

# The Merriman Summer School

## **POBLACHT NA H EIREANN, THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND**

**IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN:** In the name of the nation from which she receives her old tradition of national freedom, she summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her military and revolutionary organisations, the Irish Republican Brotherhood and the Irish Volunteers, the Irish Volunteers, having patiently perfected her discipline, having repeatedly demonstrated her valour and her strength, she now seizes that moment to reveal herself, she now seizes that moment to reveal herself to her own children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, she now strikes in full confidence of her own strength, she

We declare the right of the Irish people to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of their own destinies, to be theirs by the right of self-determination, a right which is common to every people. The long usurpation of that right by the British Government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished until the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty, and in every century they have asserted it in arms. Six hundred years ago they asserted their right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the British Government, they have proclaimed the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and they have called on the peoples of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, and to the cause of the freedom among the nations.

The Irish people are entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our country has achieved the independence necessary for the establishment of a permanent National Government, the Provisional Government of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby

Gallant Allies in Europe  
Comhghuaillithe Calma san Eoraip

Honorary Director: Pat Cox

Jointly organised by Cumann Merriman and the European Parliament

29 Meitheamh/June – 2 Iúil/July

Glór, Inis, Co. an Chláir /Glór, Ennis, Co. Clare

The theme of the 2016 Merriman Summer School, 'Gallant allies in Europe', is taken from the Easter Proclamation. Cumann Merriman is honoured that the 2016 Summer School is part of the official centenary commemoration of Ireland 1916-2016. and that the School is being organised in partnership with the European Parliament's Irish office. An additional honour is that the honorary director is Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament. The academic director is Dr Bríd Quinn of the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Limerick.

It is intended to place the Easter Rising in its international context, the British Empire and the continent of Europe especially, and moving to our own time, to consider Ireland's relationship with the United Kingdom and the European Union 100 years on from 1916. This latter discussion will be extremely timely as the Merriman Summer School is being held less than a week after the outcome of the UK referendum on membership of the European Union. Speakers will include sitting MEPs, former MEPs, TDs, artists, authors, youth leaders, journalists and noted academics.

Cumann Merriman extends a warm welcome to all participants in the 2016 Merriman Summer School and wishes you an enjoyable visit to Ennis.

Fearann Cumann Merriman fíorchaoín failte roimh chairde, idir shean agus nua, tamall a chaitheamh inár gcuideachta in Inis i gContae an Chláir don 49ú Scoil Samhraidh as a chéile.

### Éarlambh/Patron

Micheál D. Ó hUigínn, Uachtarán na hÉireann  
Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland

### Merriman Summer School 2016 Stiúrthóir Oinigh/Honorary Director

Pat Cox  
former President, European Parliament

### Stiúrthóir Acadúil/Academic Director

Dr Bríd Quinn, University of Limerick

### Local arrangements in Ennis

Catherine Devine, Marian O'Callaghan,  
Mary O'Flaherty & Mary O'Riordan

### Venues

Registration: Glór  
All Summer School events: Glór

### Eolas/Information

Cumann Merriman: 086-3820671  
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Glór: 065-6843103  
[www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie)

### Accommodation

A comprehensive list of local accommodation  
can be accessed at [www.merriman.ie](http://www.merriman.ie)

# CLÁR NA SCOILE

Céadaoin 29 Meitheamh

Wednesday 29 June

- 19.00 Fáiltiú  
20.00 Oscailt na Scoile: Liam Ó Dochartaigh, Cathaoirleach, Cumann Merriman  
Introductory Remarks: Bríd Quinn

Léacht: Our Gallant allies in Europe: a Marriage of Convenience?  
Professor Diarmaid Ferriter

Déardaoin 30 Meitheamh

Thursday 30 June

- 10.00 - 12.00 Alliances with Europe  
History Ireland Hedge School with Hiram Morgan, Sylvie Kleinman,  
Angus Mitchell & Mike Cronin with Tommy Graham
- 12.15 Cúirt An Mheán Lae File: Bidy Jenkinson  
Á cur i láthair ag Máire Ní Neachtain
- 15.00 Panel: 'Exaltation among the nations': Our women & men in  
Europe - former MEPs  
Nuala Ahern, Sean Ó Neachtain, Emer Costello  
Cathaoirleach: Jillian van Turnhout
- 20.00 Panel: 'To find the answering voices that they seek': Ireland  
(North & South), Britain and Europe – in the aftermath of  
the UK referendum  
Professor. Mary C. Murphy, Steve Aiken MLA, Brian Hayes MEP  
Cathaoirleach: Pat Cox

# CLÁR NA SCOILE

Aoine 1 Iúil

Friday 1 July

- 10.00 – 12.00 Painéal: 'Cad é sin don té sin?': Éire, an Bhreatain agus an Eoraip  
Seán Kelly FPE, Liadh Ní Riada FPE, Éamon Ó Cuív TD, Harry Mc Gee,  
An tOllamh Mike Cronin  
Cathaoirleach: Liam Ó Dochartaigh
- 12.15 Cúirt an Mheán Lae: File: Brian Lynch  
Introduced by Máire Ní Neachtain
- 15.00 Panel: 'For years untold her youth will shine': Generation Maastricht:  
the youth perspective: Facilitated by David Garrahy with Valery Molay,  
and Cárthach O Faolain  
Cathaoirleach: Pat Cox
- 20.00 'Cradling dreams' - Cultural Perspectives  
Marina Carr and Mick O'Dea  
Introduced by Doireann Ní Bhriain

Satharn 2 Iúil

Saturday 2 July

- 10.00 Seimineár: 'An Scríbhneoir i dTíortha Stráinséara' Liam Mac Cóil  
Cathaoirleach: Deirdre Nic Mhathúna
- 11.00 Seminar: Gallant Allies and Exiled Children: International aspects of  
the 1916 Rising  
Ruán O'Donnell
- 12.15 Cúirt an Mheán Lae: File: Gabriel Rosenstock  
Á chur i láthair ag Máire Ní Neachtain
- 15.00 Panel: As others see us: 'Move lips, move minds and make  
new meanings flare'  
Joachim Fischer, Francis Jacobs, Professor Eddie Moxon-Browne
- 20.00 'The confluence of dreams': Looking to the Future: Pat Cox,  
President European Parliament 2002-2004  
Clabhsúr na Scoile : Liam Ó Dochartaigh

# The European Parliament

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Le blianta anuas agus de bharr athruithe a rinneadh ar na conarthaí Eorpacha, tá cumhachtaí tábhachtacha reachtacha agus buiséadacha faighte ag an bParlaimint a cheadaíonn di, i dteannta le hionadaithe ó rialtais na mBallstát sa Chomhairle, an treo ina rachaidh an tionscadal Eorpach a chinneadh.

Agus an obair seo ar siúl aici, tá gach iarracht déanta ag an bParlaimint an daonlathas agus cearta an duine a chur chun cinn – ní hamháin san Eoraip ach ar fud an domhain freisin.

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# Cumann Merriman

## Éarlámh Patron

Mícheál D. Ó hUigínn, Uachtarán na hÉireann  
Micheal D. Higgins, President of Ireland

The aims of Cumann Merriman (The Merriman Society) since its foundation in 1967 have been to promote interest in the poet Brian Merriman, in the history and traditions of Thomond (the old North Munster sub-division which includes parts of counties Tipperary and Limerick as well as county Clare), and in addition to promote interest in every aspect of Irish culture: the Irish language, Irish history, literature and music. These aims are achieved primarily through the annual schools: the Merriman Summer School and Scoil Gheimhridh Merriman.

Cumann Merriman has been honoured to have had as its Patrons the Presidents of Ireland, Éamon de Valera, Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh and Patrick Hillery, and the world-renowned poet and Nobel Laureate, Seamus Heaney. The current Patron is Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland.

### Membership/Ballraíocht i gCumann Merriman

We welcome new members. The annual membership subscription is €25.00. Is féidir clarú mar bhall de Chumann Merriman ar tháille bhliantúil (€25.00).

### Coiste Chumann Merriman (2015-2016)

Liam Ó Dochartaigh (Cathaoirleach eatramhach)  
Máire Ní Neachtain (Leas-Chathaoirleach)  
Deirdre Nic Mhathúna (Rúnaí)  
Catherine Devine (Cisteoir)  
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Marian O'Callaghan  
Mary O'Flaherty  
Mary O'Riordan  
Siobhán Quinn

**Tacaíocht Theicniúil agus Riarthóir ar an Suíomh Idirlín**  
Mícheál Mac Lochlainn

# Éarlámh Chumann Merriman Patron of Cumann Merriman

*Cúis onóra agus mórtais do Chumann Merriman is ea gurb é Uachtarán na hÉireann, Mícheál D. Ó hUigínn, cúigiú Éarlámh an Chumann ó Eanáir 2014 i leith.*

*Cumann Merriman is honoured and very proud that the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, is fifth Patron of Cumann Merriman since January 2014.*



## Buíochas/Thanks



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