Exploring the Everyday
Economic and Social History Society of Ireland Annual Conference
Friday 27 - Saturday 28 November 2015
Tara Building, Mary Immaculate College, South Circular Road, Limerick

Friday 27 November
2.00 - 5.00 p.m.  Registration (Floor 1, Tara Building)
2.45 – 3.00 p.m.  Welcome (Professor Michael Hayes, President MIC)
3.00 – 5.00 p.m.  Panels (Room allocation to be finalised)

Panel 1: The objects of the everyday
Anne O’Dowd (Independent Researcher): Straw, hay and rushes in Irish folk tradition.
Maeve Sookram (National College of Art and Design): Carpet and comfort in suburban 1960s Ireland.

Panel 2: Everyday birth, health and mortality
Clodagh Tait (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick): Everyday deaths: illness and mortality in late seventeenth-century Youghal.
Brian Gurrin and Ciara Breathnach (University of Limerick): Mapping infant mortality in Dublin, 1864-1913.
Ciara Breathnach (University of Limerick): Motherhood on the margins and cause of infant death: Dublin, 1900-1910.
Panel 3: Occupiers, not owners: tenancy, change and stagnation

Brian Casey (Independent Researcher): Attempting to construct political consciousness in the west of Ireland: the case of the Ballinasloe Tenant Defence Association, 1876-79.

John O’Donovan (University College Cork): Housing of the rural labourer in County Cork, 1900-1905: a comparison of four rural districts.

Peter Connell (Trinity College Dublin): Housing conditions in Irish provincial towns in the early twentieth century.

Tom Keane (Mary Immaculate College): The Garryowen Housing Crisis of 1922.

5.00 – 5.45 pm. Coffee, during which there is an opportunity to view

- Manufacturing in a Free State (Frank Barry and Eileen Leahy’s 30-minute film on work and industry in the 1920s)
  and/or
- Audio-Visual presentation on ‘the everyday’ from Mary Immaculate’s Oral History Archive.

5.45.00 pm. Connell Lecture:
Dr. Cornelius Buttmer, Roinn na Nua-Ghaeilge, University College Cork.
Irish and the poetics of the everyday.

7.30 pm. Conference Dinner (€28 payment additional to conference fee) (Room G.08, Foundation Building, Mary Immaculate College)

Saturday 28 November

9.00 – 11.00 am: Panels

Panel 4: Leisure and daily life

Cathy Swift (Mary Immaculate College): The everyday Oireachtas

Sam Manning (Queen’s University Belfast): The social practices of cinema-going in Belfast, c.1945–1962.

Sean Shanagher (Ballyfermot College of Further Education): Recreational Dance and Club Culture in the 1990s.

Panel 5: Friendship, love and affection


Panel 6: **Lives outside the mainstream**
Ciarán McCabe (National University of Ireland Galway): ‘Everyday experiences of begging in pre-Famine Ireland.’
Olivia Martin (National University of Ireland Galway): Lesser-gentry woman of East Mayo.
Conor McNamara (NUIG 1916 Scholar in Residence): The Irish Revolution and the mercantile community of east Galway.

11.00 – 11.30 am: Coffee
11.30 - 1.00 pm: Panels

Panel 7: **The wider economy: movers and shapers**
Frank Barry, (Trinity College Dublin): Leading manufacturers in the 1920s Irish Free State.

Panel 8: **From school to work and beyond**
Mary McGillicuddy (Independent Researcher): Mackerel Fishing Livelihoods in the Late 19th and early 20th Centuries in Southwest Ireland.

Panel 9: **Far from home**
Tadhg Moloney (Mary Immaculate College): ‘Answer this as quick as possible’: Letters home from a Limerick soldier in World War I.
Martin Walsh (UL), 'Protecting our girls', female emigration from Ireland, 1885-1922.
Sinéad Power-Quinn (Mary Immaculate College Limerick): The Reality of Twentieth Century Emigration in Rural Co. Wexford. [Contd....

1.00 – 2.00 pm: Lunch and A.G.M.
2.00 – 3.30 pm: Panels

Panel 10: **Forging identity: pen, print and pictures**
Bernadette Whelan (University of Limerick): Reading and the family: messages from America 1900-1960.
Panel 11: **Devotion, individual and community**

Declan O’Keeffe, (Clongowes Wood College): The canon of Irish literature and the obstinate quill: Matthew Russell and Patrick Sheehan.

Síle de Cléir (University of Limerick): The Ritual Family: praying the rosary in twentieth century Limerick city.

Panel 12: **Communities seen from within**

Chloe O’Reilly (Trinity College Dublin): ‘A Social Looking-glass: An analysis of the constructed community of the Iveagh Trust.’

Patrick Duffy (Maynooth University): Revealing ordinary everyday life: a south Ulster diary from the 1930s and 40s.

Michael Kennedy (Royal Irish Academy): Killing Annie Dean: teenage sex, life and murder in 1930s Dublin.

**4.00 pm.** Close of conference.