

# IRISH FAMINE SUMMER SCHOOL

2015 AT STROKESTOWN PARK  
& IRISH NATIONAL  
FAMINE MUSEUM

17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> June 2015

Last Updated 16th February 2015

## Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015

8pm

Official Opening & Welcome,  
Library, Strokestown Park House

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015

9.30 – 1.00pm

The Great Irish Famine: New perspectives  
Strokestown Park House

Prof Christine Kinealy - Quinnipiac University, Connecticut, USA  
Dr Ciaran Reilly - Maynooth University, Ireland  
Dr Jonny Geber - University College Cork, Ireland

2.30-5.30pm

Tour of Cruchain Ai- Royal Celtic Site, Tulsk  
& the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Windmill, Elphin.  
Bus departs - Event Tent - Bawn St - 2.30pm  
Booking Required - €

2.00-3.30pm

Local Craft Display  
Percy French Hotel - Free

3.30 pm

'*Blas na Gaelige*' – Learn a few phrases of Irish  
Town Library - Free

4.00 pm

Secret Areas of Strokestown Park House Tour  
Woodland Walk Cafe - Reception Desk - €

Free Evening

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015

5.30am (tbc)

Darkness to Light 5 Km Walk to the Tye/Tighe Grave  
In memory of the 'Missing 1490'

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**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015 - continued**

**9.30 – 1.00pm      The Great Irish Famine Abroad**

Prof Mark McGowan - University of Toronto, Canada  
Dr Patrick Fitzgerald - Mellon Centre for Migration, Omagh NI  
Dr Perry McIntyre - Global Irish Studies Centre, University of New  
South Wales

**2.30-5.30pm      Tour of Rindoon Deserted Medieval Village**

Bus departs - Event Tent - Bawn St  
Booking Required - €

**2.30pm              Genealogy Centre Workshop**  
**Free**

**8pm                  Drama- The murder of Major Mahon, 1847**  
Strokestown Park House, Library  
Booking Required - €

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**9.30 – 1.00pm      The Great Irish Famine Remembered**

Dr Emily Mark-Fitzgerald - University College Dublin, Ireland  
Dr Marguerite Corporaal - Radbound, Nijmegen, Holland  
Dr Jason King - NUI, Galway, Ireland

**1.00 – 3.00pm      Secret Tour of Strokestown Park Estate & a 'Taste of Famine Times'**  
**- Soyer Soup & Maize Bread,**  
upstairs in the Woodland Walk Restaurant, Booking Required - €

**2.30 – 5.30pm      Tour of Roscommon Workhouse & Quaker Meeting House**  
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**3.30pm**                      **Sliabh Ban Walk through the Ages**  
(Meet at the Event Tent)

**8.00pm**                      **History Hedge School**  
Percy French Hotel – Ballroom  
Booking Required - €

'The Great Irish Famine: Past, present and future' [Title TBC]  
Professor Christine Kinealy  
Professor Mark McGowan  
Dr Emily Mark Fitzgerald

## **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

4th International Famine Conference

### **The local and regional impact of the Great Irish Famine**

**Keynote Speaker: Professor Peter Gray, Queens University Belfast**  
**'Locality and Region in the Making of British Famine Policy'**

Proposals for papers (15 minutes duration), exploring how the Great Famine impacted on a locality or region in any location are now welcome. We particularly invite proposals for papers from postgraduate students and local historians.

Enquires and proposals of no more than 250 words, accompanied by a brief biographical sketch, should be sent to Dr Ciarán Reilly- [ciaran.j.reilly@nuim.ie](mailto:ciaran.j.reilly@nuim.ie) by 15 February 2015.

**8.00pm**                      **Conference & Summer School Dinner**  
Strokestown Park House  
Pre-Dinner Drinks in the Library  
Booking Required - € 50

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015**

4th International Famine Conference - continued

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**12.30- 1.15pm**

**Closing remarks and Discussion**

**1.00 pm - 5.00 pm**

**Olde World Fayre**

Bawn St

**3.00pm**

**History Walk of the Town**

(Meet at the Event Tent) - Free

**Daily**

**At your leisure**

Woodland Sculpture Walk

Town Library Exhibition

Town Sculpture Trail

Horse Drawn Carriage Town Tours 'in style'

Roscommon Arts Centre Display

Strokestown Golf Club

Genealogy Centre - Open 2.00 - 5.00 pm daily

**Saturday & Sunday**

**Children's Events**

Face painting

Fancy Dress

Ice Cream

**Evenings**

**Music Sessions in the local Pubs**

Around 10.00 pm

Or simply browse through our beautiful Heritage Town

More information & Updates

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Bookings

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