

## Location

The West Cork History Festival takes place in the grounds of Rosebank, next to the Liss Ard estate, one mile outside Skibbereen on the Castletownshend Road.

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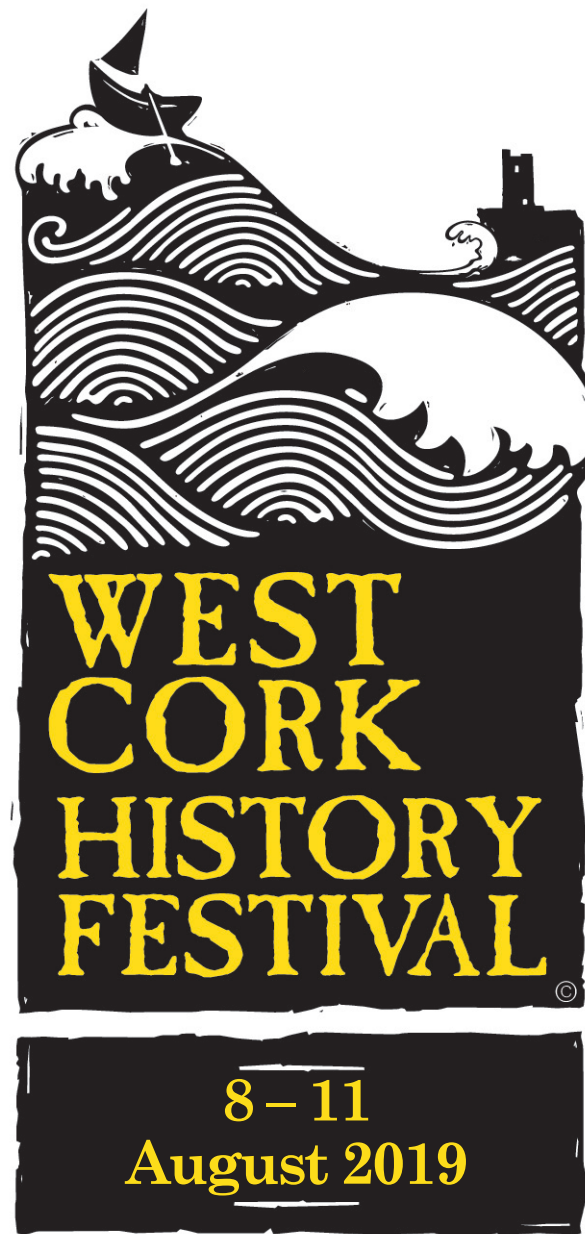
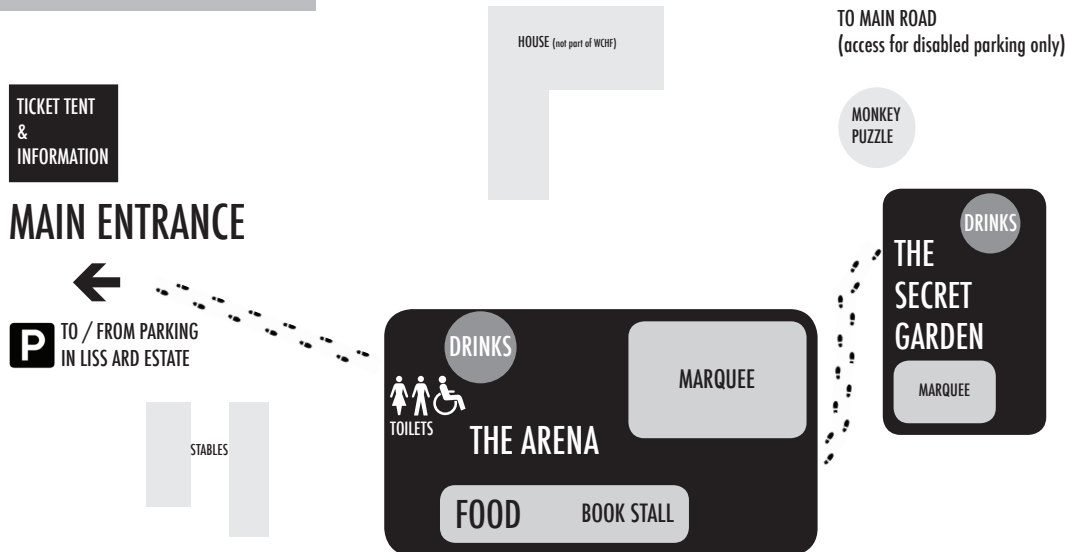
## Food & Drink

Food and drink will be available to buy on site throughout the three days of the Festival.

## Parking

Due to parking restrictions at the Festival venue ALL parking for those attending (other than the disabled) will be at the neighbouring Liss Ard Estate. Signage on the road will direct you. For further information please visit our website.

## Festival Map



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Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland Programme  
2017-2022



An Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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Tickets available via our website and at The Coffee Shop at Uillinn: West Cork Arts Centre, Skibbereen

[www.westcorkhistoryfestival.org](http://www.westcorkhistoryfestival.org)

# West Cork History Festival programme – 8 – 11 August 2019

## Festival Field Trips

We are organising guided walks and field trips to historically and archaeologically significant locations in and around West Cork.

### Thursday 8 August

#### Field Trip 1: Thursday 8 August 2019, 10.00–17.00: History and Archaeology of West Cork

This field trip will take you from the Bronze Age, through the Medieval and up to recent history including Knockdrum Fort, the Drombeg Stone Circle and Castletownshend.

#### Field Trip 2: Thursday 8 August 2019, 10.00–17.00: History & Archaeology of the Beara Peninsula

Focusing on the O'Sullivan Beares, the field trip will visit their hidden cemetery, explore their last stronghold in Dursey Sound, the tragic site of Dunboy Castle and other places of interest in this remote peninsula.

#### Walking Tour 1: Thursday 8 August 2019, 19.00: Walking Tour of Historic Skibbereen

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### Friday 9 August

#### Field Trip 3: Friday 9 August 2019, 10.00–17.00: History and Archaeology of the Mizen

The Mizen Peninsula is extraordinarily beautiful and has a rich and varied heritage. This field trip will take you from the Bronze Age to the present day, as successive settlers, invaders, miners, priests and painters left their mark on the landscape.

**The main History Festival takes place across two venues, the Arena and the Secret Garden.**

## Festival Talks and Events

### Friday 9 August

#### Friday evening (The Arena) 9 August 2019, 18:30 – 20:00

Former Taoiseach **John Bruton** in conversation with **Carl Dinnen**, ITV News political correspondent. This opening discussion will cover Ireland's changing relationship with European and trans-Atlantic partners and consider some of the centenaries of 1919.

#### Friday evening (The Secret Garden) 9 August 2019, 20:30

The West Cork History Festival stages its first ever Historical Disco with all titles or artists having a historical link.

### Saturday 10 August

#### Saturday morning (The Arena) 10 August 2019, 10:00–13:00

**10:00–11:00** – Dr Brian Coghlan  
An exploration of the life of Percy Ludgate. Followed by launch of appeal for information on Percy Ludgate.

**11:00–12:00** – His Excellency Dan Mulhall  
'Declaring Independence: America 1776, Ireland 1919.'

#### Saturday morning (The Secret Garden) 10 August 2019, 10:00–13:00

**10:00–11:00** – Professor Thomas O'Connor  
'Strangers to Citizens: the Irish in Europe before the French Revolution.'

**11:00–12:00** – John Dorney  
'Florence McCarthy and his Spanish Connections.'

**12:00–13:00** – Dr Sylvie Kleinman  
'Framing the Irish Republic 1796–2016:  
A revisit of Tone's exile in France for the Decade of Commemorations.'

#### Saturday morning (Skibbereen's Ludgate Hub) 10 August 2019, 10:00–11:30

'Searching for Percy: discovering the everyday lives of West Cork's most famous residents', a digital history quest for 8 years olds and up (and their grown ups) in conjunction with the Ludgate Hub.

#### 13:00–14:00 Lunch

#### Saturday afternoon (The Arena): 10 August 2019, 14:00–18:00

**14:00–15:00** – Professor Brendan Simms  
'From Back door to Back Stop. Britain, Ireland and Europe in historical perspective.'

**15:00–16:00** – Professor John Horne  
'At the Crossroads: Ireland, Britain and the International Context, 1919–23.'

**16:00–17:00** – Professor Mary Murphy  
'Europe and the British-Irish Relationship:  
Past, Present and Future.'

**17:00–18:00** – Panel discussion on the triangular relationship between Ireland, Britain and continental Europe, with Ruth Dudley-Edwards, Professor John Horne, Professor Mary Murphy and Professor Brendan Simms.

#### Saturday afternoon (The Secret Garden): 10 August 2019, 14:00–18:00

**14:00–15:00** – Gerald O'Brien in conversation with **William Casey** 'Daniel O'Connell and the Monster Repeal Meeting, Skibbereen, June 1843.'

**15:00–16:00** – Professor Clare Connolly  
'Subject Waves? Towards an environmental history of the West Cork coastline.'

**16:00–17:00** – Orla Murphy on 'The Life and Work of Seamus Murphy' with an introduction by **Mary Leland** on the cultural life of Cork City from the 1950s to the 1970s.

**17:00–18:00** – Miriam O'Donovan 'James Goodman's Song Manuscript of 1857 in its Context.'

#### Saturday evening (The Arena): 10 August 2019, 19:00–20:30

**Jessie Kennedy** and **Justin Grounds** will be joined by one of Ireland's leading pipers, **Eoin Ó Riabhaigh**, as well as flautist/fiddler **Johnny McCarthy** in a concert of music inspired by the work of Canon James Goodman.

### Sunday 11 August

#### Sunday morning (The Arena): 11 August 2019, 10:00–14:00

**10:00–11:00** – Professor Brian Walker 'Southern Protestant Voices during the War of Independence and Civil War.'

**11:00–12:00** – Professor Liam Kennedy 'The IRA and Irish Protestants, 1919–23 and 1969–98.'

**12:00–13:00** – Professor Eunan O'Halpin 'Policing and politics: the RIC and the War of Independence, 1919–21.'

**13:00–14:00** – Panel Discussion on the Decade of Centenaries with Professors Kennedy and O'Halpin and others tbc.

#### Sunday morning (The Secret Garden): 11 August 2019, 10:00–11:30

Screening of *Keepers of the Flame* (2018) drawing on material emerging from the Irish Military Pension Archives.

#### 14:00–15:00 Lunch

#### Sunday afternoon (The Arena): 11 August 2019, 15:00–18:00

**15:00–16:00** – Dr Ida Milne & Dr Ian d'Alton  
'Protestant and Irish: Opening a different sort of conversation?'

**16:00–17:00** – Ruth Dudley Edwards reflecting on attitudes in southern Ireland to Northern Ireland.

#### Sunday afternoon (The Secret Garden): 11 August 2019, 15:00–17:00

**15:00–16:00** – Jim Herlihy 'The Royal Irish Constabulary – A Forgotten Force – the case for a Memorial.'

**16:00–17:00** – Stephen Collins 'Why the State should commemorate the RIC/DMP. A personal perspective.'

#### Sunday evening (The Arena): 11 August 2019, 17:00–18:30

The closing speaker of our 2019 Festival will be screenwriter and novelist **Daisy Goodwin**, who wrote the hugely popular TV series 'Victoria' on the life of Queen Victoria. Daisy will speak about writing Victoria and her own West Cork connections.