

Leitrim's Culture Night in 'The Rambling House'

Though the Leitrim team and throngs of supporters will be heading to Gaelic Park for the big game, on Saturday, the 8th, there will also be plenty of action in the Big Apple's Leitrim strongholds leading up to the game. On Thursday, April 6th, in the Rambling House, 4292 Katonah Avenue, Bronx, there will be a two pronged presentation focusing on Leitrim's recent history and, the county's musical heritage. Dr. Padraig McGarty, a native of Mohill, and currently a Senior Lecturer in Public Policy, at the Institute of Technology, Tralee, is the author of a widely proclaimed book, "Leitrim, The Irish Revolution 1912-1923". His presentation will focus on World War One, the War of Independence and the Civil War.

Following Dr. McGarty's lecture, Fionnuala Maxwell will then take center stage with an ensemble of music, song and dance. Fionnuala, a Dromod native, is a singer, composer, collector and teacher. Fionnuala has built up a huge repertoire of songs and is fiercely committed to preserving and promoting the art of Irish traditional singing by resurrecting older songs that have almost become extinct. Also performing will be members of the Mulligan-Quinn and Killoran-Clancy-Whelan, Mid-Atlantic CCE branches together with Leitrim CCE featuring All-Ireland traditional singers Fionnuala and Josephine McNamara. Incidentally Josephine will be presented with a special Gradam na hEigse award in recognition of her efforts in promoting our culture through song and dance.

Leitrim – "A Location for Business Opportunity": On Friday, April 7th, 6-7pm, in the Rambling House, an event to present Leitrim as a dynamic location to live, work and invest in, will be hosted. Guest speakers include Brian Conroy, Head of IDA, North America, Lar Power CEO, Leitrim Co. Council and Keith Dimmock, Principal Architect, Cora Systems, Carrick-on-Shannon. The event will be facilitated by Caitriona Clarke, JP Clarke's, Yonkers, and will be followed by a buffet. So folks come to the Rambling House on Thursday and Friday evenings prior to the big game to learn more about Leitrim's role in the nation's history, its deep musical traditions and its growing business opportunities. You won't be disappointed.