



3rd Annual Sinn Féin Summer School

Friday 7th

Introduction

Senator Kathryn Reilly

6.30pm-8.30pm

Campaigning for a United Ireland: Learning from the Experiences of Others.

- Alfred Bosch MP
- Brian Donohue
- Martin Ferris TD

Saturday 8th

10.30am – 12.30pm

The Relationship between the Media and Politics in Ireland. Healthy or Unhealthy?

- Paul O'Brien
- Rob Morrison
- Eoin Ó Murchú

12.30 pm | Lunch

1.45pm

Keynote address
Mary Lou McDonald TD

2pm

Making a New Ireland: Can the Arts influence progressive political change?

- Trisha Lambe
- Ray Yeates
- Elaine Harrington aka Temper-Mental MissElayneus

3.45 pm | Special Guest
Speaker: Brian Kennedy

4.00pm | Tea and coffee break

4.30 pm | National Reconciliation – Uncomfortable Conversations: Dealing with the Legacy of the Conflict

- Amanda Fullerton
- Alan McBride
- Declan Kearney

7.00pm | Dinner

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The Third Annual Sinn Féin Summer School takes place in Baile Bhuirne in West Cork on the 7th and 8th September. The Summer School is a forum for debating progressive ideas about building a better Ireland. We want to foster debate about advancing an alternative vision for Ireland, including with those who do not necessarily agree with Sinn Féin. It aims to bring together a wide range of speakers from different backgrounds.

This year there will hear debates and discussions on national reconciliation, the arts, the relationship between media and politics and campaigning for a United Ireland.



Senator Kathryn Reilly

Kathryn Reilly, elected to the Seanad on 2011, is the youngest member of the current Oireachtas and the youngest ever person elected to the Seanad. She is a member of the Sinn Féin Ard Chomhairle.



Brian Donohue

Brian Donohue is an International Representative for the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). The Laborers represent over 500,000 construction workers and public service employees, including his home local union, the "Sandhogs", who build New York City's tunnels. He is involved in rolling out political campaigns for LIUNA.



Rob Morrison

Rob Morrison is the former Head of News and Content at UTV. He had editorial responsibility for UTV's coverage of every election since 1992. In his 36 year career he also worked for BBC and RTÉ.

Earlier this year Morrison was commissioned by RTÉ to undertake a highly sensitive investigation into its editorial policies as a result of the Presidential Election debate on *Frontline* broadcast in October 2011, better known as 'Tweetgate'.



Alfred Bosch MP

MP and leader of ERC-RCat in Spanish Congress (Republican pro-independence Catalan Left) Alfred Bosch was spokesperson for the popular Referendum on Independence held in Barcelona on April 10th 2011.

Novelist and author, his books in Catalan are among best-sellers and have been translated into several languages. He has won the top literary awards in Catalonia.

An academic specialising in History of Africa and Europe he has lectured in the Universities of Barcelona-UPF, Madrid, London, Ibadan, Witwatersrand, Chicago and others.



Martin Ferris TD

Martin Ferris is a Sinn Féin TD for the constituency of Kerry North. He was first elected to the Dáil in 2002 when he topped the poll, after spending a number of years on Kerry County and Tralee Town Councils. He was re-elected to the Dáil in 2007 and again in 2011. Martin was part of the Sinn Féin negotiating team in the lead up to the signing of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998 and he has travelled extensively in support of the peace process and Irish Unity.



Eoin Ó Murchú

Eoin Ó Murchú is the former Political Editor of Raidió na Gaeltachta, a position which he held for 17 years. He regularly appears on radio and television as commentator and political analyst. He is a columnist with *An Phoblacht*.



Paul O'Brien

Paul O'Brien is Political Editor of the *Irish Examiner*, and a regular contributor to current affairs programmes on radio and television. Before joining the Examiner, he was deputy editor of *Magill*.



Brian Kennedy

Brian Kennedy is a critically acclaimed singer/songwriter from the Falls Road, in West Belfast. He has performed with some of the legends of the music industry including Van Morrison, Joni Mitchell, Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, and others. In 2006 Brian represented Ireland at the Eurovision song contest with his own composition *Every Song is a Cry for Help*. He is currently a coach on RTÉ programme *The Voice of Ireland*.



Ray Yeates

Ray Yeates is Dublin City Arts Officer and a former Artistic Director of axis: Ballymun. Yeates led axis to local, national and international acclaim, overseeing a unique partnership of local people, the local authority and the community and voluntary sectors in Ballymun. In the late 1980s Yeates served as Deputy Artistic Director of the Abbey Theatre.



Temper-Mental MissElayneous

Temper-Mental MissElayneous is a talented and accomplished artist from Finglas in Dublin. Although MissElayneous has trained as an actor and performed in diverse roles amid strong casts, she is generally recognised as a rapper. Her work is inherently political and her EP, *Proletarian Revolution* was received to much critical acclaim.



Trisha Lambe

Trisha Lambe is Curator of the Gallery of Photography, Dublin. She has also directed one-off Artists in the Community projects and a number of major cross-border projects, most recently the Borderlines Archive Project. Trisha has worked in the Gallery of Photography since 1992 and she lives in County Louth.



Mary Lou McDonald TD

Mary Lou McDonald is Vice President of Sinn Féin and a TD for the constituency of Dublin Central. She is spokesperson on Public Expenditure and Reform. She was a member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2009.



Declan Kearney

Declan Kearney is the National Chairperson of Sinn Féin. He has commenced a process of dialogue with unionism including church leaders and victims' representatives as part of Sinn Féin's commitment to national reconciliation.



Alan McBride

Alan McBride lost his wife and father-in-law in the Shankill bombing in 1993. He works with the WAVE Trauma Centre (a grassroots, cross community charity offering care and support to people bereaved, injured or traumatised as a result of the conflict in the North) in Belfast.



Amanda Fullerton

Amanda Fullerton is the daughter of assassinated Sinn Féin councillor Eddie Fullerton. Since he was shot dead in his Buncrana home in 1991, the Fullerton family have sought to have an inquiry into the role of collusion between loyalist paramilitaries and the security forces in the killing.

