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Final Call for *Due North* contributions

The next edition of *Due North* will be published in September and societies have still the opportunity to have material included. We would like to include more reviews of society journals or other local history publications from your area and so would welcome information on recently published booklets or magazines. A section could also include forthcoming events by societies and information on these would be welcome. Final date for receipt of articles, reviews etc is 31st July, either to the Federation office or by email to -

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Joint Meeting with the Federation of Local History Societies

Following on from the very successful joint event last year at Tara and the Boyne it is proposed to repeat the interaction this year with a tour of Belfast on either September 17th or 24th. This will include a visit to Stormont and a coach tour of historic sites in Belfast, with the possibility of a walking tour in the Cathedral area. Those wishing to be considered for participation should contact Pat Devlin at info@fuls.org.uk before the middle of August. At this stage the details are still to be worked out but seem likely to involve coach pick-up at specified locations. The programme and cost (which will include lunch in Parliament Buildings), will be issued later.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

To date only seven societies have provided photographs and short articles for the project, although it is known that others have some in the pipeline. It is hoped to bring the work together in early autumn. If you have work done or want further details on the project visit the Federation website or contact Pat Devlin on info@fuls.org.uk

The Autumn Seminar

The Seminar has been fixed provisionally for October 24th and the venue depends on the topic to be examined. Last year we visited PRONI and looked at records for family history research. The committee is examining other topics and views of societies would be welcome.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Federation is arranged for Saturday 28th November in Strabane and the Executive committee are looking forward to new members joining them in leading the movement in the year ahead. A new Chairman will have to be elected and other positions may also be vacated. It is planned to establish a sub committee on structure in the Federation and additional involvement of society activists will greatly help. It is planned to open the AGM with a talk by a leading figure from the local history world and provide a guided tour of the area following the completion of necessary business.

Review of Activities

In recent months the Executive had conducted a thorough examination of the way the Federation works. When this has been finalised it will be circulated for comment before being tabled for formal acceptance at the AGM in November.

Congratulations

We all join in extending congratulations to Mrs Doreen Corcoran of the Carrickfergus Society on being awarded the MBE in the recent honours list for services to heritage. Doreen has been an active member of the Federation from the beginning and was a member of the executive for many years, serving as Secretary for six years and Chair for two in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. She is currently an honorary



Vice President of the Federation and is active in many other areas of local history and heritage.