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LIBERTY IN IRELAND

From Magna Carta to the Present

Irish Legal History Society Conference
Friday 25 and Saturday 26 November 2016
Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin

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Speakers:
Claire Breay (British Library) • Paul Brand (Oxford) • Ian Campbell (Queens University Belfast) • Coleman Dennehy (UCL/UCD) • Seán Duffy (Trinity) • Adrian Empey (Church of Ireland Historical Society) • Patrick Geoghegan (Trinity) • James Kelly (DCU) • Colum Kenny (DCU) • John Larkin (Attorney General for Northern Ireland) • Bláthna Ruane SC
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FRIDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2016

10.15 Registration
10.45 Welcome and opening remarks

11.00 Session 1. Chair - Bernard Meehan
Medieval History Research Centre, TCD

Claire Breay ‘Celebrating the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta at the British Library in 2015’

Seán Duffy ‘The political background to Magna Carta: King John and Ireland’

12.30–1.30 Lunch (attendees to make their own arrangements)

1.30 - 3.00 Session 2. Chair - Maebh Harding
University of Warwick

Adrian Empey ‘Conquest and common law’

Peter Crooks ‘1216, 1366 and all that: Magna Carta and exclusionary liberties in late medieval Ireland’

3.00 - 3.30 Coffee break sponsored by

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3.30 - 5.00 Session 3. Chair - James McGuire MRIA

Ian Campbell ‘Magna Carta in Irish political theory, 1541–1660’

Coleman Dennehy ‘Nisi per legale judicium parium suorum: parliament, politics, and the right to trial by peer’

Colum Kenny ‘Myth, Mervyn and the “Irish Magna Carta” of 1662’
Friday, 25 November (cont’d.)

5.00 Tea and Coffee to welcome ILHS members
5.30 Irish Legal History Society Annual General Meeting
6.00

The Irish Legal History Society

Winter Discourse and Keynote Conference Address

Chair: The Hon. Mr Justice Deeny, President

Professor Paul Brand Emeritus Fellow, All Souls Oxford
‘Magna Carta in Ireland, 1215–1320

Saturday, 26 November 2016

9.30 - 10.45 ILHS Council Meeting

11.00 - 12.30 Session 5. Chair: - Kenneth Milne - Chair Christ Church Cathedral Library and Archives Committee
Jimmy Kelly ‘Era of Liberty? The politics of political rights in eighteenth-century Ireland’
Patrick Geoghegan ‘Daniel O’Connell, Magna Carta and the idea of liberty’

12.30 - 1.30 Lunch (attendees to make their own arrangements)

1.30 - 3.00 Session 6. Chair: - Sir Anthony Hart
Tom Mohr ‘Liberty in an Irish Free State, 1922–37’
Bláithna Ruane ‘Magna Carta and modern Irish constitutionalism’
John Larkin ‘Magna Carta and the Irish statute books’
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