



REMEMBERING  
**JAMES  
HACK  
TUIKE**

**& HIS ASSISTED  
EMIGRATION  
SCHEMES FROM THE  
WEST OF IRELAND**

**Venue:** Ionad Cuimhneacháin  
na nImirceach, Carna,  
Co. na Gaillimhe  
H91 W60F

**Dates:** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
2019

CONFERENCE

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# Programme

## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

<b>7.30pm</b>	Official opening by Professor Christine Kinealy, Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University, Connecticut, USA
<b>7.45pm</b>	Launch of Geraldine Mills' poetry publication 'Bone Road' by Dr Gerard Moran and Professor Christine Kinealy
<b>8.00pm - 9.00pm</b>	'The Response of a Philanthropist to the Famines of the 1880s: James Hack Tuke and his Assisted Emigration Schemes' by Dr Gerard Moran
<b>9.00pm - 10.00pm</b>	Ceol le Clann Uí Cheannabháin
<b>Art Exhibition</b>	by Scoil Phobail Mhic Dara, Carna

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019

<b>10.30am - 10.45am</b>	Registration
<b>10.45am - 11.00am</b>	Launch of Dr Gerard Moran's publication 'Fleeing from Famine in Connemara' by Professor Christine Kinealy
<b>11.00am - 12.00 noon</b>	'Living Skeletons: James Hack Tuke and the Great Famine in the West of Ireland' by Professor Christine Kinealy
<b>12.00 noon - 1.00pm</b>	'Delving Into the Records; A Glimpse at Some of Galway County Council Archive Sources' by Patria McWalter
<b>1.00pm - 2.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.00pm - 3.00pm</b>	The Tuke Family Stories... 'Finding Mary Flaherty' by Leslie Thomas. Leslie will share her great grandmother's journey as a Tuke Fund recipient from Camus, Ireland to St. Paul, Minnesota, and how the process of discovering Mary's story has enriched her life Geraldine Mills will talk about her great-grandparents and six children who emigrated from Belmullet as part of the Tuke Fund 'Tuke's Assisted Emigration Fund' (audio clip) Compiled by Paul Wright 'Re-establishing a Bond' by Rosemarie Geraghty
<b>3.00pm - 4.00pm</b>	'Revealing Connemara: the Photographs of Major Rutledge Fair' by Sara Smyth
<b>4.00pm - 5.00pm</b>	Moderated session to discuss how the legacy of James Hack Tuke can be commemorated. Moderator: Dr Gerard Moran

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## Biographies

### **Rosemarie Geraghty**

Rosemarie Geraghty is a Local History Researcher, attached to Ionad Deirbhile Heritage Centre, Eachléim, Blacksod, County Mayo since 2006. Rosemarie sourced and transcribed the manifests of the fifteen Tuke Emigration sailings that left directly from Blacksod Bay 1883-84. This brought about the [www.blacksodbayemigration.ie](http://www.blacksodbayemigration.ie) database, to provide a focal point and help descendants of the Mayo families re-establish a bond with the home of their forebears.

### **Christine Kinealy**

Christine Kinealy is founding director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University, Connecticut, USA. She has published extensively on the Famine, including the award-winning, 'This Great Calamity. The Great Irish Famine, 1845-52' (Gill and Macmillan, 1994 and 2007) and 'Charity and the Great Hunger' (Bloomsbury Press, 2013). Her most recent research has focused on the abolition movement in Ireland, and her most recent publication is 'Frederick Douglass and Ireland: In His Own Words' (Routledge, 2018).

### **Geraldine Mills**

Geraldine Mills is a poet and short story writer from County Galway. She has been awarded many prizes and bursaries including the Hennessy/Tribune New Irish Writer Award, two Arts Council Bursaries and a Patrick and Katherine Kavanagh Fellowship. Her fiction and poetry are taught in universities in St Louis, Missouri, Connecticut and Massachusetts, U.S.A, and on the Emerson College Summer Course.

She is a mentor with NUI Galway and a facilitator with Poetry Ireland's Writers in Schools' Scheme. She was awarded an Individual Artist's Bursary from Galway County Council to work on her fifth poetry collection, Bone Road (Arlen House) which explores the theme of emigration in relation to her great-grandparents who availed of the Tuke-assisted emigration scheme in 1883.

### **Gerard Moran**

Gerard Moran is a researcher at the Social Science Research Centre at NUI, Galway. He also has lectured at Maynooth University. Moran has published extensively on 19th-century Ireland, including the acclaimed 'Sending Out Ireland's Poor' (Four Courts Press, 2013) and 'Fleeing from Famine in Connemara' (Four Courts Press, 2018). He is also an editor and contributor to 'Children and the Great Hunger' (Quinnipiac and Cork University Press, 2018).

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Patria McWalter has been Galway County Council's Archivist since 2000. Aside from assisting the Council ensure the proper care and preservation of its Archives, some of the major projects Patria has worked on in the intervening years are the development and provision of an on-line catalogue of the Archives' holdings, and the development of the Digital Archive ([www.galway.ie/digitalarchives](http://www.galway.ie/digitalarchives)), which provides free global access to many important and valuable sources. She has researched and curated a number of exhibitions, most notably 'From Colonial State to Free State, What they said...' (2016), is author of the guide 'For the Record, The Archives of Galway's Rural District Councils' (2014), compiled the text for 'Collecting and Preserving Folklore and Oral History: Basic Techniques' (2006), and contributed to 'Centenary Reflections on the 1916 Rising: A County Galway Perspective' (2016).

### **Leslie Thomas**

Leslie Thomas lives near St. Paul, Minnesota and is married with three adult sons. She holds a master's degree in environmental history from University of Edinburgh, works in aviation sales, writes poetry and co-founded a writing project for the Mississippi River. She enjoys the outdoors, travelling and researching her family history.

### **Sara Smyth**

Sara Smyth is an Assistant Keeper in the Education, Learning and Programming department of the National Library of Ireland. Between 2003 and 2010 she was curator of the National Photographic Archive. Her publications include 'Newsplan' (1998) and 'Tuke's Connemara Album' in 'Framing the West: Images of Rural Ireland 1891-1920' (2007). She also contributed to the 'Field Day Review Vol. 2' (2006).

### **Paul Wright**

After several years working as a lawyer in the 1990s, Paul began his media career working in community radio in Dublin South FM from the early 2000s onwards. Since then, he's produced dozens of radio documentaries for community radio and also countless FM based radio stations throughout Ireland, dealing with a diverse array of topics from recovery from drug addiction, to espionage, to "stories of grace" such as James H. Tuke's assisted emigration scheme of the late 19th century, and much more.

Paul is also an award-winning poet and writer, and more than anything else, he loves a good story which bespeaks "the best of human nature". In the spirit of his hero James H. Tuke, Paul's wished-for life-mission is to serve the community, since "What we do for ourselves dies with us, what we do for others lives forever".

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