



Dear History Co-ordinator/History Teachers,

Welcome to **'History'** a newsletter of the SLSS. I look forward to supporting you in your work and will endeavour to keep you informed of important developments in this subject area. I aim to provide continuing professional development in the areas of teaching and learning in History. Suggestions are always welcome.

Conor Harrison

HTAI

The History Teachers' Association of Ireland (Cumann Múinteoirí Staire na hÉireann) has given sterling support to history teachers over many decades. The association's website has much useful information and many useful links, including links to past editions of the Association's journal, **Stair**. The current editor of **Stair** is Dermot Lucey. For membership details, look under Organisation > Branches > Membership.



The Association runs an annual conference every year which is attended by large numbers of history teachers. This year's conference in October 2010 is being hosted by the Dublin branch. Watch the Association's website for details and application forms.

www.htai.ie

Mohandas Gandhi

A copy of the magazine, **'India Perspectives'**, (January – March 2008) was distributed to schools last year (2008 – 2009). It is a special issue and deals with Mohandas 'Mahatma' Gandhi. As **'British withdrawal from India, 1945 – 1947'** is a Case Study for the prescribed topic for the 2012 & 2013 examinations and as Gandhi is a key personality, many teachers will find the magazine useful. It may be worthwhile searching through those shelves and drawers for errant copies! If you can't find it this issue is available to download as a pdf in 8 parts at

<http://www.meaindia.nic.in/secframe.php?sec=ip>

Archaeology in TY

Fancy teaching an Archaeology unit in TY? Limerick Education Centre has produced a resource pack, **'It's About Time 2'**, for use with Transition Year students.

Themes include "Living and lifestyle", with units on houses, defence and towns and "Archaeology at work" which focuses on the subject of archaeology itself and the ways in which archaeologists go about their work.

www.itsabouttime.ie

www.hetireland.org

The website of the Holocaust Educational Trust of Ireland (HETI) offers a range of services and resources for history teachers, of particular relevance to those teaching **'Dictatorship and Democracy in Europe, 1920-1945'**. HETI have developed a Holocaust Timeline and accompanying Teacher's handbook. The material is available in English/Irish or English only.

The HETI also offers a Certificate in Holocaust Education in association with UCD.

The Irish Times Digital Archive

This remains an indispensable resource for history teachers and is available free to all schools on the NCTE broadband network, and through public libraries.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/search/index.html>

The Great Debate

In November 2009 Catholic University School (CUS) in Dublin hosted the first ever heat of the Great Debate in the Republic of Ireland. This competition, run by the Historical Association in the UK, encourages History students to engage in public debate on historical issues. The theme this year was, "*Why your local hero matters*", and the debate was lively and interesting. The panel of historians decided that Eoghan Sheehan from CUS made the best argument for his hero, Thomas Johnson.

At the final held at Clare Hall, Cambridge University on March 13th 2010, Eoghan flew the flag proudly for Ireland and was complimented on his historical knowledge. CUS have agreed to hold the competition again next year and more details will be posted on www.hist.ie next Autumn. We would strongly urge more schools to participate in what is a very well organised competition.

Historic photographs of your locality

Check out the database of digital images on the National Library's website, www.nli.ie, for pictures of historic buildings in your locality. The Lawrence Collection and other collections are featured.

1911 Census

The returns for all thirty-two counties are now available on the website of the National Archives of Ireland, along with supplementary material on what Ireland was like in 1911. A useful introduction to the 'Job of the historian'!

www.census.nationalarchives.ie

The Plantation of Ulster

Donegal County Museum has recently published 3 booklets on the Plantation of Ulster and its effects on Counties Donegal and Derry. The booklets deal with the Plantation itself, architecture and landscape and the legacy of the Plantation. Teachers of Junior Certificate History will find these booklets useful. They contain very helpful maps, documents, pictures and other sources in full colour.

Donegal County Museum is willing to make these booklets available to all schools in printed or PDF form. Any teachers wishing to receive a copy should contact the museum directly. Donegal County Museum, High Road, Letterkenny, Co Donegal
Telephone: 074-912 4613
Email: museum@donegalcoco.ie

Irish foreign policy documents online

Check out the website www.difp.ie where the full and searchable text of Volumes I, II and II of the Documents on Foreign Policy series (covering the period from 1919 to 1932) is available free of charge. Topics covered include the Treaty negotiations, 1921, an important case study for a widely-studied topic.

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