

Professor Maurice Bric is a Member and former Vice President of the Royal Irish Academy. He is also Emeritus Professor of History at University College Dublin and Director of the annual Daniel O'Connell Summer School (Cahersiveen/Derrynane, 29/30 August 2025). He has written extensively on O'Connell including on how his campaigns were viewed at local level.

Professor Patrick Geoghegan is the Director of the Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity's Arts and Humanities Research Institute. The presenter of the award-winning Talking History on Newstalk, he is the author of two books on Daniel O'Connell. He organised a major conference in Trinity in July 2025 to mark the 250th anniversary of the Liberator's birth.

Daniel O'Connell: Forgotten King of Ireland is a two-part documentary presented by **Olivia O'Leary**, directed by **Alan Gilsenan** and produced by **Paddy Hayes**.

Dr Jane O'Brien holds a PhD in History from the University of Galway on the Sisters of Mercy run Irish Industrial School System from the 1860s to 1930s. She works as a historical tour guide with Ennis Walking Tours and is Castle Historian at Dromoland Castle.

Diarmuid de Faoite writes and performs across all media as well as producing and coaching. He performs locally, nationally and internationally. He narrated the award-winning series, *An Bhoireann* (TG4, 2020). Diarmuid produces *Dúchas agus Dóchas, the Irish language songs of County Clare*.

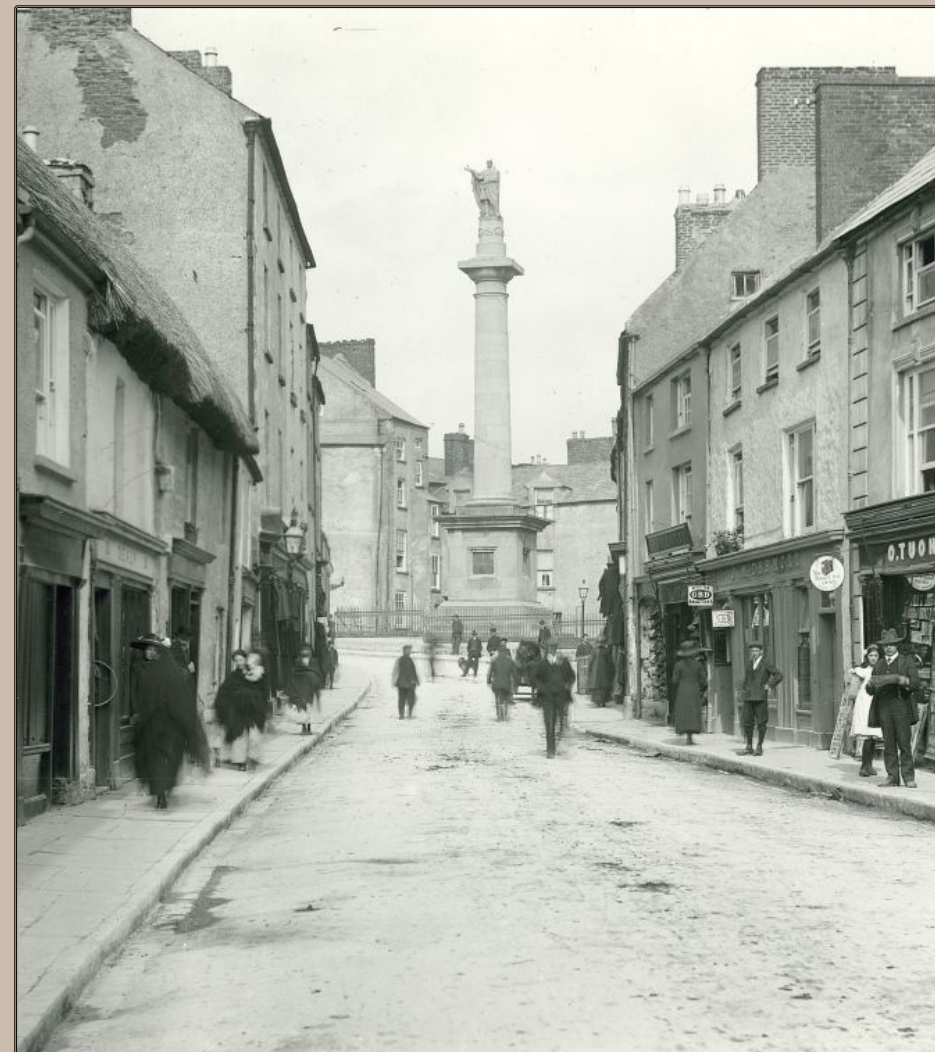
The following musicians are participating in the O'Connell: the Liberator! concert: – Geraldine Cotter, Seán Lyons, Aisling Lyons, Éamon Cotter, Floriane Blancke, Tim Dennehy, Emer O'Flaherty, Pól Ó Ceannabháin, Paddy Hogan, Síofra Hogan, Síofra Ní Éilí Duggan, members of The Tulla Pipe Band, Shannon Gospel Choir, and performer Martin McNelis with visuals by Ciara Malone.

Dr John Treacy is a local Clare historian with research interests in naval, maritime and military history. He is the author of *Clare and its People*.

Newpark House Collection – Clare County Council wish to thank Declan Barron from Newpark House, Roslevan for the items in the O'Connell exhibition. Thank you also to John Rattigan from Clare Museum and Michael Talty from the Clare Local Studies Centre for their ongoing support and assistance.

Clare Arts Office commissioned Rachel Macmanus to paint an Eir Box in O'Connell Square in Ennis. The artwork will depict the statue of O'Connell from the top of the Monument.

Organising Committee: Seán Lenihan, Clare County Council; Dolores Meaney, Clare Libraries; Siobhán Mulcahy, Clare Arts Office; Dr Billy O'Connell, Miltown Malbay & formerly Cahersiveen, Co Kerry; Cllr Paul Murphy, Cathaoirleach of Clare County Council; Cllr Mary Howard, Mayor of Ennis.



Daniel O'Connell 250 Commemoration

9 - 10 August 2025



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The Daniel O'Connell Commemoration marks the 250th anniversary of O'Connell's birth and his close ties with Co Clare where he was elected as M.P. in 1828. It has been organised by Clare County Council with input from Clare Libraries, Clare Museum and Clare Arts Office and the support of the Department of Culture, Communications and Sport.



Saturday 9 August 2025

12 noon	Welcome by MC Seán Lenihan, Clare County Council, Formal opening by Cathaoirleach Paul Murphy and Mayor of Ennis Mary Howard at De Valera Library, Ennis.
12.30pm	Screening of documentary <i>Daniel O'Connell: Forgotten King of Ireland. Part I, Tua Films</i> in De Valera Library, Ennis
1.30pm	Screening of documentary <i>Daniel O'Connell: Forgotten King of Ireland. Part II, Tua Films</i> in De Valera Library, Ennis
2.30 pm	Lecture by Prof. Patrick Geoghegan in De Valera Library, Ennis. <i>Our Liberator: Daniel O'Connell and the Campaign for Civil Rights.</i>
4.30pm	Lecture by Prof. Maurice Bric in De Valera Library, Ennis: <i>Daniel O'Connell: Kerryman, Clareman, Citizen of the World.</i>
8pm	<i>O'Connell: the Liberator: the life and legacy of a political giant in music, song and story.</i> Commemorative concert in glór, Ennis produced and directed by Diarmuid de Faoite.

Sunday 10 August 2025

12.30pm	Meeting at O'Connell Monument in Ennis. Wreath laying by Cathaoirleach Paul Murphy and Mayor of Ennis Mary Howard.
12.45pm	<i>Daniel O'Connell Oration</i> by Dr. John Treacy with music by Frank Whelan from Clare CCE.
1.00pm	<i>Burial of Time Capsule</i> to be opened in 50 years time.
1.30pm	<i>Walking Tour of Ennis</i> with Dr. Jane O'Brien.

Exhibitions

These exhibitions will open on Wednesday, 6 August and run until Wednesday, 20 August

De Valera Library, Ennis	Exhibition of O'Connell memorabilia from the Newpark House Collection and a book display of O'Connell related titles.
Clare Museum, Ennis	The Museum will exhibit artefacts from the Newpark Collection of O'Connell related memorabilia. A coat of O'Connell's and three original O'Connell letters can be viewed as part of Clare Museum's longterm collection. These letters are now also available in an interactive digital display.

