



# Federation for Ulster Local Studies

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## Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 27 November 2009**

The AGM will be held in The Gasworks Museum, Carrickfergus, starting at 10:00 am. After the meeting there will be a conducted tour of the Museum, the only one of its kind in Ireland. The A light lunch will be provided for those who wish to stay for the tour, cost £5. A booking form is enclosed

Nomination forms for the election of Officers and the Executive Committee are enclosed. For more than one nomination the forms may be reproduced locally.

Completed Nomination Forms should be returned so as to reach the Federation's registered office at the address in the bottom panel no later than 11 November. Also, any motion for consideration by the AGM should be received at the above address by the same date.

The Agenda and papers will be issued on 18 November. Societies are encouraged to take a more active interest in the nomination process. In particular the Federation needs to have the position of Secretary filled.

The Executive Committee would draw your attention to members' right to appoint a proxy to exercise any or all of their right to attend and to speak and vote at the AGM. This means that if you are unable to attend the AGM you can appoint someone else (perhaps the Federation Chairman or a member of a different Society) to attend and act on your behalf. A Proxy Nomination Form is enclosed for your use if desired. The Form must be received in the Federation office no later than 10.00 am on Thursday 24 November.

The Executive Committee will be proposing an amendment to the Articles of Association. This is to clarify the provision for proxies to bring the Articles into line with the Companies Act 2006.

The Executive Council has decided to repeat last year's Society presentations on interesting projects, initiatives or events that they have undertaken in the year. This will take the form of a series of 3-minute presentations within a total limit of 30 minutes. Societies are encouraged to take part. It would be helpful if those willing to participate would contact the Federation office to discuss their contribution. It may be possible to put these together into a Power-Point presentation There will also be an update on the joint project

*Hidden Gems and Forgotten People* with the Federation of Local History Societies.

## Membership Renewal 2009 - 2010

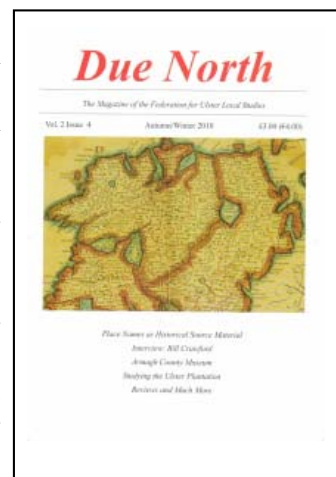
Membership fees are now due for the year that begins on 1 October. To date just over half of Societies have renewed. Societies have a choice of renewing subscriptions by the usual cheque or by completing a Standing Order form, This is the better option as it ensures that renewal is automatic.

***Societies are reminded that membership is a condition of the Public Liability Insurance cover. If you have not renewed, the cover lapses.***

## Due North

The 2010 edition of Due North will be launched in at the Townlands Seminar in Armagh on 23 October.

Copies are available for resale to Society members. The cost (to Societies only) is £1.50/ €2.00 per copy, for resale at £3.00/ €4.00. The journal can be ordered from the Federation using the order form enclosed.



## New Authors Wanted

The Editor is keen to encourage new authors. If you have an interesting historical story or research Due North is a suitable vehicle for publication. You don't have to wait until next year - you can submit it right away or whenever it is ready.

## Local Publications

Many Societies publish annual or periodical journals and some also publish occasional local historical publications. The Federation can help with the sale of such material through its website. If you have a launch date coming up do let us know.

## Spring 2011 - Joint FULS/FLHS Seminar

The Federation and the Federation of Local History Societies are planning a joint seminar on Labour and the Trade Unions in the period 1900 to 1925. It will be in Belfast. More information later.