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## HERITAGE A PRIORITY FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council is set to be the first local authority in Ireland to establish a *Strategic Policy Committee on Arts, Culture & Heritage* as part of its commitment to Agenda 21 of the Rio Convention.

An Foram Oidhreachta - *Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Heritage Forum* spearheaded the campaign to have this SPC established by the Councillors as part of the County Council's response to the Government's proposals for better local government.

Thirteen Councillors will be joined by seven representatives of the voluntary and community heritage organisations on this important committee. Though, the mechanism by which representatives will be selected to serve on the SPC is not fully established, however, it is hoped that this Society will be the voice of genealogy on the SPC for Arts, Culture & Heritage. The possibility of introducing a 'panel system' for the election of representatives by each sector, rather than the Councillors 'inviting' persons to serve on the SPC, would reaffirm the commitment to further direct community participation.

Though, An Foram Oidhreachta first called for the establishment of the SPC in "*The Yellow Book*" the County Council is to be commended for its decision to have such a committee and hopefully, other areas will follow its example.

## CIGO TABLE QUIZ

Following the very successful Table Quiz held last year in Buswell's, CIGO, has widened the appeal of the event by inviting the Irish Region of The Society of Archivists' to participate in the Table Quiz this year. It will be held in the Freemasons' Hall (opposite Buswell's Hotel) in Molesworth Street on **FRIDAY 20th JUNE** at 20.00 hrs - registration from 19.30 hrs. Tables of four just IRP 12.00 - bookings to Paul Gorry, tel: 839 3942. The Society urges members to make a special effort to attend, what promises be, a most enjoyable night.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 10th June 1997** - Evening Meeting  
- An Culturlann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown -  
20.00 hrs - 22.00 hrs

**Wednesday 25th June 1997** - Morning Meeting -  
Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire -  
10.30 hrs - 12.30 hrs

**Tuesday 8th July 1997** - Evening Meeting  
- An Culturlann, Belgrave Square, Monkstown  
- 20.00 hrs - 22.00 hrs

**Wednesday 23rd July 1997** - Morning Meeting  
- Port View Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire  
- 10.30 hrs - 12.30 hrs

### Wicklow County Genealogical Society

**Tuesday 17th June & 15th July 1997** - Group  
Discussion Nights in the Grand Hotel, Wicklow  
Town at 20.30 hrs. All Welcome.

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**3rd IRISH GENEALOGICAL CONGRESS**  
September 22-28, 1997 - St. Patrick's College,  
Maynooth, Co. Kildare. The Congress is the  
showcase of Irish Genealogy and the Society's  
urges members to book early for the lectures.  
Booking Forms available from the I.G.C.  
Committee, c/o The National Archives, Bishop  
Street, Dublin 8.

#### **An tEOLAI - RESEARCH DIRECTORY**

Brian Smith has invited research queries from  
members for inclusion in the Society Members  
Interests Directory - An tEolai. Entries are free  
of charge and any number may be submitted in  
the following format:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Area: \_\_\_\_\_

Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete as many entry forms as you wish and  
forward them to Brian at the Society's address.

#### **NEW PUBLICATIONS**

Brian Smith and Sean Magee have completed  
their first of a series of genealogical aides and  
sources. "**Shillelagh & Ballinacor South, Co.  
Wicklow - 1837 - A Memorial**" price IRP5.00  
(ISBN 1 898471 40 1) and "**A Guide to the  
Articles & Sources Published by Dun  
Laoghaire Genealogical Society -1992-1996**"  
price IRP2.00 (ISBN 1 898471 45 2). The two  
publications were launched at the Monthly  
Evening Meeting last month. Copies are available  
by post, just add IRP1.00 per item.

#### **C.I.G.O. PROJECTS**

Steven Smyrl has launched the first national  
family history project for the voluntary and  
community sector in Ireland. The *Marriage  
Licence Bonds* in the National Archives are to be  
indexed and placed on microfiche. You can  
participate from your own home if you have an  
IBM Compatible P.C. or if you don't have a  
computer, Steven, requires volunteers to check  
printouts etc. *Volunteers*, please phone *Steven*  
on *668 8074* for further information.

#### **SUB-COMMITTEES VACANCIES**

Following the reorganisation of the Society's  
sub-committees and the establishment of a  
Sub-Committee for Publications, volunteers are  
invited to join the Archive Sub-Committee; the  
Projects Sub-Committee and the Publications  
Sub-Committee. Meetings are held approx. six

times a year. The work is both interesting and  
enjoyable. Should you wish to help contact Rory  
Stanley, Cathaoirleach on tel: 282 4596.

#### **THE CHIEF HERALD OF IRELAND**

With a new government, almost a certainty, when  
the Dail meet's on the 26th June, genealogists  
must reflect on the possible policies of a new  
administration in regard to genealogy. In its  
position paper, "*Caring for our Heritage*",  
Fianna Fail has committed itself to the  
"re-establishment of the independence and status  
of the Chief Herald" and the formulation of a  
clear policy on Genealogy by seeking the advice  
of the Heritage Council and the voluntary  
organisations "as a matter of urgency". The  
document also stresses that the policy "should be  
guided by the goals of establishing maximum  
possible access to records".

Whilst, welcoming the emphasis placed on  
genealogy in Fianna Fail's document, much  
valuable progress has been achieved by the  
Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations and  
this Society over the years with the previous  
administration, though, the campaign to have the  
1926 Census opened to the public after 70 years  
continues and we look forward to our first, and  
early, meeting with the new Minister with  
responsibility for Arts, Culture & Heritage.

#### **DAONCHARTLANN PROJECT**

The Society has agreed the plans for the  
refurbishment of the Martello Tower at Seapoint  
as its Archive & Research Centre. The plans were  
presented to the Sub-Committee for Finance by  
our Architect, Sean Gaynor, on May 12th 1997.  
Full costings are being formulated and it is hoped  
to advance the project, with the full participation  
of FAS, in the next few months. Meanwhile, the  
Executive Committee has established a  
**BUILDING FUND** and the Society invites  
donations to this fund. All contributions will be  
acknowledged in the quarterly journal and in a  
suitable memorial in the Martello Tower.  
**Contributions may be forwarded to D.L.G.S.  
Building Fund, 14, Rochestown Park, Dun  
Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland.**

#### **NEXT ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL**

Vol. 6 No. 2 of the Society's quarterly journal  
will be published on Wednesday 25th June 1997  
at the Morning Open Meeting. Price IRP 3.00