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### **Tara and Boyne Centre trip - September 2008**

The Federation and the National Federation of Local History Societies in the Republic of Ireland are planning a joint visit to two historic sites in County Meath - Tara and the new Boyne Centre, on Saturday 13 September.

Local Society members North and South are invited to register an interest in attending. Although details are still being worked out the broad programme will be:

*Morning:* Tara - tour and lecture on the history and development of the site with input from local historical interests and information about the historical evidence emerging from the current controversial motorway works.

*Lunch:* Slane

*Afternoon:* Boyne Centre - Tour of the new Centre and lecture on the Battle and its significance.

The new extended centre was built with a grant of €15 million from the Irish Government and was opened by Bertie Ahern in one of his last acts as Taoiseach.

The displays in Oldfield House will include maps, models and graphics depicting the battle. There will also be a display of replica 17th Century artillery and a series of audio-visual displays.

Numbers in total will be limited to 100 so it would be prudent, if you are interested, to contact the Federation at 18 Ardmore Avenue, Downpatrick BT30 6JU. Phone No 44612986. Costs will be notified later.

### **Due North**

The Federation plans to launch the next edition of *Due North* in August. Material for the next issue would be welcome.

Also information about Societies events planned for next year. Please send to Roddy Hegarty at [rhegarty@btinternet.com](mailto:rhegarty@btinternet.com) or post to the Federation at the above address.

### **Workshop - Gravestone Inscriptions & Family Research**

The Federation is working with PRONI to hold a workshop in PRONI on 25 October. The detailed programme will be issued later; it will include a graveyard visit.

### **Ulster History Trust Conference**

The Trust will be holding a major Conference in Monaghan on 7 and 8 November on the theme of Plantations in Ulster. Details later.

### **Federation AGM - 29 November**

Under the revised Articles agreed at the EGM in December 2007, the AGM will be held in the Cardinal O'Faich Library, Armagh on Saturday 29 November 2008.

### **Joint North/South Federation Joint Events**

The Federations have agreed a number of joint events. They include a photographic project focusing on less well known but historically interesting places and people and a joint visit to historic sites in England and Wales.

More information will be made available as plans are firmed up.

So watch this space.