

Programme

2023 Roger
Casement
SUMMER SCHOOL

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| Postal address: | 2 Corrig Road, Dalkey, County Dublin, A94 F8P2 |
| Venue: | dlr Lexicon, Haigh Terrace, Moran Park, Dún Laoghaire, A96 DT85 |
| Patrons: | Dr Angus Mitchell (Programme Director), Dr Margaret O'Callaghan, Patrick Casement, Professor Laura Izarra |
| Committee: | Dave Alvey (Chair), Angus Mitchell, Wannette Van Eg Dom -Tuinstra, Roger Cole, Deaglán de Bréadún, Mamie Ami Roos, Pierrot Ngadi, Breasal O'Caollai, Ned Tobin |

Friday 5th May

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| 11.00 am – 12.45 pm | Shaping a New and United Ireland - Professor Colin Harvey. Chair – Richard Boyd Barrett TD. |
| 2.00 pm – 3.45 pm | The Legacy and Achievements of Niamh Bhreathnach – Remembered by Tom Ferris and long-time education correspondent, John Walshe. Chair, Mary Mitchell O'Connor. |
| 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm | Sustainability and Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples - Dr Wannette Tuinstra. Dismantling Colonial Archives during the Amazon Rubber Boom - Dr Angus Mitchell. Chair – Senator Lynn Boylan. Screening of <i>Secrets of Putumayo</i> . |

Saturday 6th May

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| 10.00 am – 12.00 pm | Pioneering women publishers: Elizabeth C. Yeats and the Dun Emer Press at Dundrum (1902-1908) - Dr Caoilfhionn Ní Bheacháin. Pioneering women writers and the Irish Women Writers' Club (1933-58) – Dr Deirdre Brady. Chair - Deirdre Black, Heritage Officer, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Reading from Winning Essay in Casement Essay Competition - Eva Elmes. |
| 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm | Lunch Break with entertainment at the Casement Statue – Capoeira (Brazilian martial art) workshop, Congolese performer - Koko dia Nzombo, Piper John Lambe playing traditional tunes. |
| 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm | The 'Novelistic Wing of Human Rights': Casement, James Joyce and Hannah Arendt - Professor Luke Gibbons. Was Casement Right to be Pro-German in 1916? - Dr Philip O'Connor. Chair - Dr Angus Mitchell. |
| 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm | Break |
| 5.00 pm - 6.20 pm | Fragments of Casement's Life in Story and Song (Snáthaid snáithe) Performer - Michael McCaughan. Introduced by Pierrot Ngadi. |
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Festival Speakers



Colin Harvey is Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Human Rights Centre in the School of Law at Queen's University Belfast. He served two terms as a Commissioner on the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, is the General Editor of Human Rights Law in Perspective (Hart-Bloomsbury) and is on the editorial boards of Human Rights Law Review and European Human Rights Law Review. He is a member of the Board of *Ireland's Future*.



Emer Currie was appointed to the Seanad by the Taoiseach in 2020 and is Fine Gael Seanad Spokesperson for Northern Ireland, Special Education and Inclusion. She was elected to Fingal County Council for her home ward of Castleknock in 2019. She is originally from Tyrone and serves on the Good Friday Agreement Committee and is Chair of the Sovereign Affairs Committee of the British Irish Parliamentary Assembly.



Richard Boyd Barrett is an Irish People Before Profit politician who has been a Teachta Dála for the Dún Laoghaire constituency since the 2011 general election. Boyd Barrett is a former member of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. He is also chair of the Irish Anti-War Movement and has been a long-standing supporter of and spokesperson for the displaced Palestinian people.



Tom Ferris, formerly the Department of Transport's Senior Economist, has wide experience of the public sector and the private realm. Tom has undertaken consultancy projects for the World Bank, USAID, the OECD, several Government Departments, as well as private and public sector companies in Ireland. Tom Ferris and Niamh Bhreathnach were married for over 53 years. Niamh died earlier this year.



An award-winning journalist, **John Walshe** was special adviser to Ruairi Quinn who was Minister for Education and Skills from March 2011 to July 2014. Prior to that, he was an educational journalist, mostly with The Irish Independent but also with The Irish Times in the early 90s. He is the author of 'A New Partnership in Education' which chronicled many of the major changes in Irish education in recent decades and also wrote 'An Education' which recounted his experience as a Ministerial adviser



Mary Mitchell O'Connor is CEO of MMO'C Consult. She provides strategic advice, consultancy and mentoring services to a bespoke number of indigenous SMEs and global companies. Mary served as Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and as Minister of State for Higher Education in the Irish Government for over four years. She was elected to the Irish Parliament and served as a member for over nine years



Wannette Van Eg Dom-Tuinstra lectures in Law, particularly Human Rights and Civil Liberties, and European Union Law. The efforts of indigenous peoples from South America and their impact and influence on the rising field of earth jurisprudence is an important influence on her work. She complements her academic expertise with several years of experience as a Human Rights Advocate and mediator.



During the Decade of Centenaries, the independent historian **Angus Mitchell** has published extensively on Roger Casement. Last year Mitchell published a reflective essay on the Casement memorial statue which launches in Irish at this year's school. His edition of 'The Amazon Journal of Roger Casement' (1997) was recently adapted by the Brazilian filmmaker, Aurélio Michiles into an award-winning documentary 'Secrets from Putumayo'.



Lynn Boylan is a Sinn Féin Senator and the party's spokesperson on climate justice and holds a masters in Climate Change. She was previously an MEP for Dublin from 2014-2019 and was known for her work on high profile human rights campaigns and gender equality.



Caoilfhionn Ní Bheacháin is a Lecturer in Communications at the Kemmy Business School in the University of Limerick. In recent years, she has published on the Irish Arts and Crafts Movement, the Dun Emer Press, Teresa Deevy, and Alice Stopford Green, with her work appearing in numerous journals in Ireland and Britain.



Deirdre Brady's research explores the creative lives of the pioneering women involved in the Irish Women Writers' Club (1933-58). She is author of Literary Coteries and the Irish Women Writers' Club (1933-1958), published by the Liverpool University Press (2021) She is a lecturer at Mary Immaculate College, (MIC Thurles).



Deirdre Black is the Heritage Officer with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council. She has been a Design Fellow at the School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy in UCD and a Visiting Lecturer at the Centre for Planning Education and Research in UCC.



Luke Gibbons has taught as Professor of Irish Studies at Maynooth University, and the University of Notre Dame, USA, and is the author of *Joyce's Ghosts: Ireland, Modernism, and Memory*.



Philip O'Connor is a writer and historian. Among a varied career he has taught history and politics at TCD and DCU and worked in social and labour market policy with the Dublin Employment Pact. He has written on Casement and is currently writing a book on "Charles Haughey, Social Partnership and the Irish economic transformation".



Michael McCaughan is a parent, writer and researcher living in the Burren. He worked as a foreign correspondent in Latin America for many years, primarily with the Irish Times.. In his last book, 'Coming Home' (Gill 2018), McCaughan described his journey back to the Irish language, offering an accessible guide for anyone keen to understand the inside story of Ireland's first language.



Pierrot Ngadi was born and grew up in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has lived in Ireland for over twenty years. During the 1990s he worked in Beirut for Vatican Radio and represented the Lumumbist party PALU in Germany. He is currently chairperson of International Community Dynamics and delegate and Expert member of United for Intercultural Action. His book, The Congo Since Lumumba, was launched at the 2019 Roger Casement Summer School.