

Political Voices: the Participation of Women in Irish Public Life, 1918-2018

Date: 12 December 2018

Venue: National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Square West, Dublin 2



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9.15 Registration

- 9.30 **Welcome Address:**
Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI
- 9.35 **Opening Address:**
Josepha Madigan, Minister of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht

Session 1: Revolutionary Women 1910-1930

- Chair:** Dr Maurice Manning, Chancellor of NUI
- 9.45 *'Loaded with Sedition': Irish Nationalist Women, 1910-1930*
Professor Senia Pasetta, University of Oxford
- 10.10 *War, Gender, and Cumann na mBan: The Mobilization of Irish Women, 1914-1922*
Dr John Borgonovo, University College Cork
- 10.35 *Belfast Cumann na mBan 1917-1922*
Dr Margaret Ward, Queen's University Belfast
- 11.00 **Discussion**
- 11.15 **Coffee**

Session 2: After the Vote: Women and Politics in Post-Independent Ireland, 1930-1970

- Chair:** Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley, NUI Galway & President of Women's History Association of Ireland
- 11.30 *Widows and Daughters in Dáil Éireann: a Feminist Reappraisal*
Claire McGing, Maynooth University
- 11.55 *Failure or Success? Women, Citizenship and Gender Equality in Ireland, 1930 to 1970*
Dr Caitríona Beaumont, London South Bank University
- 12.20 *Pioneering Women in the Labour Movement*
Dr Pádraig Yeates, Independent Scholar
- 12.45 **Discussion**
- 1.00 **Lunch**

Session 3: Reflections on Contemporary Feminism & Political Activism, 1970-2018

- Chair:** Professor Anne Scott, Vice-President for Equality and Diversity, NUI Galway
- 2.00 *The Contemporary Irish Women's Movement: State, Society and Political Activism*
Professor Linda Connolly, MUSSI, Maynooth University
- 2.25 *Women's Social and Political Rights in Northern Ireland since 1960*
Ms Bernadette Devlin-McAliskey, South Tyrone Empowerment Programme
- 2.50 *From There to Here: Notes on a life in the Women's Movement*
Dr Ailbhe Smyth, University College Dublin
- 3.15 **Discussion**
- 3.30 **Coffee**

Plenary Paper

- Chair:** Professor Linda Connolly, MUSSI, Maynooth University
- 4.00 *Reflecting on the Participation of Women in Irish Public Life, 1918-2018*
Justice Catherine McGuinness
- 4.30 **Discussion**
- 5.00 **Closing Remarks**
Dr Attracta Halpin, Registrar, NUI

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