

6 May 2007

Dear Hon Secretary/Member

Annual General Meeting

Due to the unusual circumstances caused by the decisions, first to wind-up and then to maintain the Federation, the arrangements for the AGM are being made at a much later stage and in more haste than in past years.

The AGM will be held in the Cardinal O Fiaich Memorial Library on Saturday 30 June 2007 starting at 10:30 am. The Agenda and nomination papers are enclosed.

The continued existence of the Federation can only be sustained if member societies play their full part in its functioning. That determination has been amply demonstrated by recent events but unless it is maintained a similar crisis of confidence may not be avoidable in future.

The Federation is now making a new start as a purely voluntary body and needs Officers and Executive Committee members who have the time and are willing to attend it meetings and accept the responsibility of making a positive contribution to its business. It would be envisaged that there should not be more than six - eight meetings per year and a good working committee would ensure that the Federation can continue to play an active role in the field of local studies.

I realise that some societies may be near or beyond the end of their programme year. However, in view of the importance of sustaining the Federation I would ask all Societies, or their Executive Committees, to consider making nominations for officers and/or executive committee members and to ensure that at least one of their members attends the AGM.

Member Societies need to address the question of what functions and services the Federation can provide in its new dispensation. It would be helpful for Societies to think about this for discussion at the AGM and any formal motions you wish to have debated should be returned to the above address by 16 June.

Yours sincerely

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