

# Revealing the past

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Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2

A biennial seminar presenting a selection of recent discoveries from archaeological excavation and related research in Ireland funded by the National Monuments Service, and from C14 dating research funded by Queens University Belfast, through grants administered by the Royal Irish Academy's Standing Committee for Archaeology.

**Tickets €10/€5 including lunch. Booking essential via [ria.ie/events](http://ria.ie/events)**

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| 10:00 | Tea/Coffee and Registration   | 14:00 | <b>A medieval meeting place by the Boyne: excavation of a possible ferta at Dowth, Co. Meath</b>  |
| 10:25 | Introduction<br>Mr Ian Doyle, Chair, Royal Irish Academy<br>Standing Committee for Archaeology  |       | Dr Clíodhna Ní Lionáin, Project Archaeologist,<br>Devenish Lands at Dowth and Dr Stephen<br>Davis, University College Dublin  |
| 10:30 | <b>Ireland's ice-age world revealed: new discoveries from Ballynamindra Cave, Co. Waterford</b><br>Dr Richard Jennings, Liverpool John Moores<br>University, UK and Mr Cólín Ó Drisceoil,<br>Kilkenny Archaeology | 14:30 | Discussion  |
| 11:00 | <b>Down by the river: looking for early Mesolithic people at Hermitage, Co. Limerick</b><br>Dr Tracy Collins, Aegis Archaeology Limited<br>and Hermitage Archaeological Research<br>Project                       | 14:45 | <b>A good vintage: early medieval grape pips from Kilkenny</b><br>Dr Susan Lyons, Environmental Archaeological<br>Consultant and Mr Cólín Ó Drisceoil,<br>Kilkenny Archaeology  |
| 11:30 | <b>Prehistoric ritual practices revealed at the Newgrange Farm excavation, 2018</b><br>Dr Geraldine Stout, National Monuments<br>Service  | 15:05 | <b>A clean slate: the science of writing on slate in late medieval Ireland</b><br>Professor Elizabeth FitzPatrick, School<br>of Geography and Archaeology, NUI Galway<br>and Professor Hugh Byrne, FOCAS Research<br>Institute, TU Dublin |
| 12:00 | Discussion  | 15:25 | <b>Feeding the poor: revealing relief food from dental calculus analyses in victims of the Great Irish Famine</b><br>Dr Jonny Geber, School of History, Classics<br>and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh                              |
| 12:30 | Lunch (provided)  |       | Discussion  |
| 13:30 | <b>Embracing the dead on Baltinglass Hill: a newly discovered palisade enclosure</b><br>Dr Alan Hawkes, Consultant Archaeologist  | 16:00 | Close   |



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