

# THE WOMEN OF THE ATLANTIC COAST AND EMIGRATION.

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An occasion to honour the women  
of the Atlantic coasts and recognize their emigrant experiences.

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2018.**

**CONNEMARA EMIGRANTS COMMEMORATIVE CENTRE.**

**CARNA**

**CONNEMARA, CO GALWAY.**

## **Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

6.30 p.m. ....Official opening of the Conference and an Art Exhibition  
by women from the Cill Chiaráin and Carna area.  
- Micheál Ó hÉanaigh. C.E.O., Údarás na Gaeltachta (The  
Gaeltacht regions Authority).  
**The Mayor Walsh Hall.**

7 p.m. onwards..... Tea/coffee and refreshments in the **Lydon Room.**

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## **SATURDAY, October 6<sup>th</sup>.**

9 a.m. – 10 p.m..... Registration.....**Reception Area.**

10 a.m ..... Tuke Assisted Emigration from the Clifden Union – Connemara.  
Followed by questions and discussion.

- Kathleen Villiers-Tuthill, Author and Historian.
- **Mayor Walsh Hall.**

11 a.m ..... Tea and Coffee break – **Lydon Room.**

11.30 a.m..... Mo Oileán san Atlantach – My Atlantic Island.

- **Mayor Walsh Hall.**
- Pádraic Ó Conghaile and Bridie Kinneavey

speak about their native island, Inishtrawer or Inishtravin - Inis Treabhair - off the South Connemara Coast and how women were caught up in the web of emigration. Emigration and migration eventually left the Island without people.

12.30 p.m.....The life of Máire Mhadaoin – Island woman and Emigrant.  
- **Mayor Walsh Hall.**

Máire left the island of Feenish off the Carna coast and spent a decade in the United States and then returned to care for her ageing parents on the island.

Máire – Mary Madden - is now in her 97<sup>th</sup> year.

Broadcaster and Journalist, Bríd Ní Chualáin has made radio Programmes with Máire Mhadaoin and she speaks about an Island woman with a worldwide view who emigrated and later returned to her native island to care for her parents... epitomising the heart and spirit of a Connemara woman.

1 p.m.....Lunch – **Lydon Room.**

2.30 p.m.....Showing of short film about emigration from Connemara and present day realities.  
- **Mayor Walsh Hall.**

2.45 p.m. ....Discussion on the continuing effects of emigration on the Carna and Cill Chiaráin area and references to other rural areas....with a focus on how women might find work in rural communities in Ireland.

**Mayor Walsh Hall.**

3.15 p.m. ....The Women of the West in England.  
- Máirín Seoighe.  
- **Mayor Walsh Hall.**

Máirín Seoighe made a series of programmes about women Emigrants in England – mostly from the West of Ireland – some years ago. Máirín talks about that series and shows some footage.

4 p.m .....Break – **Lydon Room.**

4.20 p.m. ....The women of Connemara and Portland Maine  
- Eileen Davis and Máirtín Ó Catháin.  
- **Mayor Walsh Hall.**

8 p.m.....Concert in Emigrants Commemorative Centre.

- **Mayor Walsh Hall.**

Based on emigration songs both in English and Irish featuring Seosamh Ó Flatharta and Bríd Ní Mhaoilchiaráin, Oireachtas Winner.

Narrated by Eileen Davis and Máirtín Ó Catháin.

### SUNDAY....the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.

12 noon.....Tea/coffee/refreshments .

- **Lydon Room**

Music by young local performers in the Mayor Walsh Hall.

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### Conference and Exhibition Fees.

Friday evening Official Opening and Arts Exhibition – FRD ADM.

Saturday – Full day fee - €20. Half Day or any one session - €10.  
( Half day: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 2.30 pm. – 5 p.m.)

Saturday night Concert - €10.

Sunday morning tea and music - FREE ADM.

### CARNA BAY HOTEL.

The Carna Bay Hotel, which is a 5 minute walk from the Emigrants Commemorative Centre is offering a special rate for the Conference weekend. The rate is: €99 for 2 nights bed and breakfast and one dinner.

The Hotel may be contacted at: 095-32255.