



# Federation for Ulster Local Studies

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### Public Liability Insurance

The current period of cover under the Insurance Policy expires on 31 March 2011 and must be renewed before then.

A Renewal Form is enclosed, which should be completed and returned before Friday 19 March 2010, accompanied by a cheque for the required cover.

There is an overview of the cover provided by the policy on the Federation's website at

[http://www.fuls.org.uk/PLI\\_Information.pdf](http://www.fuls.org.uk/PLI_Information.pdf)

Despite many reminders, some Societies have not renewed their membership even though they have been warned that since 1 October 2010 their activities are not covered by the Federation's insurance scheme. Members of Executive Committees need to bear in mind that, in the absence of Insurance, they may find themselves personally liable for any damages/compensation awarded to any member or visitor injured at such events.

We are aware that some member societies are confused about the different payment periods for membership and insurance. The position is as follows-

Membership period: 1 October to 30 September

Insurance period: 1 April to 31 March.

So member societies need to make two payments in the year; in September for Membership and February for Insurance.

**NOTE: The Insurance scheme is available only to Societies based in Northern Ireland**

### Townlands Seminar

The first Seminar on 23 October 2010 was a resounding success with over 80 people in attendance, demonstrating the continuing appeal of townland preservation and promotion activities.

Arrangements have been made for a the Federation's second Seminar on townlands on 12 March 2011 in Omagh Library. Cost will be approx. £17.50/€21 (final cost with the Application Form) including refreshments on arrival and a light lunch.

Application forms will be issued later.

### Seminar - Problems and Prospects for the Labour Movement in Ireland 1900 -1925

This Seminar, being planned as a joint venture by the Federation and the Federation of Local History Societies will focus on the theme of Labour and the Trade Unions in the period 1900 to

1925 with a number of leading historians reviewing recent scholarship on the events of those years and discussing how far working class interests played second fiddle to the constitutional and political divisions of the time.

The Seminar will be held in Belfast in April. The date, venue and cost will be provided later.

### Joint FULS/FLHS trip - July

Due to unforeseen circumstances the venue for the trip has been changed from Downpatrick to Banbridge where an exciting programme of events is being planned. The event will be held on the first or second Saturday in July - the exact date will be provided later.

### Ulster Local History Trust

The Trust is now able to provide small grants to help with publications that meet their criteria. Details are on their website at <http://www.ulht.org.uk>, or you can write to it

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### Due North

Plenty of copies still available to purchase at the concessionary price of £1.50/€2.00 for local society members. Work is underway on the 2011 publication and the Editor is keen to receive articles, or photographs of historical interest. In particular he is keen to encourage new authors. For more information contact Roddy Hegarty at [rhegarty@btinternet.com](mailto:rhegarty@btinternet.com) or in writing at the Federation's address below, addresses to *The Editor, Due North*

### Speakers and Tour Guides Register

The Executive Committee would welcome feedback on the usefulness of the Register. If your Society has used it in planning your programme or for a one-off event, please drop us a note to the Address below.

### Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

This is a reminder about this website as a place to remember local 'heros' whose contribution locally or further afield has faded, or