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Membership Renewal

Fees are due in September for the new membership year that begins on 1 October. *Societies are reminded that membership is a condition of the Public Liability Insurance cover.*

To improve our administration and reduce the time and costs involved in processing cheques, Societies have the option of paying the subscription by Standing Order. Since the scheme started two years ago only 20 Societies have taken up the option. This is disappointing and members are encouraged to use it.

A Membership Renewal form, a Standing Order form and a Standing Order Confirmation form are enclosed. If the Standing Order form is completed please send it directly to your Bank and return the Standing Order Confirmation Form to the Treasurer together with the Membership Renewal Form and the renewal fee.

Due North

The 2011 edition of Due North will be launched at the AGM on 12 November. Societies are encouraged to help sell the journal. Copies are available at £1.50/Euro 2.00 each for resale at £3.00/€3.50 so helping individual Society's resources.

The attached form should be completed and returned to the address below with the appropriate remittance.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Saturday 12 November in Londonderry (venue to be notified). Nomination forms for the election of Officers and the Executive Committee, together with the Trustees Report and Company Accounts for 2010-2011 will be issued in October.

Armagh-Leuven Links

This is a European Commission funded project involving the Federation and the Archives of the City of Leuven in Belgium. There are five volunteers from each organisation. It runs for two years from August 2011 to July 2013. In addition to preparation activities and regular communications between participants, each group will spend a period of three weeks in the other's country participating in a number of hands-on activities.

The project is part of the European Commission's new Lifelong Learning Programme that aims to strengthen the European dimension in adult education and lifelong learning across Europe.

A new website www.armagh-leuven.eu has been set up to report progress with the project, record outcomes and provide a photographic record.

Society Programmes

Membership lecture etc. programmes can be displayed on the Federation's website. Copies should be sent, by email if possible, to the Federation at the address below.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

Since the website www.hidden-gems.eu was launched in 2009 some new articles have been submitted. However we believe that there are hundreds if not thousands more potential Gems out there that could be documented. Accordingly we are re-launching the project to encourage take-up and a 'Request for Contributions' is enclosed.

Joint FULS/FLHS Trip to Banbridge (Bronte Country) 2 July 2011

The trip, in which there were 38 FULS members and 50 from the southern Federation, was a resounding success and everyone commented favourably on the event. There is a full report on the Website. No details yet of the 2012 Trip.

Speakers Database

The database of Speakers and Tour Guides was published on the website in July 2010 and hard copies sent to Societies at the beginning of August. Since then there have been some additional speakers and tour guides, and a number of corrections to contact details published on the website. Feedback from Societies is generally positive and Societies are encouraged to send to the Federation details of speakers not currently listed for consideration of inclusion.

Exploring Local History

PRONI and the Open University of Ireland will be delivering a Local History lecture series, beginning on 29 September 2011. Dr Janice Holmes, Dr Olwen Purdue and Dr Barry Sheehan (OUI) will examine themes and local history sources, with PRONI staff presenting examples from PRONI collections.

Programme

29 Sept : What is Irish Local History

27 Oct: Poverty

24 Nov: Industrialisation

26 Jan: Crime

23 Feb: Religion

29 Mar: Urban History

26 Apr: Families

Lectures from 6:30-8pm at PRONI, 2 Titanic Boulevard, Belfast. Admission FREE but booking essential at proni@dcalni.gov.uk, 02890534800.