

20ú Scoil Gheimhridh Cholmcille
Clár an Deiridh Seachtaine

Venue: Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Letterkenny

Friday, 27th February 2009
Dé hAoine 29ú Feabhra 2009
Oíche Ghaelach

Seisiún 1:

5.00 p.m. **Clárú** – Registration Tae/Café
7.00 p.m. **Fáiltiú** – Reception *Ceol Ghaelach*

7.30 p.m.

Oscailt Oifigiúil

Cathaoirleach: Donnchadh Mac Fhionnghaile; T.D.

Téama: “An Meathlú Eacnamaíochta agus an Ghaeltacht”

Pádraig Ó hAoláin, Uas., Príomh-fheidhmeannach, Údarás Na Gaeltachta

8.40 p.m. *Béile*

Saturday, 28th February 2009

Session 2:

9.00 a.m. **Registration** Tea/Coffee
9.30 a.m. **Chair: Cllr. Noel McBride**

Topic: ‘Policy Errors and the Irish Recession’

Prof. Frank Barry, Chair of International Business and Development; Trinity College Dublin

Discussion

Topic: ‘Political Implications of the Recession’

Mr. Michael O’Regan, Parliamentary Correspondent of the Irish Times

Discussion

11.15 a.m. *Tea/Coffee*

Session 3:

11.45 a.m. **Chair: Canon Brian Smeaton**

Topic: ‘Recession in the UK: Testing the Limits of Devolution’

Mr. Victor Hewitt, Director of the Economic Research Institute of Northern Ireland (ERINI)

Discussion

1.15 p.m. Lunch

20th Colmcille Winter School
Weekend Programme

Contd. Saturday, 28th February 2009

2.30 p.m. Guided Scenic Walk (Bring Boots) or Visit Local Tourism Facilities
5.00 p.m. Reception/Music

Session 4

6.00 p.m. **Chair: James McMonagle,** Senior Lecturer Business Studies, LYIT

Topic: ‘Some Preliminary Reflections on the Current Economic and Political Crisis in the United States’

Prof. Michael Clarke, Department of Public Administration, California State University, San Bernardino

Discussion

7.15 p.m. Conference Dinner

Sunday, 1st March 2009

10.40 a.m. Tea/Coffee

Session 5

11.20 a.m. **Chair: Mr. Martin Hilferty,** former President of Letterkenny Chamber of Commerce.

Topic: ‘Recession and Foreign Investment within Donegal’

Mr. Joe McHugh, Northwest Regional Manager IDA.

Topic: ‘Challenges facing Donegal SME’s in 2009’

Ms. Meabh Conaghan, Northwest Regional Manager Enterprise Ireland

Discussion

1.00 p.m. Close of Conference
Lunch

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