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Heritage as Reconciliation

A winter school exploring heritage practice in contested societies.

Monday 15 January -Friday 19 January, 2018.
Corrymeela Centre, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland.

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1. What are the start and finish times?

The conference will begin with a meal at 7.00pm on Monday 15 January, 2018, followed by a Welcome Session at 8.00pm.

The conference will finish with Lunch at 12.00pm on Friday 19 January, 2018, with participants departing at 1.00pm.

2. How can I get there?

By Car - we have plenty of parking on site. Directions are available at <http://www.corrymeela.org/bookings/find-us>

By Private Coach – we have booked a Private Coach to support transfers to and from Corrymeela. This can be booked return £30 through the Conference online booking form. The current schedule for the coach is:

Monday 15 January, 2018:

Depart Belfast City Airport at 4.00pm, arriving at Belfast International Airport at 4.45pm

Depart Belfast International Airport at 5.00pm arriving at Corrymeela Centre at 6.15pm.

Friday 19 January, 2018:

Depart the Corrymeela Centre at 1.00pm, arriving at Belfast International Airport at 2.15pm.

Depart Belfast International Airport at 2.20pm, arriving at Belfast City Airport at 3.00pm.

This facility can be booked and paid for via the online [Booking Form](#). Exact arrival and departure times may alter based on the needs of delegates and these will be communicated as necessary. The finalised times will be confirmed with delegates one week prior to the School.

3. Who is it for?

The school is for all those who are interested in exploring the role of Heritage in Reconciliation processes. There is no specific criteria for participation and we expect delegates from a variety of backgrounds, such as related academic disciplines, museum professionals, peace building activists, policy and funding bodies and community development workers. There is no requirement to be an expert in any particular area. Participants should have commitment to the school's themes and aims. The School is restricted to around 50 participants.

4. Can I come for just one day?

We are seeking to build a cohesive learning community across the duration of the school and beyond and as such we are giving preference to participants who can commit to the whole event. Please do contact us if you have a particular need.

5. What is the agenda for the School?

The emphasis across the School will be on creating participatory and creative spaces where participants can reflect on inputs, share their own perspectives and experiences and build a collaborative learning environment. A full itinerary including confirmed speakers and an overview of the themes for exploration is available at <https://www.corrymeela.org/programmes/community/heritage-as-reconciliation> . Some specific session times may alter slightly and this will be updated as needed.

6. Who is organising the School?

The School is being organised by an innovative partnership of organisations across the voluntary sector, local government and academia. It is led by the Corrymeela Community with Queens University, University of Ulster, William and Mary College, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, Belfast City Council and Quarto Collective. The partnership developed out of previous initiatives that explored and shared contested heritage, with a pilot project being initially funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. A short film about the project can be found [here](#).

The individual partners are:



Dr Colin Breen - Ulster University

Colin is senior lecturer in Archaeology at the University of Ulster. He brings unique scholarship that traces the lines between history and conflict to his archaeological analysis and has been involved in studies from across Ireland to Asia and Africa looking at how archaeological information gives insight to historical and contemporary identities across political and national lines.



Colin Craig – (Former Executive Director, Corrymeela Community)

Colin has worked in the field of Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland for over 40 years. From 2014 -2017 he was Executive Director of Corrymeela supporting the organisation through their major restructuring initiative and rebuilding their capacity to act as a “radical centre” for peacebuilding and reconciliation both locally and globally. Colin retired in September 2017, but has committed to supporting the development of the Winter School.



Robert Heslip - Belfast City Council: Tourism, Culture, Arts and Heritage Unit

Previously a history curator at the Ulster Museum between 1978 and 2006, Robert has also served as a board member, chair, as well as in training and policy roles for Irish Museums Association between 1991 and 2006. He was a board member at Public Achievement 2001 – 2007 and facilitated on the Spectator to Co-Curator project. He has taught on heritage topics at number of universities and is currently a board member of MINOM



Prof Audrey Horning - William & Mary College & Queens’ University, Belfast

Audrey is an anthropologically trained archaeologist whose research centres on comparative colonialism and the relationship between archaeology and contemporary identity. She has directed archaeological excavations with integral public-engagement components at Jamestown, Virginia; on Plantation-period sites in Northern Ireland; at the Slievemore Deserted Village, Achill Island, Co Mayo; and in the Virginia Blue Ridge. Her research address the ethics of engagement and future directions in historical archaeology and community archaeology amongst other interests.



Helen Perry –Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council: Museum Service

Helen has successfully delivered a number of participative learning projects exploring contested heritage through collections, including 'The Project of Plantation', North East Peace III Cultural Fusions programme and 'On the Brink: The Politics of Conflict 1914-1916'. CCG Council covers approximately one quarter of Northern Ireland's area.



Sean Pettis –Corrymeela Community

Sean joined the Corrymeela team in September 2010 as Project Coordinator for the, 'Facing Our History, Shaping the Future' project. Sean has 17 years' experience in the design, delivery and evaluation of community relations and active citizenship programmes as both a trainer of educators and a youth work practitioner. He holds a BA Joint Hons in Modern History & Politics and a Post Graduate Diploma in Community Youth Work.



Gemma Reid –Quarto Collective

Throughout her career in the museums and heritage sector, Gemma has sought to develop innovative and effective approaches to community learning and participation. From her experience of working within small local authority museums, she has built partnerships with local community groups to develop a wide range of interpretive and learning resources.

Now working as a freelance heritage practitioner, she enjoys facilitating communities to develop their understanding of the past and to take an active role in recording, preserving and interpreting their heritage. She is particularly interested in the role of heritage in peace-building and reconciliation work, where a more nuanced and complex understanding of the past may challenge and dismantle traditional community divisions.

7. What is the Corrymeela Centre?

The Corrymeela Centre is located just outside Ballycastle on the beautiful North Coast of County Antrim. The Centre is run by a combination of staff and local and international volunteers, welcoming those of all faiths or none. It is not a hotel or a hostel and operates with an ethos of shared community. We ask guests to support the running of the centre through help with cleaning dishes after meal times and by changing their bed linen on the day of departure. Please note bedrooms in the Davey Village are en-suite, however those in the Main House have shared bathroom facilities. Images of the site and accommodation can be viewed [here](#) . As part

of the Christian ethos of Corrymeela a short ecumenical worship is held in the morning and late evening. This is an optional space for those who want to attend. To find out more about the Centre you can view our Welcome Brochure [here](#).

8. If I book the option with accommodation where will I stay?

We have two pricing options for those who wish to stay residentially with us.

Single Room: £450 per person

Shared Room (Max 2 people): £350 per person

Non-residential: £325. For those who wish to book non residentially, accommodation can be privately booked in the nearby town of Ballycastle.

We are offering both single room and shared room facilities in either our 'Main House' or 'Davey Village' accommodation blocks. Images of the site and accommodation can be viewed [here](#) . The Davey Village has en suite accommodation, whereas the Main House offers shared bathroom facilities. Rooms will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you select the shared room option, you can let us know on the booking form if you have a friend or colleague you wish to share with.

9. What is included in the price?

For residential participants the costs include 4 nights' accommodation (see options above), meals (4 breakfasts, 4 lunch, 4 evening meals), tea/coffee and refreshments (tea and coffee is available at any time), a wine reception, a day of interactive site visits and access to the full conference programme/sessions. For non-residential participants, only breakfast and accommodation is excluded from the above list.

10. Can I stay for extra nights?

We expect that the Centre will be fully booked prior to and after the School. Accommodation in Ballycastle town can be found via <http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/Places-to-Stay-A85> . You may also wish to consider visiting Belfast before or after the School. See <http://visitbelfast.com/> for more information.

11. Are bursaries available?

Thanks to funding from the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs we offered a bursary application scheme for participants resident on the island of Ireland. The scheme closed on Friday 24 November, 2017 and will not be re-opened. If any places become available through drop outs, you can register your interest with Sean via the details below.

We are unable to provide bursaries for participants from outside Ireland.

This document will be regularly updated in the coming period. If you have an additional question, please contact Sean Pettis, via email seanpettis@corrymeela.org or telephone +44 (0) 28 90 50 80 80.

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