



Federation News-Letter

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Due North 2013

The next edition of *Due North* is progressing well and it is hoped to have it published before the AGM. There are a number of articles on various topics submitted and all of a high quality. What is missing, however, is book reviews, especially of journals published by local societies or groups; there is still time to have your review included and this would help societies to promote their publications. It would be possible also to publicise upcoming events at society level if the information was provided in time. Email queries and/or information to johnadooher@btinternet.com

Forthcoming Federation Events

A joint meeting of the Ulster and Irish Federations has been fixed for Derry on Sat. 13th October with a tour of the city and its historic buildings as part of the City of Culture year. The tour will start at 10.30 and there will be opportunities for free exploring time from 3.30 onwards. A programme will also be provided on the morning of Sun. 14th in Inishowen and

East Donegal. A separate booking leaflet will be forwarded to your society in the near future – for further details contact Bridgeen Rutherford
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Visit to the Aras

In early July representative from both Federations were invited to an Open Day in Aras an Uachtaráin and met President and Mrs. Higgins. The FULS group was lead by chairman Roddy Hegarty and included John Hulme, Johnny Dooher and Doreen McBride. For images and reports on this and the annual joint meeting of the Federations that was held this year in Dublin at the Islandbridge Peace Park and the Collins Museum see the Federation website at www.fuls.org.uk

Below: FULS and FLHS Representatives at
Áras an Uachtaráin





Participants in the People & Places Project at the Ulster American Folk Park in the summer.

Membership Renewals

Please note that membership renewals are now due in September and renewal forms will be with you very shortly to seek details on officers, planned programmes and other items of interest. It will make the job of officers of the Federation much easier if these forms are completed and returned promptly. Details of your society's programme for the coming year would be very welcome. Any queries contact FULS at info@fuls.org.uk

Other Federation activities

The Hidden Gems and Forgotten People project is making slow progress and many societies have still to take part. Further details on the programme are available on the FULS website or from John Hulme on his website

The AGM of the Federation will be held in Belfast in November and details will be issued shortly on date and venue. There will be a number of vacancies on the Executive Committee of the Federation – chairman and treasurer - and member societies will need to help fill these positions if the Federation is to keep going. Put this down for urgent discussion at your next

DOREEN CORCORAN An Appreciation

The recent death at her home in Greenisland of Doreen Corcoran will be a big loss to all those who worked with her over her forty year involvement in local studies in Ulster. Doreen was past secretary and chairman of the Federation and an honorary vice president over the past few years. She was a firm supporter of cross community and cross border links and her many friends throughout Ireland will greatly miss her calm presence and wise counsel.



Doreen picture here , speaking on the steps of the Linen Hall Library in Belfast, at the unveiling of a blue plaque to Thomas Russell.