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THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

First Circular & Call for Papers – December 2023

Spring conference May 10-13th 2024

DCU All Hallows Campus, Gracepark Road, Drumcondra D09 N920, Ireland

This year's conference is being organised by Dr Aengus Ó Fionnagáin in conjunction with Fiontar & Scoil na Gaeilge, Dublin City University. Dublin City University (DCU) has three campuses. The conference activities will take place on the **All Hallows Campus**, Drumcondra. All Hallows College was formerly a seminary and college of education, founded in 1842. The oldest building on the 17-acre campus, located just outside the city centre, dates to 1726.



This year we will be asking delegates to book their accommodation directly. Ensuite Accommodation will be provided by DCU on the **Glasnevin Campus**. A booking link is available [here](#). The cost will be from £375 for a single occupancy room for three nights bed and breakfasts. The conference registration fee (to be confirmed but around €50 for members, €80 for non members) will cover lunches and coffee breaks. The coach trip will be €15.

The Glasnevin campus is 3km from All Hallows (40 mins walk). Taxis to and from All Hallows will be provided (for free) to delegates staying in Glasnevin, once in the morning and once in the evening. Public transport is also available (Dublin Bus). The university has reserved rooms for delegates on a first come first served basis. Delegates are also free to source their own alternative accommodation. The Skylon Hotel, Drumcondra, is a 7 minute walk from All Hallows.

Check in at the DCU Rooms (Glasnevin) is from 3pm on Friday the 14th. Dinner on Friday evening TBA but expected to be around 6pm, in All Hallows. Breakfast and lunch will also be served in All Hallows. Dinners on Saturday and Sunday will be in a local pub/restaurant in nearby Drumcondra, and will be paid for by delegates on the night. Delegates should budget in the region of €90 for the evening meals. The conference will close after breakfast on Monday 17th. Check out time 11am.

Conference programme

The conference will open formally after dinner on Friday evening, with a lecture by Dr Conchubhar Ó Cruaíoch, Chief Placenames Officer at The Placenames Branch. The coach trip on Sunday afternoon will be to **Fore**. Fore is a small village situated in a beautiful valley in Co. Westmeath – it has plenty to offer the visitor, including the site of St Feichín's monastery, an impressive Benedictine Abbey, the ruins of the town gatehouses and the town gaol, a 3km looped walk, as well as a café and two pubs.

Keep an eye on https://snsbi.org.uk/2024_Dublin.html for more information on the programme as and when it becomes available.



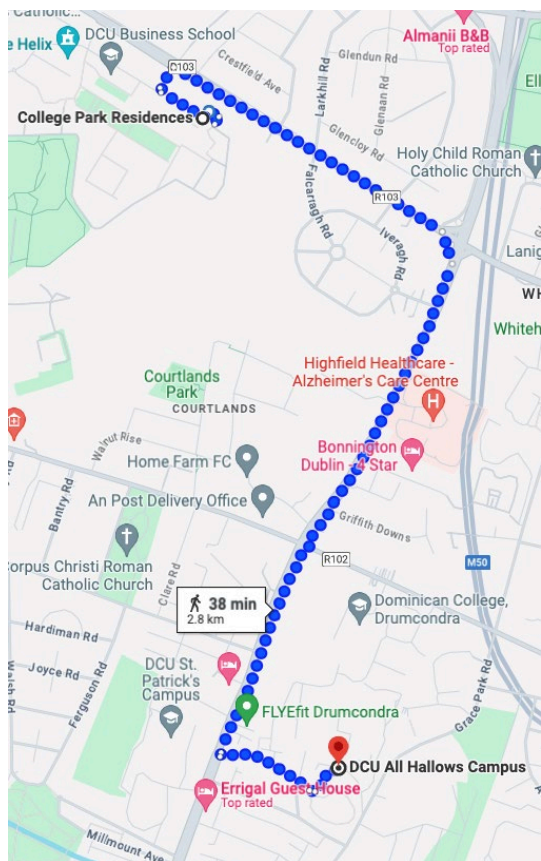
Fore Abbey, Co. Westmeath on a July evening (photo – Aengus Ó Fionnagáin)

Call for papers:

Contributions are welcome on a range of topics, both place- and personal names. If you are interested in giving a paper please email a title and abstract to: confsec@snsbi.org.uk by January 25th.

Cearclann Logainmneacha /Placenames Workshop – Friday 10th May.

Gaois (Fiontar & Scoil na Gaeilge, DCU), and the Placenames Branch (Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media), who collaborate on the Placenames Database of Ireland (Logainm.ie), are organising a workshop on the topic of placenames and trees. This event will held on the All Hallows Campus on Friday 10th May. Papers in the morning will be in Irish and in the afternoon will be in English. There will be a reception after the workshop. Delegates of the SNSBI conference will be welcome to attend and a programme will be circulated to members in advance and available on logainm.ie. Contact: una.bhreathnach@dcu.ie.



Directions:

From Dublin Airport to College Park Residences, DCU (Glasnevin):

Bus: take a 16 or 41. Alight at Swords Road Stop (16) or Iveragh Road Stop (41). Walk 15 mins north-west to DCU Glasnevin.

Pay for bus with leap card or euro coins. No change given.

Taxi: DCU Glasnevin is 7km from the airport. Fare c. 20 euro, 20 mins journey time.

From Dublin Airport to DCU All Hallows

Bus: take a 16 or 41. Alight at St. Patrick’s College stop. 3 min walk along Church Avenue to All Hallows.

The society offers students of onomastics £100 bursary off the cost of the price. Please submit an email from your supervisor to treasurer@snsbi.org.uk confirming your status to apply. A separate student event is being planned. Full details will be sent separately to our student membership.

CONFERENCE **Booking slip – please email these details to the Treasurer**

You will be invoiced later for conference fee and coach trip once prices have been agreed.

Name(s):

Email Address:

Phone number:

SNSBI member type:

Conference Attendance: I wish to attend the full conference (TBA circa €50/80)

Conference accommodation: I have booked directly with the venue using the link

<https://reservations.dcurooms.com/bookings/specials/society-for-name-studies-in-britain-and-ireland-snsbi-conference?tariff=corporate>

Conference Meals: I have budgeted for these separately

Coach excursion: I wish to attend the coach trip (TBA circa €15)