



Federation News-Letter

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Johanne Devlin Trew and Bill Macafee at the Dungannon Seminar in April.

Successful Federation Seminar at Dungannon

The April seminar in Ranfurly House Dungannon on Sat 13th April on **Doing Local History** proved highly successful for all those who attended the event. Dr Ian Montgomery from PRONI talked on the value of maps in a local study and this was highlighted again in the afternoon session by Dr Bill Macafee when he was explaining how family locations within an area could only be pinpointed by using the valuation maps. Dr Johanne Devlin Trew gave a fascinating talk on how to succeed in recording oral memories while Federation chairman, Roddy Hegarty examined how urban buildings can throw up fascinating questions on the changing nature of many premises and the people who occupied them. The seminar was provided through the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund as part of the Federation led local studies programme, **People and Places** where

six local groups throughout the province are preparing a local study of their area. A follow up seminar will follow in June and once again this will be open to member societies of the Federation.

Planned Federation visit to Dublin 29th June

As part of the well established co-operation with the Federation in the south of Ireland there will be a joint visit to the Islandbridge National Memorial Park and to Collin's Barracks and Museum where the shared sacrifices of World War 1 will be the main focus of the discussions. Fuller details of the visit will be issued shortly – please let your society officers know if you are interested in making the visit. The coach will start off from Castledawson roundabout and through Belfast on its way South with 8.00 the likely pick up time in the city. Watch out on the FULS website for further details or contact the Federation at info@fuls.org.uk



Due North 2013

The Federation executive reviewed the position of *Due North* at its meeting recently and is increasingly concerned at the failure of many member societies to purchase any copies of this highly regarded publication. Articles and reviews are now being sought for the forthcoming volume and these should be submitted to the editor by early July at the latest. Articles should generally be over 1500 words and less than 4000 and illustrations are very welcome. Society journals and other publications can be reviewed and highlighted in *Due North* and more use could be made of this promotional opportunity. For further information contact editor, Johnny Dooher at 07713636362 of johndooher@btinternet.com

Joint Federations trip to Bath and Bristol

Once again the two Federations were on tour from the 15th to the 19th April when a group of 57 local historians visited a number of historical sites throughout the south west of England including the famed Stonehenge, Salisbury and its cathedral (below), the spa town of Bath with its richly layered history and the fading splendour of the port of Bristol with its long maritime traditions. Everything went smoothly and a full report and images are now available on the Federation website.

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

This project is still going strong and an increasing number of societies and groups have sent in stories and pictures for inclusion on the joint Federations website. Executive member John Hulme is keen to visit those groups who need some help - contact him at leslie.hulme@mypostoffice.co.uk

Federation Membership and Group Insurance

Most societies have now completed their membership and public liability insurance payments but there are still a few who have failed to make the necessary returns. Has your society completed their re-application? Please check to make sure!

A FULS executive Questionnaire will be issued very soon to all societies seeking their views on the level of interaction between the committee and the societies to help in the planning for future activities. Your help will be much appreciated.

