



Federation News-Letter

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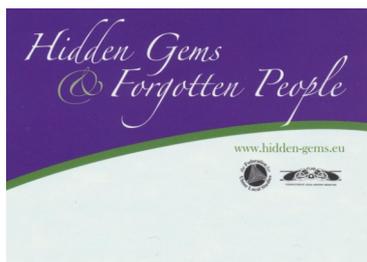
FULS Seminar, Ranfurly House, Dungannon
Saturday 13th April 10.00 – 4.00 pm

People and Places – Our local Communities

A number of leading speakers will lead the sessions at this FULS seminar on local studies. Dr Bill McAfee will introduce the role of maps as local sources while a PRONI representative will highlight some of the many sources available for local research. Dr Johann Devlin Trew from UUI and the UAFP will deal with the role of oral history while others will look at townlands and at using the internet for research and information gathering. Contact FULS at info@fuls.org.uk or contact Roddy Hegarty at rhegarty@btinternet.com Or Johnny Dooher at 07713636362.

Membership and Public Liability Insurance

Societies and individual members have been circulated in recent days about the renewal of their public liability insurance, due from 1st April. Please make the returns as soon as possible and note that your society membership must be up to date before you can avail of the insurance. About 10 societies have still to renew their membership. Please ask your secretary/treasurer to check that your society has paid up.



Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

This project has been running now for over two years and is a marvellous example of where societies from North and south can work together in helping to create an exhibition of what is best in local heritage. The website at www.hidden-gems.eu provides numerous examples of how local societies or individuals in the society could make a positive contribution to a very worthwhile project. Anyone wanting further help should contact John Hulme at leslie.hulme@mypostoffice.co.uk



The Federation is leading a HLF project with a number of local societies and groups researching aspects of their local past, with particular reference to place and community. More details will be provided at the forthcoming seminar in Dungannon and the work of the current groups will be showcased later in the year as exemplars for other local groups. Contact Johnny Dooher for further details and look up the website for information on the ongoing work of the programme.

Due North 2013

The last issue of *Due North* was launched at the Federation AGM in Dungannon in November and a number of societies and individuals have helped to sell the journal. At a recent executive meeting, however, it was stated that only a small percentage of societies had ordered copies to sell to their members and the apparent apathy from the majority is endangering the future of *Due North* as the Federation publication. The reports from those who had purchased copies was very positive and it would be a pity to see it disappear. The editor is currently looking for articles for the next edition of the journal and comments and those hoping to contribute should make contact with johndooher@btinternet.com in the near future.

Forthcoming

A questionnaire on member attitudes to the Federation is being prepared for sending out in the near future and the responses will help shape the programme of the executive in the years ahead. A small number of Federation members are going on the Federation of Local History Societies organised trip to **Bath** and the surrounding area