

## C. Desmond Greaves (1913-1988)

C.Desmond Greaves, whose work and writings inspired the foundation of this Weekend School, was one of Ireland's leading labour historians. He was author of *The Life and Times of James Connolly*; *Liam Mellows and the Irish Revolution*; *Sean O'Casey: Politics and Art*; *Wolfe Tone and the Irish Nation*; *History of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union: The Formative Years*; *The Irish Crisis*, and two books of verse, *Four Letter Verses* and *the Mountbatten Award* and *Elephants Against Rome*.

Desmond Greaves believed that the peaceful way to end the partition of Ireland was to secure maximum equality between Nationalists and Unionists in the Six Counties, thereby removing any rational basis for Unionism as an ideology that justified domination over Nationalists and opening the way for Northern Unionists to rediscover in time the political implications of the common Irishness they share with their Nationalist fellow countrymen and women.

As an activist in the Connolly Association, London, and editor from 1948 to 1988 of its monthly newspaper *The Irish Democrat*, he pioneered the idea of a campaign for civil rights as the way to shatter Unionist political domination, which was taken up by the 1960s Northern Civil Rights Movement. He held that it was essential for Ireland to win allies internationally for any moves to end Partition and that organised British public opinion, especially as represented in the British Labour and trade union movement, which the Irish community in Britain could significantly influence, was the most important such potential ally.

He believed that in the era of the European Union and the near-global domination of Transnational Capital, the most important political task for democrats and the Labour Movement was to join in an international campaign in defence of the Nation State as the fundamental locus of political democracy and the only mechanism which history has evolved for imposing social control on private capital.

### BOOKINGS AND ADMISSION

Full school €25  
Individual sessions €6  
Students/unwaged half-price



### ENQUIRIES

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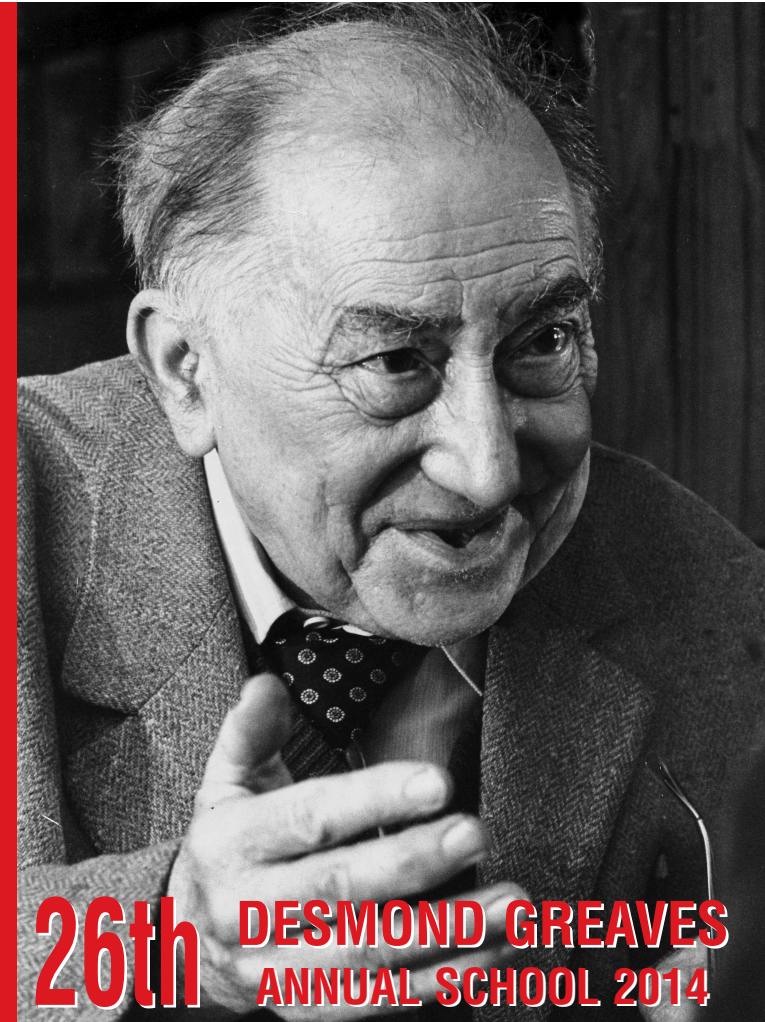
### BOOKSTALL

Books and pamphlets on Irish history and politics will be on sale at the Weekend School, especially those offering alternatives to the current official and academic orthodoxy.



### HOW TO GET THERE

The Ireland Institute, 27 Pearse Street, is along the north side of Trinity College in the centre of Dublin. It is the former home and family business place of the 1916 leaders Patrick and Willie Pearse. The Weekend School will be held in the new hall at the back of the building.



## 26th DESMOND GREAVES ANNUAL SCHOOL 2014

*A weekend of political thought and discussion from Friday to Sunday, 12-14 September 2014, at the Ireland Institute, 27 Pearse Street, Dublin 2, beside Trinity College.*

### TOPICS:

*The ideology of remembrance: Ireland and the First World War*

*The Good Friday Agreement today*

*Politics and the physical force tradition in Ireland*

*Imperialism and the national question in Ireland*

*Unionism and the way forward*

# TWENTY-SIXTH DESMOND GREAVES ANNUAL SCHOOL 2014

Friday 12 September 7.30 pm

## 1. *The Ideology of Remembrance: Ireland and the First World War*

**Brian Hanley**, historian, author of *A Documentary History of the IRA, 1916-2005* and *The Lost Revolution* (with Scott Millar)

**Michael Quinn**, historian, has recently completed a doctorate on Irish-Soviet relations, currently specialising in Ireland and First World War

CHAIR: Tommy Graham, historian, Editor and founder of *History Ireland* magazine

Saturday 13 September 11.00 am

## 2. *The Good Friday Agreement today*

**Anne Cadwallader**, journalist, case worker with The Pat Finucane Centre for Human Rights, author of *Lethal Allies: British Collusion in Ireland*

**Tom McGurk**, broadcaster, *Sunday Business Post* political columnist

**Declan Kearney**, National Chairman, Sinn Féin

CHAIR: Peter Bunting, Assistant General Secretary, ICTU, with responsibility for the Trade Union Movement in Northern Ireland

Saturday 13 September 2.30 pm

## 3. *Politics and the physical force tradition in Ireland*

**Tommy McKearney**, socialist republican, participant in the 1980 H-Block hunger-strike, Northern organiser for The Independent Workers Union

**Eoin Ó Murchú**, journalist and longtime campaigner for Irish sovereignty

**Mícheál Mac Donncha**, Sinn Féin Councillor Dublin City Council, former editor *An Phoblacht*, author of *Sinn Féin, A Century of Struggle*

CHAIR: Ruán O'Donnell, historian, University of Limerick, author of *Special Category: The IRA in English Prisons 1968-1978* and other books

Sunday 14 September 11.00 am

## 4. *Imperialism and the national question in Ireland*

**John Foster**, Joint author *Red Papers on Scotland*; Emeritus Professor, Social Sciences, West of Scotland University; Secretary, Scottish Campaign against Euro-Federalism

**Kevin McCorry**, People's Movement, former organiser NICRA

**Patricia McKenna**, former MEP for Dublin, People's Movement

CHAIR: Mary Cullen, historian, author of recently published *Telling It Our way: Essays In Gender History*

Sunday 14 September 2.30 pm

## 5. *Unionism and the Way Forward*

**Professor Peter Shirlow**, Deputy Director, Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice, Queen's University Belfast

**Linda Ervine**, Irish Language Development Officer for East Belfast; sister-in-law of the late David Ervine

**Owen Bennett**, writer

CHAIR: Helena Sheehan, Professor Emeritus, Dublin City University; author of Irish TV drama, *A Society and its Stories*

Sunday 15 September

Get-together after the School at a local venue to be announced on the day