

Cultural Programme

Tyneside Irish Centre

January to May 2016

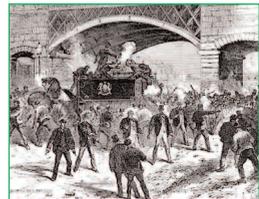
All lectures start at 7.30pm
in the Gallowgate Lounge

Thursday 21st January

IRISH FAMINE AND THE FENIANS

Prof. David Gleeson, Northumbria University

The Great Famine (1845-1850) was the defining historical event in modern Irish history. With over a million people dying and two million emigrating from Ireland, it had profound effects on the country itself as well as on the countries where those emigrants settled. Most importantly, the belief that the Famine was not a natural disaster but deliberately created by the British government, spurred many to call for the violent overthrow of the Union between Britain and Ireland. As a result on March 17th, 1858, simultaneously in Ireland and America, the Irish Republican (Fenian) Brotherhood was founded with that specific aim. Resurrecting the tradition of violent Irish separatism, this movement would gain tens of thousands of members, and lay the first sections of the 'road to the Easter Rising'. Professor Gleeson's lectures will highlight how the Famine created this new radical Irish nationalism, which led to, among other things, a rebellion in Ireland, numerous 'invasions' of Canada, and a plot to blow up Tower Bridge. Though unsuccessful in its immediate aims, the Fenian movement's legacy continued right up to that fateful proclamation of an Irish Republic in Dublin on Easter Monday, 1916.

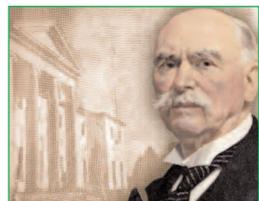


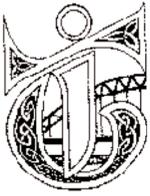
Thursday 11th February

HOME RULE & THE LAND LEAGUE

Dr. Colin Reid, Northumbria University

The lecture will outline the rise of the Home Rule cause, and the formation of the Land League. It outlines Isaac Butt's contribution in framing Home Rule politics during the 1870s, before addressing the ascent of Charles Stewart Parnell and a more aggressive form of nationalist struggle. Parnell's success rested in fusing campaigns for land agitation and Home Rule, which profoundly altered the tone of political debate in Ireland and Britain. Constitutional politics gained a radical tinge under Parnell, which became more forceful during the 1880s. What this all meant for the fortunes of Home Rule will be the focus of Dr. Reid's lecture.





Thursday 19th May (Curtis Auditorium, Herschel Building, Newcastle University 5.30-6.45pm)

1916: MEMORIES, COMMEMORATION & ABSENCES

Dr. Mary E. Daly, University College, Dublin

The 1916 Rising is the most important single event in the formation of 20th century Ireland. It was also an event of international significance - a direct challenge to Britain and it's Empire. The pro clamation of an Irish Republic anticipated the post-war collapse of monarchy in many parts of Europe. Yet in the past the tendency of Irish historians to view 1916 in narrowly national terms has resulted in a failure to examine some of the wider dimensions. The Rising must be understood in the context of the Great War and its immediate aftermath. In Ireland the legacy of 1916 has been complicated by partition and the civil war of the early 1920s, and by the conflict in Northern Ireland post 1969. While the involvement of Irish-America has long been acknowledged, the significant role that the Irish in Britain played in the Rising has been neglected...neglect that reflects the difficulties that an independent Ireland continued to face in its relationship with the Irish in Britain.

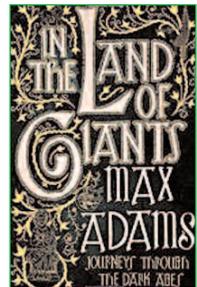
Tuesday 15th March

St. Patrick Special

**IN THE LAND OF GIANTS
...was St. Patrick a Geordie?**

Max Adams: Archeologist, Historian and Writer

Was Paddy a Geordie? A fascinating talk by the engaging archeologist, medieval historian and author of the highly acclaimed 'In The Land Of Giants' who suggests a palpable link between the man who drove the snakes out of Ireland and Birdsawald on Hadrian's Wall.



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‘Road to the Rising’



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Lecture Series The Tyneside Irish Centre



As the 100 year anniversary of the Easter Rising approaches we will be hosting a series of lectures that will follow the ‘Road to the Rising’, exploring the historical, literary and political context of the Rising and reflect upon its consequences.

Guest lecturers from UK and Irish universities will lead most sessions.

This course will be open to all and free of charge. It starts on Thursday 21st January at 7.30pm in the Tyneside Irish Centre.

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Thursday 25th February **THE GAELIC REVIVAL**

Dr. Claire Nally, Northumbria University

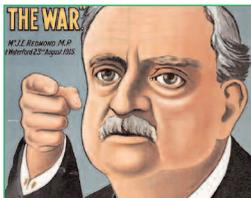
This talk will address how Irish nationalism of the late 19th and early 20th centuries sought to counter imperialist discourse and ultimately how it contributed to the Easter Rising of 1916. We will look at the politics of the Gaelic language and consider issues of nationality and identity, Irish culture and the Irish Literary Theatre as well as ways in which the Revival was contested by other nationalists. Alongside these concerns we will look at how the Revival, despite being a cultural movement, was implicated in revolutionary nationalism.



Thursday 3rd March **IRISH LABOUR & THE 1913 DUBLIN LOCKOUT**

Dave Douglass

The talk considers the political roots and background of Larkin and Connolly and the formative forces that shaped their respective outlooks. Also the influence of the Industrial Workers of the World and Syndicalism and the organisational response of the British and Irish working class in the pre-first world war period. The talk will also look at the experience of Larkin and the Liverpool waterfront in shaping his understanding of general working class efforts to organise across trades and skills.



Thursday 24th March **AFTER THE WAR: John Redmond and The Irish Volunteers**

Dr. James McConnel, Northumbria University

This talk will question traditional perceptions of John Redmond as 'too much a Westminster politician' by looking at his efforts to turn the Irish Volunteers into a 'Home Rule Army' during the First World War. Redmond's support for the war was, to an unappreciated extent, driven by concerns that unless home rulers could build a credible defence force then at war's end Ulster exclusion would be harder to resist. This talk will consider Redmond's efforts to create a 'Home Rule Army' and the reasons for the ultimate failure of this initiative.



Thursday 5th May **1916 and PARTITION**

Dr. Sarah Campbell, Newcastle University

The years immediately before and after the 1916 Rising were crucial in negotiating a partition settlement in Ireland, as well as laying the foundations for the shape that the new Northern Ireland state would eventually take when it came into existence in 1920. This talk will closely examine how and why partition took the form it did and the legacy that 1916 left in the new Northern Ireland.

