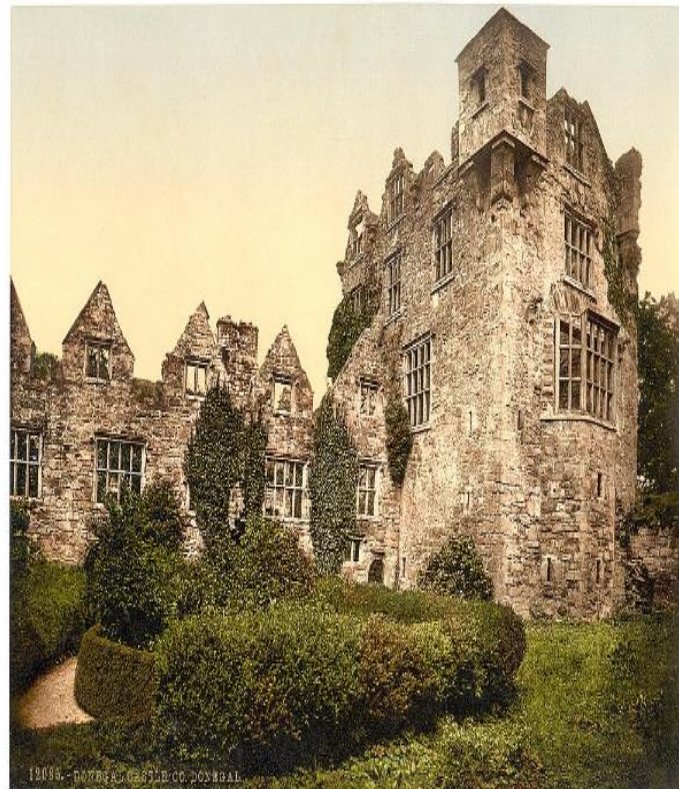


**Conference: Donegal Town 550: History and
Remembrance**

In Central Hotel, Donegal Town

Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August 2024

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Saturday 24th August

Introduction 9.00-10.00

9.00-10.00	Dr Matthew Potter Helen Meehan MA	Tea, registration and welcome
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Panel 1: 10.00 to 11.45

10.00-10.30	Dr Fiona Beglane ATU Sligo	‘Archaeological findings in and around Donegal Town’
10.30-11.00	Sean Browne, OPW	‘The Occupation of Donegal Castle by the English, 1601’
11.00-11.30	Seamus O’Doherty Independent	‘Where the Annals were written – Revisited’
11.30-11.45	Questions	

Tea: 11.45-12.00

In Central Hotel

Keynote Speaker 12.00 to 13.00

12.00-12.45	Professor Brendan MacSuibhne University of Galway	‘Backlit; or, The Making of a Misfit. Thomas Ainge Devyr (1805–87), a Donegal Town Radical in Ireland, England, and New York.’
12.45-13.00	Questions	

Lunch: 13.00-14.00

Lunch in Central Hotel

Tour of Donegal Castle: 14.00-15.00

Guided tour of Donegal Castle

Panel 3: 15.00-16.45

15.00-15.30	Dr Matthew McGinty University of Galway	‘Red Hugh O’Donnell, Niall Garbh O’Donnell and the Siege of Donegal Abbey’
15.30-16.00	Malachy Sweeney Independent	‘The Great Famine in Donegal’
16.00-16.30	Seán Boner Donegal Historical Society	‘Historians in Donegal Town made their own history for about 400 years’
16.30-16.45	Questions	

Conclusion 16.45-17.00

16.45-17.00	Helen Meehan MA Dr Matthew Potter	Closing remarks
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Sunday 25th August

Tour of Donegal Abbey: 11.00-12.00

Guided tour of Donegal Abbey by Seamus O’Doherty



As part of the Donegal Town 550 programme, historians Helen Meehan MA and Dr Matthew Potter have organised *Donegal Town 550: History and Remembrance* a free one-day history conference on Saturday 24th August 2024 in the Central Hotel, Donegal Town. The theme is the history of the county with an emphasis on Donegal Town.

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