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THE COUNTRY HOUSE REVIVED?

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The focus of this conference is the survival and revival of historic houses in Ireland, the UK, and Europe in the course of the last fifty years.

Across Europe increasing numbers of houses are opening their doors to the public, presenting and interpreting their histories in imaginative ways, looking to engage with local communities, and to diversify in terms of commercial activities.

This holds true for houses in private ownership as well as for those in the guardianship of national heritage organisations, local authorities, or other bodies. Historic houses and their landscapes are uniquely poised to take advantage of international and domestic trends in cultural tourism and heritage learning. The historic house in all its manifestations remains a constant feature in the curriculum, from scholarly study to heritage, conservation, and management training, and the creative arts. The enduring relevance of the historic house is also defined by its role as an important economic driver at local, regional, and national levels.

Growing numbers of houses are engaging in numerous ways with the external world as opposed to feeling

beleaguered and retreating behind closed doors. How do we assess this recent history? Every house operates under its own unique circumstances, influenced by governance, ownership, funding, scholarly investigation, national trends, or other factors. There is no single model for historic houses: each one makes different choices for creating a sustainable future. There are many definitions of the concept of 'revival'.

The Country House Revived? is aimed at a wide audience of owners, scholars, students, heritage professionals, policy makers, and the many people with a general interest in the built heritage. Papers will examine a variety of topics and perspectives from across Europe, comparing issues and experiences that have affinities as well as contrasts. The conference will also explore ways in which this sector of the built heritage can foster future collaborative activity.

Accompanying the conference will be a photographic exhibition illustrating a variety of houses from across Ireland, the UK, and Europe, and chronicling their recent past.

Further information can be found at
www.historicirishhouses.ie



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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

DAY 1, MONDAY 19 JUNE

11.00	Registration and coffee
12.00	Welcome and Introduction
12.30	Session 1: The Wider View 1 Ben Cowell, Historic Houses Association Loyd Grossman, Heritage Alliance Speaker, Europa Nostra, TBC
13.45	Lunch
14.30	Session 2: Case Studies 1 John Munro, Ledreborg, Denmark Terezia Bardi, Esterhazy Palace, Hungary Elyze Storms-Smeets, Houses of Gelderland, Netherlands James Hervey Bathurst, Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire
15.45	Tea
16.15	Session 3: Case Studies 2 Stephanos Germanis, Blatna, Czech Republic Claudius Wecke, Branitz Castle and Park, Germany Hilary McGrady, Clandon Park and the National Trust Dorothea Depner, Castletown House, Co Kildare
17.30	Break
17.45	Terence Dooley, <i>Reflections on the Historic Irish House Today</i>
18.45	Tour and Reception, Dublin Castle
20.00	Delegates free for evening



DAY 2, TUESDAY 20 JUNE

09.00	Coffee
09.30	Session 1: Case Studies 3 Koen de Vlieger-de Wilde, Kasteel d'Ursel, Belgium Balazs Banyai, Nadasdy House, Hungary Friederike Drinkuth, Country Houses in Mecklenberg Western-Pomerania Petr Svoboda, Uholicky, Czech Republic
10.45	Coffee
11.15	Session 2: The Wider View 2 Annie Tindley, Scottish Country Houses Kevin Baird, Irish Heritage Trust Rodolphe de Looz-Corswarem, European Historic Houses Association Speaker, European Cultural Tourism Network, TBC
12.30	Picnic Lunch Farmleigh
14.00	Depart for Castletown House
14.45	Tour of Castletown House
16.00	Session 3: Ways and Means, Ireland Julian Gaisford St Lawrence, Irish Historic Houses Association Charles Colthurst, Blarney Castle, Co Cork Martin Colreavy, DAHRRG
17.15	Reception
18.15	Depart for Maynooth University
18.45	Tour of Pugin Buildings, Maynooth University
19.30	Dinner, Pugin Hall
22.00	Return to Dublin



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DAY 3, WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

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| 09.00 | Coffee |
| 09.30 | Session 1: Ruins, Recovery, and Re-use
John Goodall, <i>Country Life</i> magazine
Julia Korensky, English Ruins
Matthew Beckett, England's Lost Heritage
Merlin Waterson, Wentworth Woodhouse, Yorkshire |
| 10.45 | Coffee |
| 11.15 | Session 2: Case Studies 4
James Birch, Doddington Hall, Lincolnshire
Britta Andersen, Gammel Estrup, Denmark
Alexandre de Vogue, Vaux-le-Vicomte
Frances Bailey, National Trust, Northern Ireland |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 13.45 | Session 3: Scholarship and the Country House
Martin Postle, Paul Mellon Centre, London
David Adshead, Attingham Trust
Leo Schmidt, BTU Cottbus, Germany
Myles Campbell, Office of Public Works |
| 15.00 | Tea |
| 15.30 | Christopher Ridgway, <i>How Stands the Country House Now?</i> |
| 16.15 | Closing Remarks |
| 16.30 | End of Conference |
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Conference proceedings will be in English.

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(RIAI CPD approved)

BOOKING DETAILS

Full conference fee (including tours and conference dinner) €200

Conference only (excluding tours and conference dinner) €160

Delegates are advised that accommodation in Dublin can be expensive especially in the summer months but there is a wide range of hotels, guesthouses, and B&Bs: please see the listings on the CSHIHE website. Early booking is strongly advised.

Closing date for registration 9 June 2017.*

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

TO REGISTER ON LINE (WHERE PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD) PLEASE GO TO

<http://shop.nuim.ie/index.php?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=1850041>

IF YOU CHOSE THIS METHOD OF REGISTRATION PLEASE **DO NOT** FILL IN THE BOOKING FORM BELOW.

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BOOKING FORM

Full conference fee (including tours and conference dinner) €200 per person

Number of attendees

Conference only fee (excluding tours and conference dinner) €160 per person

Number of attendees

Total amount enclosed €

Payment must be made in euro only.

Payment method:

Payment must be made by cheque or bank draft only.

REGISTRATION DETAILS:

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affiliation/position
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Dietary or other
requirements:

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*** Places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis for the conference, tours and dinner.** Payment of conference registration fee and/or conference dinner fee must be received to guarantee a booking. Receipt of payment will be acknowledged by e-mail unless otherwise requested. Refunds for cancelled bookings will not be made.

Please note that information provided above (name, institutional affiliation and e-mail address only) may be compiled into a delegates listing to be distributed at the conference. Please tick here if you do not wish your information to be included in the delegates list ☐

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