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DISCOVERY 2024!

EIGHTH ANNUAL REVIEW OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES IN ULSTER

**Organised by the Centre for Community Archaeology at Queen's University
Belfast and the Ulster Archaeological Society**

Friday 8th November and Saturday 9th November 2024

Programme

Friday evening, 8th November 2024

Common Room, Elmwood Building, QUB & Lecture Theatre (Room OG-029), Elmwood Building, QUB

18.00-18.30 **Conference Registration**

18.30 **Conference Launch and Wine Reception**

19.00-20.00 **Keynote Address: Professor Gabriel Cooney (University College Dublin)**

Death and Burial in Ireland 8000 BC – AD 400, with Reference to Ulster

Saturday, 9th November 2024

Lecture Theatre (Room OG-029), Elmwood Building, QUB

9.00-9.30 **Conference Registration**

9.30-9.40 **Conference Welcome: Anne McDermott MBE** (President of the Ulster Archaeological Society) & **Dr Colm Donnelly** (Co-Director of the Centre for Community Archaeology, Queen's University Belfast)

SESSION 1: COMMUNITY ARCHAEOLOGY

Chaired by Dr Heather Montgomery (Centre for Community Archaeology, QUB)

9.40-9.55 **Professor Eileen Murphy** (Centre for Community Archaeology, QUB)
Community Archaeology Programme NI (CAPNI), 2024

9.55-10.10 **Ruairí Ó Baoill** (Centre for Community Archaeology, QUB)
A Recent Community Excavation in Derry City

10.10-10.25 **Brian Sloan** (Centre for Community Archaeology, QUB)
Excavations at Castlereagh, Co. Down

10.25-10.40 **Dr Colm Donnelly** (Centre for Community Archaeology, QUB)
Excavations at Ballycastle, Co. Antrim

10.40-10.55 **Malachy Conway** (National Trust)
Excavations at a Circular Stone Enclosure in Divis Townland 2024

10.55-11.25 **Morning Tea/ Coffee break**

SESSION 2: RESEARCH

Chaired by Barrie Hartwell (Ulster Archaeological Society & QUB)

11.25-11.40 **Dr Rena Maguire** (Queen's University Belfast)
'Pict'ure This': Exploring Early Connections Between the North of Ireland and Scotland Through Art and Identity

11.40-11.55 **Gosse Bootsma** (Queen's University Belfast)
Botanical and Chemical Factors Impacting Recent Carbon Storage Dynamics in Temperate Peatlands

11.55-12.10 **Dr Jessica White** (Queen's University Belfast)
The Biomechanics of a Physically Impaired Individual from Early Medieval Ranelagh, Co. Roscommon

12.10-12.25 **David Craig** (Ulster Archaeological Society)
Probing the Ground: UAS Fieldwork Activities in 2024

12.25-13.00 **Q & A for morning session**

13.00-14.30 **Lunch**

SESSION 3: HERITAGE PAST AND PRESENT

Chaired by Pat O'Neill (Ulster Archaeological Society)

14.30-14.45 **Bronagh Murray** (Historic Environment Division, DfC)
Archaeology 2030: A Strategic Approach for Northern Ireland – An Update

14.45-15.05 **Sapphire Mussen and Maia Giles** (Historic Environment Division, DfC)
HED Artefact Collections: Successfully Transforming Storage and Access

15.05-15.20 **Maybelline Gormley** (Historic Environment Division, DfC)
Galloon East Cross Conservation 2024

15.20-15.35 **Dr Vicky Ginn** (Historic Environment Division, DfC)
The Historic Environment in Peatland Restoration

15.35-15.50 **Dr Greer Ramsey** (National Museums NI)
Ballintaggart Court Tomb – A 6000 Year Agricultural Journey

15.50-16.05 **Q & A for Afternoon 1 session**

16.05-16.25 **Afternoon Tea/ Coffee break**

SESSION 4: COMMERCIAL EXCAVATION & POST-EXCAVATION PROJECTS

Chaired by Bronagh Murray (Historic Environment Division, DfC)

16.25-16.40 **Dr John Ó Néill** (Irish Archaeological Consultancy Ltd)
Update on Drumclay Crannog Post-Excavation Project

- 16.40-16.55** **Mario Fusco** (Northern Archaeological Consultancy Ltd)
A Bridge Too Glar: Excavations of a Rath at Randalstown, Co. Antrim
- 16.55-17.15** **Simon Kane and Bethany Johnston** (Gahan and Long Archaeological Services Ltd)
More Than we Bargained for: The Excavation of a Lost Medieval Cemetery at Carrickfergus
- 17.15-17.30** **Q & A for Afternoon 2 session**
- 17.30** **Conference concludes**