



Newfoundland and Canada – Places, People, Partners, & Prospects,

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Today's dialogue

- - Why Canada / NL
- - The network (in Ireland, in Canada, elsewhere)
- - A flavour of recent work
- - possibilities - teaching, research, collaboration
- - helping each other

Why Canada ?

- Nearest country in America.
- Multi cultural & multi lingual.
- Positive relationship with Ireland.
- Well developed higher education.
- Scores well on socioeconomic indicators



Why Canada?

- Technologically advanced
- Legal system
- Vast natural resources
- Has a place on the world stage
- Interesting contests
- A place for dialogue
- Direct flights



Our friends in Newfoundland & Labrador

- Province of Canada since 1949.
- 540k population comparable to South East
- One University – MUN
- Well developed humanities.
- Good community outreach
- Migration from South East
- Inter-governmental MOU



Links to NL

- Seasonal direct flights.
- Strong identity
- Peripherality
- Regional challenges
- Strong oral and musical tradition.
- Resilient people.
- Very welcoming.
- Research materials
- Good users of technology



Network

WCC

ICUF

WIT

CNLS

ACSI

St John's

ICCS

DFAT

MUN

IRC

CNS

Quebec
Rep.

NL &
Can
NGOs

Canadian
Embassy

NL Gov

The Rooms

BACS

ICBA

ICS

INC

BIS



Funding

- Canadian government funding
http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/france/academic_relations_academiques/grants-bourses.aspx?lang=eng
- ICUF <http://www.icuf.ie/>
- ACSI bursaries :
<https://www.canadianstudiesireland.com/>
- Individual higher education institutions
- Your own networks

Some Recent Projects & Initiatives

- ACSI Biennial conference WIT April 2018
- Dr Jennifer O'Mahony, Magdalene laundry stories
- Dr Christine O'Dowd-Smyth, Remembering & Redefining Canada
- Kieran Cronin – visiting researcher at The Rooms in St John's
- Dr Maxine Keoghan – Graves Company
- John Maher – Irish and Canadian pension systems
- Ontario colleges & student placements : Tourism & Languages
- Hosted visiting lectures from UCD Chairs of Canadian Studies

ACSI
An Cumann le Léarn Ceinodach in Éireann
Association of Canadian Studies in Ireland
Association irlandaise d'études canadiennes

19th Biennial Conference
Waterford Institute of Technology
26th-28th April 2018

**CANADIAN RE-GENERATION(S)
RÉ-GÉNÉRATION(S) DU CANADA**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Jane Urquhart
Craig Dobbin Chair of Canadian Studies

Professor Maeve Conrick
University College Dublin

Professor Wade Locke
Memorial University of Newfoundland

Professor Marc André Fortin
University of Sherbrooke

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Forthcoming

- 2019- Blue Plaque and associated talks regarding Waterford born PM of NL
- 2019 Regional Development conference at MUN
- 2019 : review of 10 books to read before visiting NL
- 2019 Schedule of Canadian Studies Centres across Canada
- 2018 Online book of abstracts from 2018 conference.



in summary.....

- The door is ajar
- Help is available
- The pathway exists
- Reflect & choose your research object and connections
- Reciprocity – *ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid.*
- *Inis an scéal : anseo agus ansiúd.*

***Gabhaim buiochas daoibh
as ucht bhur n-am agus bhur n-aird.***