



Federation

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FULS AGM

The AGM was held in St Peter's and St James' CoI church hall, Antrim Road Belfast on 23 November. More than 20 Societies were represented.

The Officers and Trustees and Financial reports were presented. The following were elected for 2013-2014

Chairman: John Dooher - [johndooher@btinternet.com](mailto: johndooher@btinternet.com)

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Roddy Hegarty, Maud Hamill, Larry (FLHS) and Anne Breen, Bridie Bradley, John Hulme, Bridgeen Rutherford and John Dooher

The Executive Committee is comprised of the Officers and seven others, one of whom is the immediate past Chairman. The new Committee therefore needs another three members for its full complement. If any society officer or member would like an opportunity to get involved in regional and cross border activities they should get in touch with Bridgeen directly at [bridgeenr@aol.com](mailto: bridgeenr@aol.com)

Due North

The 2013 edition of *Due North* was launched at the AGM. At 52 pages it is a substantial publication with a wide range of interesting articles and a tribute to the late Doreen Corcoran. Copies are available for purchase at a lower unit cost to Societies. You can print an order form from the Federation's website at -

<http://www.fuls.org.uk/duenorthorderform.html>.

BBC Project "World War One at Home"

This four-year BBC project aims to record stories about how the country was affected by, and connected to, the First

World War. It will be concentrating more on places than on people, the idea being to record, on location, stories about how various places in Ireland have historical connections with the Great War. Through its audio recordings and collation of archive material, the BBC will build a digital archive through which future generations can explore the war through the lens of their home country. The BBC is keen to involve every county in Ireland and sees the historical societies as sources of local knowledge. There is more information about the project at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/aboutthebbc/posts/Revealing-the-World-War-One-at-Home-project>

If anyone is interested in participating they should contact Helen Toland at [helen.toland@bbc.co.uk](mailto: helen.toland@bbc.co.uk) or phone: 02890338231 Mobile: 07799147931

Joint Federation Trip to Scotland – June 2014

The joint committee of FULS and the Federation of Local History Societies is planning a joint trip to Scotland from 2nd to 6th June 2014. The number of FULS participants will be limited to 23 out of 53. The trip will be based in Glasgow with day trips to sites of historic interest in Glasgow and further afield, such as Edinburgh, Stirling Castle, Glengoyne Distillery with a boat trip on Loch Lomond. The final details are to be confirmed. The all-inclusive cost is €320 per person sharing. There will be a single room supplement. The final sterling cost will be determined when the application form is circulated.

Joint Federation trip to Fermanagh/Enniskillen – July 2014

The Federations plan to organise a joint trip to the County Fermanagh in mid to late July. Final date and programme are still to be decided. It will be a two-day event over Friday/Saturday. More information later.

Local History Ireland – Decade of Commemorations

The Joint Committee has agreed to arrange a joint Seminar built around local perspectives of WW1. This would complement the BBC Project outlined above. Possible venues include Carrickmacross or Castleblaney. Planned date is September 2014. More information later.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

The number of entries on the Hidden Gems website, www.hidden-gems.eu stands at 277. Twenty one of the 32 Counties, plus Belfast, are represented. There has been a steady trickle of new articles every month. While this is encouraging there is scope for many hundreds more. Could we encourage you to have a look at the New Gems page on the website at <http://www.hidden-gems.eu/new.html> which lists the recent additions from all over the island?



Read the story of Lily and Rosie Cadiz, early 20th century suffragettes, as told by the Roscommon Archaeological and Historical Society. <http://www.hidden-gems.eu/roscommon-lilyandrosiecadiz.pdf>

The joint committee is reviewing other strategies to encourage participation. These include more direct involvement with societies and travelling exhibitions - in societies, libraries etc. More information later.

FULS Questionnaire

We are beginning to collate the information you kindly sent us but some Societies have not yet returned the forms. We would like to have returns from all our members. Could any Societies who have not come back to us so far please do so. We would like all returns in by 10th January 2014.

If you need a fresh form just give Bridgeen or John Hulme a call.

- Bridgeen Rutherford on 028 7186 1696 or

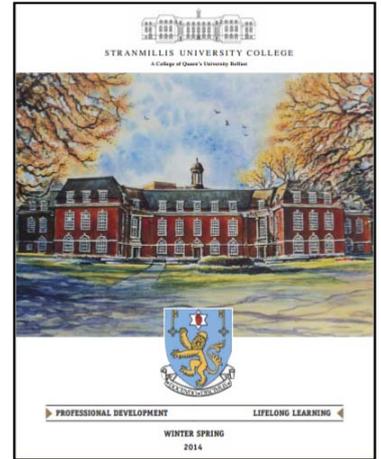
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Winter/Spring 2014 at Stranmillis College

Stranmillis University College has published its Winter/Spring 2014 programme for Professional Development and Life Long Learning. The 68 page prospective has 12 pages devoted to history/ archaeology subjects covering a wide range of topics and includes visits to sites of historical interest throughout Ireland. Lecturers include Dr Eamon Phoenix, Dr Des O'Reilly and Riariaí Ó Baoill. More information can be obtained from <http://www.stran.ac.uk/informationabout/courses/professionaldevelopmentlife-longlearning/>



Joint Trip to Derry/Londonderry 11th to 13th

The Autumn field trip took the FLHS north to the ancient city of Derry for a weekend during which both Federations joined together for a memorable tour of the city in this its year as the U.K. City of Culture.

Forty eight FLHS members from fifteen different societies travelled north on the Friday morning stopping at the Ulster American Folk Park for a visit. In the city they were joined by twenty four FULS members. On that first day the joint group visited the city walls, St Columb's Cathedral, the Bogside, the Apprentice Boys Centre, the Guildhall, the Peace Bridge and the Ebrington Centre.

The FLHS group stayed overnight and before departing visited the County Donegal ring fort "Grianan of Aileach".

Both groups pronounced the trip to have been an outstanding success.



The joint Group outside the Guildhall