Youghal Celebrates History
17th Annual Conference
Saturday, 28th September 2019

About the Conference

This is the 17th Annual Conference of Youghal Celebrates History. This year we explore the hidden history of Youghal - the secret societies and the societies with secrets.

There were many preChristian meeting places which became Druidic and later Christian places. Perhaps Sir Richard Boyle was part of some arcane group like his son Robert. The Royal Arch on his tomb is not accidental nor the acacia flowers.

Or the seven unfinished pillars. The ring of Solomon is a feature of many graves in St. Mary’s and even buildings around town! The masonic lodge in Youghal was founded almost three hundred years ago as was the Hanoverian Society.

There are several connections between the regicides and Youghal. Several connections between Oliver Cromwell and his regicide colleagues and Youghal. Was it a place of welcome for them? The deep resentment of Catholics at their treatment under the penal laws and the enforced payment of tithes led to many secret groupings intent on forcing legislative change through social outrages.

There are various secret societies, various societies with secrets. We celebrate some of them at this conference. Don’t forget to book!

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A one day conference, at the Mall Arts Centre, Youghal.
A varied programme of presentations finishing with an optional informal dinner.
Check out our website and Facebook pages for further details.
PROGRAMME

SESSION ONE

Saturday Morning:
09.00-09.30 Registration
09.45 Official Opening: Marian O’Halloran, Chairperson
Dr. Dagmar O’Riain-Raedel, Academic Director.

The Tom McCarthy Memorial Lecture:
10.00 Prof. Tadhg O’Keeffe (UCD):
‘Solomonic Secrets in the Architectural Profession? The Origins of Freemasonry’
10.30 Dr. Diarmuid Scully (UCC):
‘The Templars: from the New Knighthood to Enemies of the Faith’
11.00 Coffee
11.30 Dr. Maeve O’Riordan (UCC):
‘Doneraile House and Elizabeth St. Leger, The First Female Freemason’
12.00 Discussion, Questions, Answers
13.00 Lunch Break

SESSION TWO

15.00 Dr. David Fleming (UL):
‘Uncovering the Secrets of the Youghal Hanoverian Society’
15.30 Dr. Jay Rozman (UCC):
‘“Outrages” and Secret Societies in East Cork, 1830-1845’
16.00 Dr. Kieran Groeger (YCH):
‘Was Youghal a Secret Haven for the Families of the Regicides?’

BOOKING FORM

Name (s):

Address:

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Booking (Please tick your choice)

☐ Session One (only) . . . . . . €20
☐ Session Two (only) . . . . . . €20
☐ Full Conference . . . . . . €40
☐ Conference Informal Dinner . . . €35

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