

PARTICIPANTS:

- Diarmaid Ferriter** *Irish Historian,
University Professor & Author*
- Senator David Norris** *Independent Member
of the Oireachtás,
Gay & Civil Rights Activist,
former Lecturer and James Joyce Scholar*
- Seamus Hosey** *Broadcaster & former
Radio Producer for RTE*
- Muiris O' Suilleabhain** *Author & Professor
Emeritus of Archaeology at UCD.*
- Patricia King** *Trade Unionist, General Secretary of
Irish Congress of Trade Unions.*
- Jane Maxwell** *Principal Curator of Manuscripts
& Research Library in TCD*
- Kevin Myers** *Journalist and regular
contributor to radio programmes.*
- Claire O'Brien** *Freelance Journalist Broadcaster*
- Eoghan Harris** *Journalist, Lecturer, Screenwriter,
Fiction Writer, Columnist, Politician
& former member of the Oireachtas*
- Robert Ballagh** *Artist, Painter,
Designer, Political Activist*
- Michael Foley** *Journalist and Lecturer in Journalism*
- Marie Louise O'Donnell** *Senator, Broadcaster
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James Fintan Lalor Autumn School, 2017

Organised by
Laois Heritage Society



*Saturday, November 18th, 2017
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise
9:30am - 4:30pm*

Overall Theme: Creating Ireland: Conflict, Co-operation, Continuity

JAMES FINTAN LALOR AUTUMN SCHOOL

SCHEDULE:

9:30am Registration.
Tea / Coffee.
Audience write out their questions on cards for questions & answers session.

10:00am Autumn School opened.
MC: Kathleen Culliton,
Chairman, JFLAS Sub-Committee

Introduction: Michael Parsons,
Chairman, Laois Heritage Society.

Padraig Fleming,
Cathaoirleach, Laois County Council.

Official Opening: Charlie Flanagan, TD
Minister for Justice.

10:20am Portlaoise Comhaltas.

10:45am Morning Panel Discussion.

Theme: Brexit:
Our Identity, Our Future.

Chairman: Diarmaid Ferriter,
introduces the theme and panellists.

11:00am Panel Discussion with
Senator David Norris, Seamus Hosey,
Muiris O' Suilleabhain and
Patricia King.

Panellists will each have 5 minutes to
express their views on the theme before
the discussion begins.

12:30pm **Soapbox: Jane Maxwell.**

12:45pm Audience questions & answers.

1:00pm Lunch.

2:00pm **Soapbox: Kevin Myers.**

2:15pm Audience questions & answers.

2:30pm Afternoon Panel Discussion
(questions & answers style).

Theme: Ireland Today.

Chaired by Claire O'Brien, who
introduces the theme and the panellists.

2:45pm Panel Discussion with Eoghan Harris,
Robert Ballagh, Michael Foley and
Senator Marie Louise O'Donnell.

Panellists will each have 5 minutes to
express their views on the theme.

4:00pm Mountmellick Comhaltas.

4:20pm **Closing remarks:**
Teddy Fennelly, President,
Laois Heritage Society.

Audience participation is encouraged
throughout the day.

When formal procedures are over,
a showing of the play "From the sod to the sky"
by Mike Finn will be introduced
by MC: Kathleen Culliton.

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