

An Ghaeilge Inniu & Inné The Irish Language Today & Yesterday

The Public Record Office NI & Irish language body Foras na Gaeilge invite you to a series of lunchtime talks in PRONI headquarters:
2 Titanic Boulevard, Belfast, BT3 9HQ

Exploring aspects of the Irish language & culture

- 13.09.16** The Origin of “the fáiinne” by Professor Liam Mac Mathúna
- 20.09.16** The Influence of “the fáiinne” on Belfast by Dr. Liam Andrews
- 27.09.16** Music & the Irish Language by Fergus Ó hÍr
- 04.10.16** Irish-Medium Education by Diarmaid Ua Bruadair
- 11.10.16** Irish-Language Media by Tomaí Ó Conghaile
- 18.10.16** Developing an Irish-Language Community by Niall Ó Catháin

All talks will begin at 1pm.

The Líofa Initiative will live broadcast all talks via social media.

Saor in aisce Free Admission
Fáilte roimh chách Everyone Welcome

Please contact PRONI to register:
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Foras na Gaeilge



Liam Mac Mathúna

Professor Emeritus with Irish in University College Dublin, Liam Mac Mathúna is an expert in linguistics having completed his doctorate in Innsbruck University, Austria. He is currently editor of *Éigse: A Journal of Irish Studies* published by University of Ireland. He has extensively published on many aspects of Irish-language literature and culture. Liam will give an insight into the origin of the “fáinne” the pin badge worn to show fluency in, or a willingness to speak, the Irish Language which was founded in 1916.



Dr. Liam Andrews

Dr. Liam Andrews is a member of the Irish-language community and having married a Welsh speaker has raised his family with Irish and Welsh. Encouraged by his parents, he attended classes at Cumann Chluain Árd, Belfast, and spent several months in different Gaeltacht areas. An avid collector of information about the history of the Irish-language community in Northern Ireland, he has created a small archive of source material which traces the history of the Irish language community of the 20th Century. Liam will talk on the influence of the “fáinne” on the people in the north.



Fergus Ó hÍr

Manager and one of the founding members of Raidió Fáilte, the biggest Irish-language radio station in the north, Fergus Ó hÍr has worked for many years in the Irish-language sector. Fergus was the first Principal of Meánscoil Feirste (now Coláiste Feirste), the first Irish-medium secondary school in the north of Ireland. Fergus is especially interested in traditional singing and folk music and has produced and presented some quality programmes for Raidió Fáilte. Fergus will give us a personal insight into the changing face of Irish music.



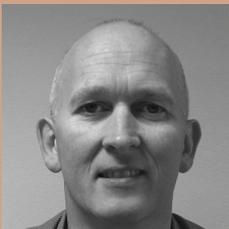
Diarmaid Ua Bruadair

One of the first pupils to attend Bunscoil Phobal Feirste, the first Irish-medium school in the north, Diarmaid was raised within the Shaw's Road Irish-speaking community. A former teacher in Coláiste Feirste, and a current Board member of Irish language youth organisation, Cumann na bhFiann, Diarmaid is now the Principal of Gaelcholáiste Dhoire, a community led Irish-medium secondary school founded in 2015 in South Derry. Fondly referred to as "Hogwarts na Gaeilge", the school is located in the landmark heritage site of Dungiven Castle to meet the increasing demand for quality Irish-medium education at post-primary level in the area. Diarmaid will take us on a personal journey through Irish-medium education.



Tomaí Ó Conghaile

A freelance radio and television presenter for BBC and TG4, public speaker and Irish language personality, Tomaí studied Irish and Spanish in Trinity University in Dublin. His media career began writing for Trinity News and having formerly worked in the Irish language newspaper Lá and online news service Nuacht 24 and in BBC NI, Tomaí has a wealth of experience in media. Inspired by other minority-language movements such as Basque and Catalan, Tomaí realised that there was a need to develop the Irish-language media sector, and in 2008 he founded the lifestyle magazine, Nós where he is currently editor. Nós is available online, as well as a print edition and deals with subject matter from culture and technology to travel and health. Tomaí will give an insight into Irish language media.



Niall Ó Catháin

Niall Ó Catháin is a chartered surveyor and project manager working in the construction industry. Niall is a voluntary and founder member of Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair / Carntogher Community Association that promotes a wide range of community based projects encompassing the social, environmental, economic and cultural revival of the rural Carn Tóchair/ Sleacht Néill community in south County Derry. The community association's ethos is based around developing an environmental sustainable and prosperous rural community and the reinstatement of the Irish language at the heart of this community. Niall is also the treasurer of An Ciste Infheistíochta Gaeilge, the Irish-language investment fund and a board member of Comhairle na Gaelscolaíochta.



Líofa

The word Líofa means 'fluent' and this is precisely what The Líofa Initiative strives to achieve – a greater number of fluent Irish speakers.

We at Líofa aim to encourage as many people as possible to make a personal pledge to improve their Irish, and in doing so, to join a community of like-minded people focused on learning and using the language. We also aim to support learners at any stage on their language journey, as the Irish proverb goes Ní neart go cur le chéile, which means that together we're stronger.

As well as language learning resources and advice, you can find your nearest class on our website at www.liofa.eu/learning-irish/classes.



Foras na Gaeilge

Maidir le Foras na Gaeilge:

In the Good Friday Agreement, it was stated that a North/South Implementation body be set up to promote both the Irish language and the Ulster-Scots language. Foras na Gaeilge, the Irish language body, has a role in advising administrations, North and South, as well as public bodies and other groups in the private and voluntary sectors in all matters relating to the Irish language.

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