church Saturday 10-11am & Finedon Coop Hall Friday, Saturday 5.15-6.30. Details from Kevin Costello Tel. 01535-204891.

**Celtic Art Greeting Cards** - with greetings in Irish and English with hand printed envelope. 50p each. By post £5.50 for ten. Tel. 01604-715793

**ADULT CEILI CLASSES**- Byrne Academy of Irish Dancing. Tel. 01234-270731

**GIG COMING UP SOON** - let us know. Get it in the newsletter.

### Learn Irish - with your children

**OIDEAS GAEL** - Tá súil agam go mbeidh spéis agat sna cúrsaí Gaeilge nó I gceann eile de na himeachtaí cultúrtha atá I gclár 2000 againn.

You may be interested in the Irish courses or in one of the cultural activity holidays offered in the 2000 brochure. Cé bith do rogha fhéin, tá saoire den scoth ar fáil. We hold a stock of Oideas Gael brochures. The local Gaelic League are looking to hold one or two events each year e.g. dinner with guest speaker etc. Any ideas

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### TEACHERS

#### ASK FOR IRISH STUDIES MATERIAL

**Getting to know you** - we hold a number of videos which can be borrowed by school teachers as an introduction to Ireland and Irish Studies.

**If you want to help phone the Secretary now on 01604-715793**  
Membership is open to all.

### Irish literature

**Irish Books** - from the Four Provinces Bookshop, 244 Grays Inn Road, London. WC1X 8JR. The Largest Stock of Irish Books in Britain. Tel. 0171-833-3022. *Tuesday to Saturday.*

**WANTED** - school type trestle table suitable for outdoor art and craft display also exhibition stands. Contact the Secretary. *We also seek the advice of a friendly printer*

**DEATH IN BRITAIN** - "In England and Wales between 1970 and 1978. death rates among Irish-born males aged 15-64 were 22 per cent higher than the average for all men of that age. Some of the excess is accounted for by the over-representation of Irish born men in semi-skilled and unskilled manual occupations, amongst whom death rates are generally higher than average. Nevertheless, when the occupational class distribution of male Irish migrants is taken into account, there is still an excess mortality of 15 per cent. Moreover, Irish men are the only immigrant group whose premature mortality is higher in England and Wales than in their country of origin." extract from "The Health of Irish people in Britain" by Liam Greenslade, *University of Liverpool*



Celtic Art Printers  
Mobile Bookshop  
Irish Studies Material  
Community Publishers

**BENEFIT ADVICE** - Incapacity/disability, income support, family credit, maternity benefits fuel/water debts, job-seekers allowance. Ring Welfare Rights - 112 Monday, Wednesday, Friday. AM only.

**Alcoholism** - you *can* pull your life together - there is a way out and help can be provided. Take the first step phone the Council on Addiction 26116

**VOTING - ITS YOUR RIGHT** - The electoral register is now being compiled. Make sure you complete the form sent to your home.

The Irish Community Arts Project produce Celtic Art Greetings Cards in Gaelic and English. St.Patrick's Day Cards now available.

Ní bhíonn an rath, ach mara mbíonn an smacht.

There is no prosperity unless there is discipline.

HELP HELP - we need funds the branch is £130.00 in debt.

#### ■ IF YOU CAN HELP - PHONE THE SECRETARY - 01604-715793

We have recently written to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland concerning the lack of progress being made in the investigation and conviction of the killer(s) of Rosemary Nelson and Michael Hamill.

Members are urged to be active in the protection, defence and propagation of Irish culture and the civil rights of the Irish community in Britain. We work in Branches and in opposition to any laws which restrict a resolution to the Irish question and the rights of British taxpayers to voice such opposition. We do not advocate violence but we can understand how injustice can drive people to it. Our work is based on political campaigning, influencing events and decisions. We believe in a political, not a military resolution. It can be done and you can help.

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The Irish Community  
Association