

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*.

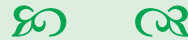
Desmond Greaves opposed the application of Britain and Ireland in 1961 to join the supranational European Economic Community (EEC). He believed that in the era of the EU and the near-global domination of Transnational Capital, the most important political task for democrats and the Labour Movement was 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.

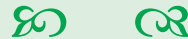
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Full school €25
Individual sessions €6
Students/unwaged half-price



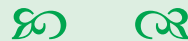
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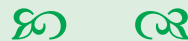
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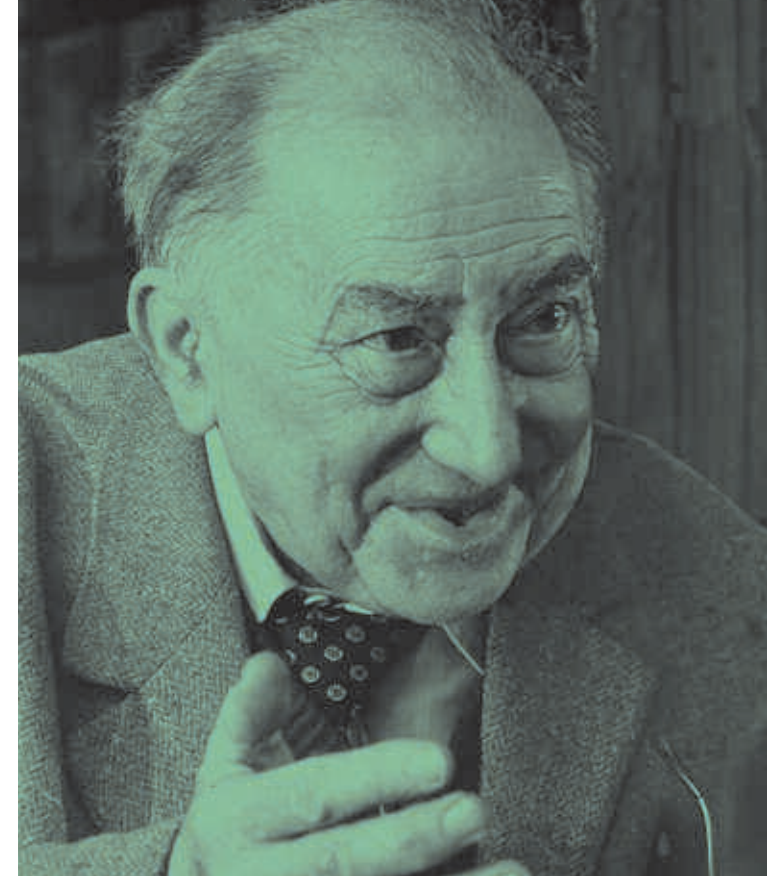
BOOKSTALL

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.



28th DESMOND GREAVES ANNUAL SCHOOL 2016

*A weekend of political thought and discussion
from Friday to Sunday, 9-11 September 2016,
at the Ireland Institute, 27 Pearse Street, Dublin 2,
beside Trinity College.*

TOPICS

Evaluating the 1916 centenary commemorations

The continuing relevance of 1916

The unfettered control of Irish destinies?

Equal opportunities for all the Republic's citizens?

*The right of the people of Ireland to the
ownership of Ireland?*

TWENTY-EIGHTH DESMOND GREAVES ANNUAL WEEKEND SCHOOL 2016

Friday 9 September 7.30 pm

1. *The 1916 centenary – a critical look*

Sovereignty and the 1916 commemorations: revolution or conservatism?

Finbar Cullen, former Director, The Ireland Institute; founding member of After the Rising, Beyond 2016, a new project for democracy, sovereignty and independence

The challenge of the centenary to historians

Ruan O'Donnell, historian, University of Limerick; joint editor of the 16 Lives series on the 1916 leaders and author of the biography of Patrick Pearse in the series

CHAIR: **Mary McAuliffe**, Lecturer in Gender Studies and Social Justice, UCD; co-author of *Richmond Barracks 1916: We were there, 77 women of the Easter Rising*

Saturday 10 September 11.00 am

2. *"The unfettered control of Irish destinies"*

Why Brexit should be accompanied by Irexit

Anthony Coughlan, Director, The National Platform EU Research and Information Centre

The Peace Process and reuniting Ireland

Owen Bennett, writer and political analyst, Greaves School Committee

CHAIR: **Thomas Pringle**, Independent TD for Donegal

Saturday 10 September 2.30 pm

3. *The ideology of 1916 and its continuing relevance*

Professor Priscilla Metscher, University of Oldenburg, author of *Republicanism and Socialism in Ireland: from Wolfe Tone to James Connolly*

Respondent: **Dr Jeffrey Leddin**, author of thesis on the Irish Citizen Army

CHAIR: **Frank Keoghan**, The People's Movement

Sunday 11 September 11.00 am

4. *"Equal opportunities for all its citizens"*

The Labour movement and the struggle for equality

Therese Moriarty, author of many studies of Irish trade unionism in the early 20th century

The women's movement

Mary Cullen, historian, author of *Telling It Our Way: Essays in Gender History*

CHAIR: **Kevin McCorry**, Director, Greaves Weekend School

Sunday 11 September 2.30 pm

5. *"The right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland"*

Taking back control?: Irish and European Democracy in the context of the EU crisis

Andy Storey, Lecturer, School of Politics and International Relations, UCD; board member of Afri

The ownership of Ireland: what does this mean and how do we get there?

Gareth Murphy, Trade Union Left Forum; writer on debt, the economy, the EU and the struggle for socialism today

Ireland in the world today

Karen Devine, Lecturer in International Relations, DCU

CHAIR: **Mick O'Reilly**, former Regional Secretary, UNITE Trade Union

Sunday 11 September

Bar-food and social venue at
The Long Stone (*upstairs*),
Townsend Street