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**THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO
IRISH HISTORY & SOCIETY**

CONFERENCE

**Moylough Community Centre,
Moylough,
Co. Galway**

**Sunday
21st October 2018**

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Programme

10.30am ~ 11.00am	Registration & Tea/Coffee
11.00am ~ 11.15am	Welcome by Cllr. Peter Keaveney, Leas Cathaoirleach, Galway County Council
11.15am ~ 12.00pm	‘Rural Women in the West of Ireland in the Post-Famine Period: An Overview of Struggle’ by Conor McNamara
12.00pm -12.45pm	‘Dudley Nurses’ by Joyce Ní Ghiobúin
12.45pm ~ 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm ~ 2.00pm	‘Ada English’ by Pat Johnson
2.00pm ~ 2.30pm	‘Palestine Brides’ by Paula Kennedy and Kathleen Connolly
2.30pm ~ 3.15pm	‘More than half the sky - Women who changed their worlds: Mamo McDonald, Cathaoirleach of the Irish Countrywomen’s Association and Hilda Tweedy, co-founder of the Irish Housewives’ Association’ by Mary Ryan
3.15pm ~ 3.30pm	‘Our Irish Women Project’ by Lorna Elms
3.30pm ~ 3.45pm	Tea/Coffee
3.45pm ~ 4.45pm	Music & Poetry

Exhibition

There will be an art exhibition by local female artists in our community and a display of commonly used artifacts and utensils that were used in women’s work in the home and community.

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Biographies

Lorna Elms

Lorna Elms has worked in the Irish heritage sector for over 20 years, joining the National Museum of Ireland ~ Country Life in 2003. Lorna is an advocate for community archiving and active citizenship within the cultural heritage sector, having seen first-hand the benefits and positive impacts that can be experienced at a personal, community and organisational level. Lorna has developed a range of specialist skills, knowledge and experience in her role as Project Coordinator for the Irish Community Archive Network.

Paula Kennedy & Kathleen Connolly

Paula Kennedy & Kathleen Connolly are members of a group of four volunteers who researched the story of the Mountbellew Workhouse Orphan Girls sent to Western Australia in 1852. This culminated in a commemorative weekend in June of this year which was attended by the Australian descendants of those girls and His Excellency Mr. Richard Andrews, the Australian Ambassador to Ireland. The story featured on RTE's Nationwide programme.

Pat Johnston

Pat Johnston is a retired history teacher. As a member of St. Brigid's Hospital Heritage Group she has worked towards keeping alive the history of the psychiatric hospital. Her play 'For A Little Lonely While' is an exploration of the life and work of Dr. Ada English. Her new play 'After Moyode' will focus on the life of Julia Mary Morrissey.

Joyce Elena Ní Ghiobúin

Joyce Elena Ní Ghiobúin is a graduate of Reconciliation Studies (MPhil, TCD Belfast), and has recently completed an Advanced Diploma in Local History (Oxford), towards continued research on transnational aspects of nursing history in Ireland. Her interests include district and military nursing (1850-1920), and the discipline of historical biography.

Dr Conor McNamara

Dr Conor McNamara teaches for the University of Minnesota, Ireland Program. He is the author of a number of studies of the West of Ireland.

Mary Ryan

Mary Ryan was a second-level teacher for thirty years. During that time she coordinated a transition project on intergenerationalism. In that context, she met Hilda Tweedy. She established an annual Grandparents Day in School and through that she met Mamo McDonald who was the VIP at one of them. Mary is a correspondent for the *Tuam Herald* and her first identity is as a feminist.

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A pair of shy young girls pose for the photographer. Collecting turf was a job for the whole family. Photographed in 1963 they show a way of life that existed in Ireland for hundreds of years but is now disappearing.

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