

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER – AM

- CHAIR:** Professor William Smyth
- 10.00AM** Professor Christine Kinealy – ‘The weemen of Belfast. Female Philanthropy and the Great Famine.’
- 10.45AM** Dr Laurence Geary – The Great Famine and the practice of Medicine.
- 11.15AM** Cathal Porteir – What folklore can tell us about the Great Famine that the documents cannot.
- 11.45AM** Dr Jason King – Irish Famine migration to Montréal, Toronto and New Brunswick.

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER – PM

- CHAIR:** Rev John Dunlop
- 2.00PM** Dr Ciaran Reilly – Famine has made sad savages among its poor: the world of the Ulster cottier in the 1840s.
- 2.30PM** Dr John Nelson – Like Father, Unlike Son – The Rev. John Mitchel.
- 3.00PM** Professor Cormac O’Grada – Eating People is wrong – The Dark Side of the Famine.
- 3.30PM** Reflections on the Conference – Professor Christine Kinealy.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER ONWARDS

AN EXHIBITION IN NEWRY LIBRARY – THE GREAT FAMINE IN NEWRY AND TOWNLANDS

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

‘NEWRY REMEMBERS THE GREAT FAMINE IN WORDS, IMAGES AND MUSIC’ – ST. MARY’S CHURCH OF IRELAND, NEWRY

- 7.30PM** A Charity Event with Joanne Quigley, Tommy Sands, Pete St. John and friends.

INTERNATIONAL FAMINE CONFERENCE

JOHN MITCHEL: THE LEGACY OF THE GREAT FAMINE



Featuring over twenty of the world’s leading academics and writers

Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 September 2015
Canal Court Hotel, Newry

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2015 ANNUAL FAMINE
NEWRY COMMEMORATION

The Annual Famine Commemoration will be held in Newry on Saturday 26 September 2015.

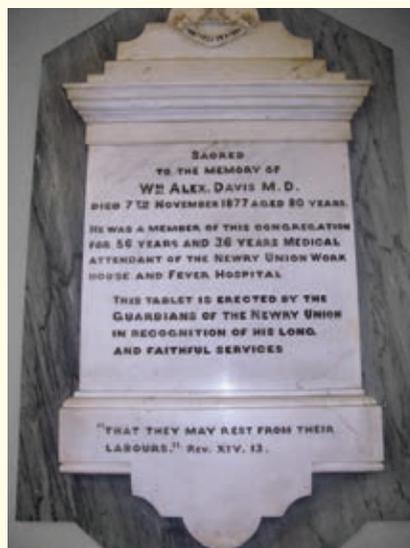
In common with previous years, a key event will be an International Conference, to be held this year in the Canal Court Hotel.

Academics and writers from Ireland, Britain, the USA, Canada and Australia will consider the causes, impact and legacy of the Great Famine.

The conference, sponsored by Newry, Mourne and Down Council is free and all are invited to attend the many and varied events. To reserve your place please contact Tommy Fegan at tommyfegan@gmail.com

SPECIAL EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:

- A History Ireland Hedge School exploring the differential impact of the Great Famine, especially in Ulster.
- Seven speakers with seven topics – each for seven minutes with seven slides.
- A Courtroom Drama – The Trial and Trials of Charles Trevelyan.
- A discursive walk to the Grave of John Mitchel.
- ‘Newry Remembers the Great Famine – In words, images and music.’ An event raising money for modern famine relief.



Plaque to the heroic Dr. Davis in St. Mary's Church of Ireland, erected by the Guardians of the Newry Union. He worked tirelessly to save lives in Newry Workhouse.

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WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

- 6.30PM** Registration.
- 7.00PM** Official Opening of the Conference:
Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD
Minister of State for New Communities, Culture, Equality and Drugs Strategy.
- 7.00PM** **A Hedge School Event**
Ulster and the Legacy of the Great Famine.

CHAIR: Tommy Graham
(History Ireland)

PANELLISTS: Professor Mary Daly
Professor Christine Kinealy
Professor Peter Gray
Dr Ruan O'Donnell

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – AM

- CHAIR:** Professor Christine Kinealy
- 10.00AM** Anthony Russell – Mitchel's Town and the Famine in Two Ulsters.
- 10.45AM** Professor William Smyth – Reflecting on the Atlas of the Great Irish Famine.
- 11.15AM** Dr James Quinn – John Mitchel, the Irish Peasant and the American Slave.

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER – PM

- CHAIR:** Dr James Quinn
- 2.00PM** **Pechakuchas – 7 Presenters, 7 Slides, 7 Topics in 7 Minutes.**
- 1** Nigel Agnew – Slavery, A Biblical Perspective
 - 2** Dr Paddy Fitzgerald – Seven Famines
 - 3** Dr Eamon Phoenix – Belfast Famine
 - 4** Hugh McShane – Newry Workhouse
 - 5** Michael Blanche – Famine Commemoration
 - 6** Lynn McLeavy – An Australian Famine Family
 - 7** Dr John O'Driscoll – Strokestown
- 4.00PM** **A Discursive Walk to John Mitchel's Grave.** A reflection on his life and legacy led by Anthony Russell.
- 7.30PM** **'The Trial and Trials of Charles Trevelyan'** A Courtroom Drama. Followed by an Irish Music Session in Railway Bar.