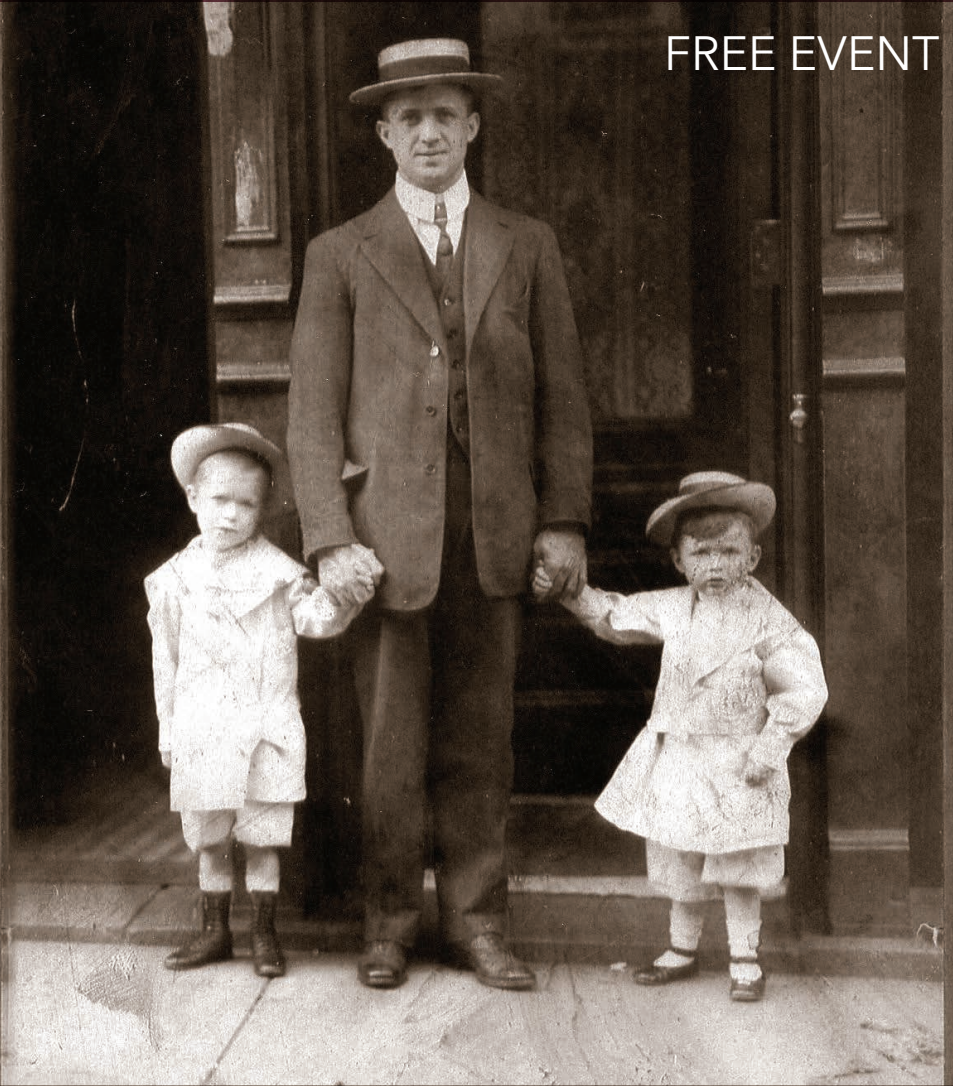


CONFERENCE

# EMIGRATION

## & OUR GALWAY COUNTY DIASPORA

FREE EVENT



Clarenbridge Oyster Festival Marquee, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016

# PROGRAMME

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<b>9.00am - 9.45am</b>	Registration & Tea/Coffee
<b>9.45am - 10.00am</b>	Welcome & Introduction
<b>10.00am - 10.45am</b>	'Uncovering Galway's Lost Emigrants in the Nineteenth Century: Assisting the Poor to Leave' by Dr Gerard Moran
<b>10.45am - 11.30am</b>	'UK Sources for Galway Emigrants' by John Grenham
<b>11.30am - 12 noon</b>	Tea/Coffee
<b>12.00 noon - 12.45pm</b>	'Wanderers and Workers: Migration from Post-famine Ireland' by Dr Jennifer Redmond
<b>12.45pm - 1.00pm</b>	Questions & Answers
<b>1.00pm - 2.00pm</b>	Lunch
<b>2.00pm - 2.45pm</b>	'Tracing the Irish in Australia and New Zealand' by Brian Donovan
<b>2.45pm - 3.30pm</b>	'The Ghosts of Gorham's Corner' by Eileen Davis & Máirtín Ó Catháin
<b>3.30pm - 3.45pm</b>	Coffee/Tea
<b>3.45pm - 4.30pm</b>	'Tracing Galway's Emigrants in the United States and Canada' by Joe Buggy
<b>4.30pm - 5.15pm</b>	'This is a Good Country for all Kind of Men': The Experience of James Hack Tuke's Connemara Emigrants in the American Midwest, 1880-1930 by Dr Regina Donlon
<b>5.15pm - 5.30pm</b>	Questions & Answers
<b>6.15pm - 7.30pm</b>	Aeraíocht ~ A celebration in music, song and dance Aeraíocht  This is a presentation and celebration of the cultural traditions of the county in music, song, dance and poetry, with a range of world-class musicians, singers and dancers taking to the stage.

# GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION STANDS

The following organisations will have information stands with regards to their work and services:

## **East Galway Family History Society Co. Ltd.**

East Galway Family History Society Co. Ltd. is based in the village of Woodford, in southeast County Galway. It is located at the Woodford Heritage Centre - a former school building dating back to 1834 located in Barkhill, at the southern end of the village. Set up in 1991, the Society was established to provide a genealogical research service for national and international clients through the collection, transcription and computerisation of historical records for the East Galway area. It is a designated centre of the Irish Genealogical Project, which is a countrywide network of centres that transcribes and computerises genealogical records, along with providing an ancestry tracing service for the public. East Galway Family History Society is a 'not-for-profit' organisation with all profits being used to enhance and improve the services provided by the Society for the local community and visitors alike. The Society has carried out genealogical research on behalf of a considerable number of clients over the years. Additionally, the Society promotes tourism, business and heritage awareness in the area.

### **Contact details:**

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## **Galway Family History Society West Ltd.**

The Galway Family History Society West Ltd. (est.1985) has computerised genealogical resources for the Galway West region (an area, stretching from Dunmore in the North-East to Kinvara in the South, including Galway City and the Islands). They provide a professional genealogy research service at their centre in Galway City. They are a member of the Irish Family History Foundation (IFHF), the coordinating body for a network of government approved genealogical research centres in Ireland. As a member of the IFHF, Galway Family History Society West Ltd. have added over 600,000 genealogical records to the online research service [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie). which now holds over 20 million Irish ancestral records and is a wonderful tool for those interested in conducting their own genealogical research.

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Email: [galwaywestroots@eircom.net](mailto:galwaywestroots@eircom.net)

Website: [www.galwayroots.com](http://www.galwayroots.com)

Online Research Service: [www.rootsireland.ie](http://www.rootsireland.ie)



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## Ireland Reaching Out (Ireland XO)

Ireland Reaching Out (Ireland XO) connects people of Irish heritage around the world to their ancestral parishes and counties in Ireland, enabling them to celebrate, and nurture, a shared cultural identity with local Irish communities.

The programme has two key concepts, that of "reverse genealogy" - researching those who left an area and tracing them and their descendants and inviting them to connect back to Ireland, and "meet & greet". This means that when someone of Irish heritage does return, that they get a warm and knowledgeable welcome from a volunteer in each local area, someone who can reconnect them to their homestead of origin, and connect them to their people, if at all possible, thereby creating a lifelong deep connection between that person and Ireland, no matter where they live around the world.

### Contact details:

Website: [www.irelandxo.com](http://www.irelandxo.com)

Email: [info@irelandxo.com](mailto:info@irelandxo.com)

## Western Family History Association (WFHA)

The WFHA is a Genealogy Association based in Galway, in the West of Ireland and its members come mainly from County Galway, with some from the rest of Connacht and beyond.

The Association promotes knowledge and study of family history, genealogy and heritage. The WFHA is a self-help group to its members and it also offers guidance and advice to those interested in their Irish roots. The Association organises lectures and workshops on topics related to genealogy and family history.

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## Joe Buggy

Joe Buggy is a genealogist with AncestryProGenealogists, the in-house research team of Ancestry.com

He is the author of *Finding Your Irish Ancestors in New York City*, the first book on the topic. Joe has previously written about Irish genealogy research in the U.S. in a series of articles for *Irish Lives Remembered* genealogy magazine. In conjunction with his day job, he also runs the *Townland of Origin* (townlandoforigin.com) website and blog, which focuses on Irish genealogical research in the United States and Canada.

## Eileen Davis

Eileen has played a key role in developing the concept of the Emigrants Commemorative Centre in Carna. A native of Clifden, her ancestry is deeply embedded along the stony seashore of the south Connemara Gaeltacht.

She has a background in the Hotel and Catering industry but she eats and drinks folklore, genealogy and local history. She is engrossed in the culture fostered by the people of Connemara at home and overseas. Her knowledge of family and local history has steered many people back to the humble roots of their ancestors in Connemara.

## Dr Regina Donlon

Dr Regina Donlon graduated with a PhD from Maynooth University in 2014. She is currently working as an Irish Research Council Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the National University of Ireland, Galway where her work examines assisted emigration from the west of Ireland to the American Midwest during the period from 1880 to 1930. Her research interests include nineteenth and twentieth century Irish history, American history in the Reconstruction era and transnationalism.

## Brian Donovan

Brian is the Global Head of Irish Collections at findmypast.com. He previously lectured in history at Trinity College Dublin in the 1990s and since then has lectured throughout Ireland and the US on history, genealogy and digitisation. Brian's experience in digital technology, as well as his background in history, helped motivate the founding of the well-known Irish genealogy company Eneclann in 1998. He played a key role in establishing the Irish collection at [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com), and launched the exciting new Irish Family History Centre in Dublin in May 2016. Brian oversees all aspects of the development of the Irish record collection at findmypast.com



## For accommodation & further information regarding Clarinbridge and the Oyster Festival see the following links:

<http://www.bridgethatgap.ie/>

<https://www.facebook.com/bridgethatgap.ie>

<http://www.clarenbridge.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/clarenbridgeoysterfestival/>

[http://www.ouririshheritage.org/category\\_id\\_\\_56.aspx?path=](http://www.ouririshheritage.org/category_id__56.aspx?path=)

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