



Federation

News-Letter No 32 October 2014

Annual General Meeting 2014

The AGM will be held in Clotworthy House, Randalstown Road, Antrim, on Saturday 8 November, starting at 10:00 am.

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

Completed Nomination Forms should be returned so as to reach the address on the forms no later than 28 October. Also, any motion for consideration by the AGM should be received by the same date. The Agenda and papers, including a map showing how to get there, will be issued on 31 October.

Members have a right to appoint a proxy to exercise any or all of their right to attend and to speak and vote at the AGM on their behalf. 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 do so on your behalf. A Proxy Nomination Form is enclosed. The Form must be received no later than 10.00 am on Thursday 23 October.

The lunch menu is also attached. Please select your choice(s) and return to the address shown.

The Executive Committee would encourage Societies and individual members to take a more active interest in the nomination process, and to become themselves directly involved with the Federation, and/or encourage others to

do so. The Federation needs an informed, committed and industrious Executive Committee to plan and deliver a useful and interesting development plan over the next few years. We want to involve Societies more in this process; and it can not be delivered without members' active participation. We need members from all parts of the province.

An appeal from the Chairman explaining the current difficulties and asking for your help is enclosed.



Antrim Castle Gardens

Federation Executive Committee meetings are short; about two hours, not too frequent; about six in a year, friendly and relaxed. There are opportunities to meet with colleagues in the Federation of Local History Societies from the Republic of Ireland; about four times a year, rotating between Belfast and Dublin, to deliver agreed joint projects, plan joint trips etc,

within Ireland, the UK and Europe; and there are opportunities to visit other societies, Libraries etc on promotional visits, exhibitions etc. There is participation in strategic planning events and in the development and delivery of Seminars and Workshops etc. Travelling and associated costs for meetings, visits etc are paid.

Please do come to the AGM and bring as many others as you can.

PS: *There will be a bookstall for societies to display and sell their publications.*

Society Programmes: *The Federation's website is a great way to publicise your Annual Programme. Just email the programme to admin@fuls.org.uk or post to 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick, BT30 6JU.*

Facebook: *The Federation's Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/ulsterlocalstudies> - provides up-to-date information about Federation, society and other local and wider events through Ulster and the island of Ireland. Why not add your activities/views for information/discussion.*

Distributing the Newsletter: *We would be grateful if societies would circulate the Newsletter to their members, or at least to those on email. Alternatively, we can arrange to email individual copies on request by adding individuals' names to our distribution list. Requests, with names and email addresses, should be sent to the Federation's email address - admin@fuls.org.uk*

THE FEDERATION FOR ULSTER LOCAL STUDIES LTD

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NOMINATION FORM – FEDERATION OFFICERS

Name of Society/ Individual member/ Institution: _____

(One nomination per form. If more than one, use separate form, produced locally)

The following person has been nominated for election to the office of

Chairman: _____ (Full name ***and Society**)

Vice Chairman: _____ (Full name ***and Society**)

Secretary: _____ (Full name ***and Society**)

Treasurer: _____ (Full name ***and Society**)

Note: Use person's full name and, where applicable, his/her Society e.g. Charles Porter, Highplaces Historical Society

*We confirm that _____ (name of nominee) is a member in good standing.

Signature Proposer 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature Proposer 2: _____ Date: _____

*Delete if nominee is an individual member

Declaration:

If elected, I undertake to serve in the above capacity.

Signed (Nominee): _____ Date: _____

**Return Completed Nomination Forms to
The Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd
c/o 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick BT30 6JU
by 24 October 2014**

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NOMINATION FORM – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Name of Society/ Individual member/ Institution: _____

(One nomination per form. If more than one, use separate form, produced locally)

The following person has been nominated for election to the Executive Committee

If Member of Society

Name: _____

Note: Use person's full name and his/her Society eg *Charles Porter, Highplaces Historical Society*

We confirm that _____ (name of nominee) is a member in good standing.

Signature Proposer 1: _____ Office held: _____ Date: _____

Signature Proposer 2. _____ Office held: _____ Date: _____

If Individual member

Signature Proposer 1: _____ Date: _____

Signature Proposer 2. _____ Date: _____

Declaration:

If elected, I undertake to serve in the above capacity.

Signed (Nominee): _____ Date: _____

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APPOINTMENT OF PROXY

I/We _____(Name of Member or Member Society)

hereby appoint _____(Name of Proxy)

Address _____

to act as my/our proxy for the purposes of the Annual General Meeting to be held in on Saturday 8 November 2014.

Signed: _____(Name)

Position in Society (if applicable): _____

Date: _____

Notes:

1. This form must be received at the address below no later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday 23 October 2014.
2. Cancellation of this appointment must be received at the Federation's registered address no later than 10:30 a.m. on Thursday 30 October 2014.

Return Completed Form to The Federation for Ulster Local Studies Ltd, c/o 18 Ardmore Avenue,
Downpatrick BT30 6JU

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Annual General Meeting 2014

Clotworthy House, Saturday 8 November 2014

LUNCH MENU

For those members who wish to stay for lunch the menu choices are set out below. Please indicate preferences, showing the number of delegates who have selected the different choices.

	Choice	Number
Main	a. Baked Chicken Breast with mushroom sauce, baked potato and Dressed House Salad	
	b. Baked Ballycastle salmon with light Lemon Mayonnaise, new boiled potatoes, dressed House Salad	
	d. Mediterranean vegetables with goat's cheese tartlet	
	e. Vegan – as (c) without the tartlet	
Dessert	a. Homemade cheesecake	
	b. Pavlova	
	c. Selection of ice creams with fresh berries	

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ (@ £10.00 / €12.00 per person)

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Cheques should be made payable to “Federation for Ulster Local Studies” and sent, with this form, to Mr P. Devlin, 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick, Co Down BT30 6JU to arrive no later than 15 October 2010.



Federation for Ulster Local Studies

We Need Your Help - Urgently

Since 2007 when the Federation for Ulster Local studies became an entirely voluntary organisation a small group of people have worked to keep the Federation going and carry out a programme to help member societies. That group of people has now been reduced to about Six and some of these are seriously considering retiring at the forthcoming annual general meeting. To function adequately the Federation needs a working committee of about twelve and that is where the member societies urgently need to become involved. It is your organisation and its function is to help your society carry out its programme more effectively. It is no exaggeration to state that the Federation administrative structure is facing collapse unless it can get an immediate infusion of committee members. These can only come from the member societies and that includes your society as well as the others out there.

We know that it is difficult to persuade people to volunteer but that is what the survival of the Federation now demands of its members. Only they can ensure that FULS keeps functioning as a planning and co-ordinating body for local studies throughout Ulster and providing advice and guidance as well as insurance cover to allow local groups to cater for their local communities.

Please look again at the enclosed nomination paper for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Federation on **Sat. 8th November** and make a major effort to nominate at least one member from your society who would be prepared to join the Federation committee – either as a directly elected member at the AGM or co-opted to the committee in the weeks following the meeting. Your society's response could be the difference between the collapse and disintegration of the Federation, with the consequent loss of its range of services to the member groups or its continuing to function for the benefit of the local studies scene in Ulster.

Please treat this appeal very seriously. It is not a panic reaction to a sudden dip in the fortunes of the Federation but a considered response to a gradually worsening situation that currently looks bleak. We care for the future of the Federation and we believe that most if not all societies also care. So we appeal to you to bring this letter to the notice of your committee. Your help and active involvement is vital in ensuring its future.

Sincerely

John Doohar

Chairman