

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 opposed the application of Britain and Ireland in 1961 to join the supranational European Economic Community (EEC). He believed that in the era of the EU 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. He saw this as applying James Connolly's views on the national question in present-day circumstances.

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.

BOOKINGS AND ADMISSION

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



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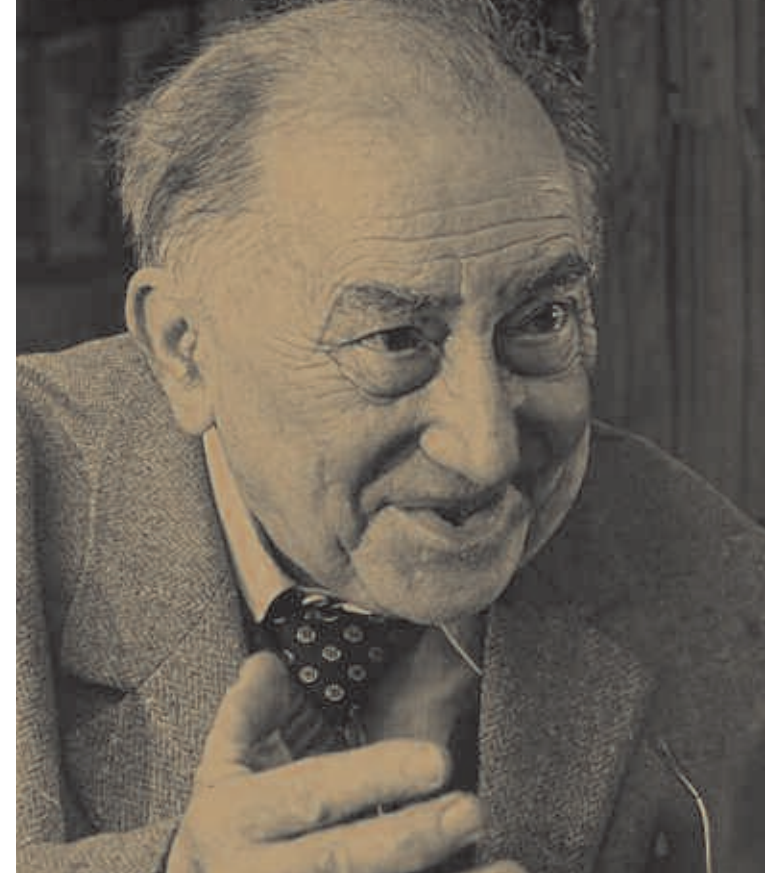
BOOKSTALL

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.



30th DESMOND GREAVES SUMMER SCHOOL 2018

*A weekend of political thought and discussion
from Friday to Sunday, 7-9 September 2018,
at the Ireland Institute, 27 Pearse Street, Dublin 2,
beside Trinity College*

TOPICS

Irexit: a realistic possibility?

1918: a decisive year for the modern world and Ireland

The Connolly Association's work in Britain 1938-2018

The Left and the EU

THIRTIETH DESMOND GREAVES SUMMER WEEKEND SCHOOL 2018

FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 7.30pm

1. *Irexit, is it a realistic possibility?*

Dr Ray Bassett, former Irish Ambassador to Canada, an active participant in the Northern peace process, author of studies on Brexit and Ireland for the *Politica* and *Policy Exchange* think-tanks in Britain, and critic of Irish Government policy on Brexit

CHAIR: Thomas Pringle, Independent TD for Donegal South-West and plaintiff in the 2012 Pringle case before the Irish Supreme Court and the EU Court of Justice against the European Stability Mechanism Treaty

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 11.00am

2. *1918: A decisive year for the modern world*

Dr Ruán O'Donnell, historian, University of Limerick, author of *Robert Emmet and the Rebellion of 1798*, *Robert Emmet and the Rising of 1803* (Irish Academic Press) and *Patrick Pearse* in the *16 Lives* series of which he was co-series and commissioning editor for the O'Brien Press.

CHAIR: Eamon O Cuív TD, Fianna Fail Dáil representative for Galway West

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2.30pm

3. *1918: A decisive year for modern Ireland:*

The First Dáil, The Conscription Crisis, Countess Markievicz, Votes For Women

Liz Gillis, historian, researcher and curatorial assistant, author of *Women in the Irish Revolution*, *Revolution in Dublin*, *The Fall of Dublin*, *The Hales Brothers and the Irish Revolution* (Mercier Press). She is co-organiser of the conference on the burning of the Custom House and is author of *May 25: Burning of the Custom House 1921*.

Donal Fallon, historian and regular contributor to the Irish media on Irish history, society and popular culture. He is one of the founders of the award-winning blog on Dublin life and culture, *Come Here To Me*. A selection from its archive has recently been published by New Island Books.

CHAIR: John Maguire, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, UCC, author of *Defending Peace: Ireland's Role in a Changing Europe* (Cork UP 2002)

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 11.00am

4. *The Connolly Association 1938-2018*

Anthony Coughlan on the oldest political organisation of the Irish in Britain and its role in relation to the 1960s Northern Civil Rights Movement

Mick Carty, General Secretary of the Association, on 80 years of political solidarity with the Irish cause in Britain

CHAIR: Tony Donaghy, President of the Connolly Association and former president of Britain's Rail, Marine and Transport Union (RMT)

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2.30pm

5. *The Left and the European Union*

Mick O'Reilly, former Regional Secretary, UNITE Trade Union

Eoin O Broin, Sinn Fein TD for Dublin Mid-West, author of *Sinn Fein and the Politics of Left Republicanism* (Pluto Press 2009)

Eugene McCartan, General Secretary, Communist Party of Ireland

Gerry Carroll MLA, People Before Profit representative for Belfast West in the Northern Ireland Assembly

CHAIR: Catherine Connolly, Independent TD for Galway West, former Mayor of Galway

Participants in this symposium are invited if they wish to give their views on the influential book by William Mitchell and Thomas Fazi, *Reclaiming the State: A progressive Vision of Sovereignty for a Post-Neoliberal World* (Pluto Press 2017). William Mitchell, who is one of the world's leading heterodox economists and Professor of Economics at the University of Newcastle, Australia, will give a lecture on the subject of his book under the auspices of the Committee of the Greaves Summer School and the People's Movement in Wynn's Hotel, Lower Abbey Street, Dublin on Thursday 4th October next. He will also give a lecture on the book in Galway on 3rd October (details to be announced later).

SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

*Bar-food and meeting place at
The Long Stone (upstairs),
Townsend Street*