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FORUM



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IRELAND



# Dear Colleagues

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the European Heritage Heads Forum and we are delighted to invite you to Dublin to celebrate a decade of heritage leadership and friendship.

Our meeting will take place in Dublin Castle, in the heart of the city beside the Dubh Linn (or 'black pool') that gave the city its name. The construction of the Castle was ordered by King John in 1204 and for the following seven hundred years was the centre of British rule in Ireland until the building was handed over to the government of the Irish Free State in 1922. St Patrick's Hall, where our meeting will take place, was originally the ballroom of the Lord Lieutenant's administration. It is now used for Presidential inaugurations, for state dinners and official engagements. We hope it will provide an inspirational setting for our discussions.

The theme of this year's meeting is Heritage-led Regeneration and Consolidation – shared priorities and collaborative strategies. We will explore issues such as the application of fiscal incentives to regeneration and the opportunities and constraints in adapting historic buildings to new uses. However, the intention of the meeting is primarily to increase dialogue among the Heads in workshops, plenary sessions and informal networking. Many of you have been interviewed by the secretariat over recent months and we will use the findings of those interviews to inform the debate at the Dublin meeting.

Our conference dinner, hosted by Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, will take place in the magnificent surroundings of Castletown House, County Kildare, where we will have the privilege of dining in the Long Gallery – one of the finest eighteenth-century rooms in the country.

On Friday morning we will take delegates to visit Trinity College Dublin where historic buildings have been adapted and re-used in innovative ways as part of regeneration projects.

We look forward with great pleasure to welcoming you all to Dublin, both to celebrate the achievements of the EHHF over the last ten years but, perhaps more importantly, to look forward in anticipation to future activities while addressing our collective challenges within the heritage sector across Europe.

Yours sincerely

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## Trinity College Dublin, The University of Dublin

On Friday morning, architect Niall McCullough, McCullough Mulvin Architects, will guide us through the campus of Trinity College, located at the heart of Dublin city. Founded in 1592 and spreading across 19 hectares, Trinity is at the nexus of tradition and innovation, offering undergraduate and postgraduate courses to 17,000 students. Eminent writers such as Oliver Goldsmith, Samuel Beckett, and Oscar Wilde all studied here.

Established by Queen Elizabeth I of England, the university has the largest group of monumental eighteenth-century buildings in Ireland and represents one of the most complete campuses of this period. Its architecture is sober, predominantly classical, composed of Wicklow granite and Portland stone. We will visit the Old Library (1733), Thomas Burgh's masterpiece, where the Book of Kells is exhibited. The scale of its Long Room, over 61 metres long, is heroic, exceeding that of Sir Christopher Wren's Library at Trinity College, Cambridge. We will also visit the Dining Hall, originally designed in 1743 by Richard Castle but severely damaged by a fire in 1984. Its restoration included a successful integration of modern structures within an old building. If time permits, we may also view significant nineteenth-century buildings such as the Museum Building by Deane & Woodward (1853-7) – a masterpiece of Ruskinian Gothic.

Since 1950, Trinity College Dublin has greatly contributed to the stock of fine modernist architecture in Dublin both with new buildings and adaptations of historic ones. These include the Berkeley Library (1967) with its predominant white reinforced concrete and the Dublin Dental Hospital (1894-6) with a dramatic rooftop, which was remodelled by McCullough Mulvin Architects in 2010.

Trinity Long Room Hub



# Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

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Venue: *Dublin Castle & City Hall*

**16:30** Meet at the entrance to the state apartments for tour of Dublin Castle

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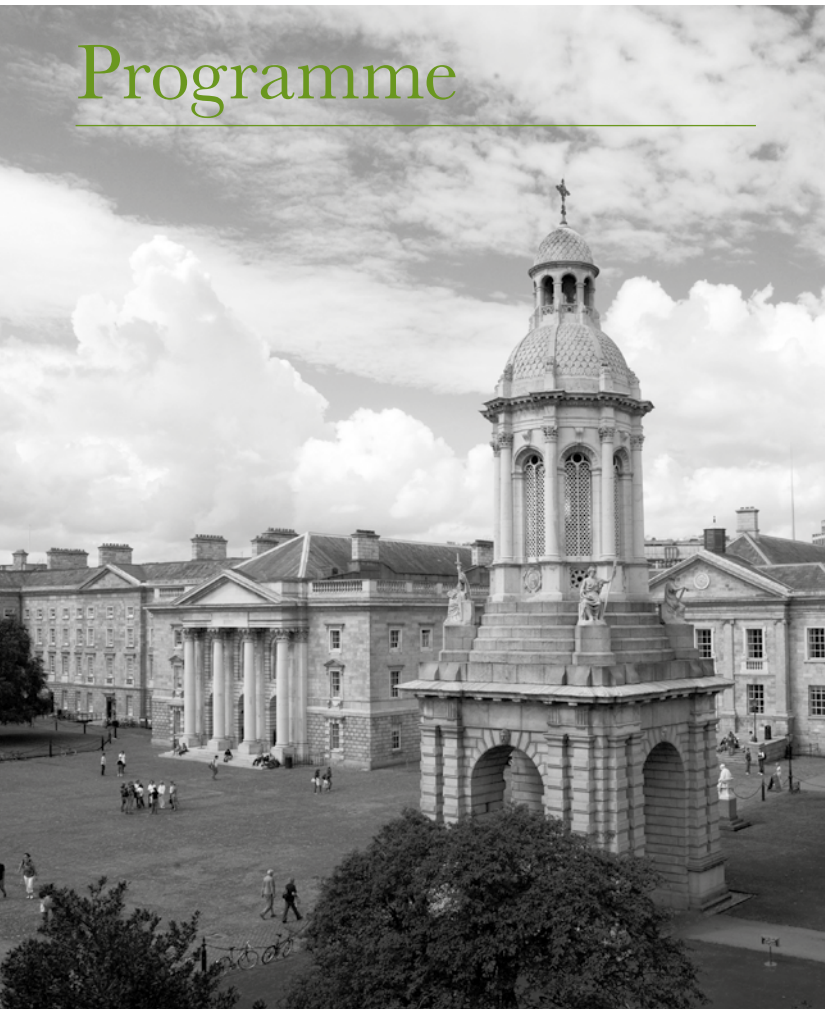
**18:00** Welcome reception at City Hall, Dame St, Dublin

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**Closed session**

## Programme

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# Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

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Venue: *St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle*

**08:45** Registration

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**09:15 Welcome address and introductions**

*Niall O'Donnchú*, Assistant Secretary, Heritage Division, DAHG  
*Martin Coleavy*, Principal Advisor, Built Heritage & Architectural Policy, DAHG  
**Presentation of the programme for the Annual Meeting**  
*Jacqui Donnelly*, Built Heritage & Architectural Policy, DAHG

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**09:45 Introductory Presentations and Discussion**

1. Heritage Led Regeneration Policies in an Irish Context - *Martin Coleavy*
  2. The Local Government Perspective - *John Mulholland*, Chief Executive, *Kilkenny Co. Council*
  3. Managing the Historic City - *Paraic Fallon*, Senior Planner, *Dublin City Council*
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**11:00 Tea / Coffee** in the Throne Room

**11:30 Workshops Session 1 – Thematic Issues**

1. Fiscal incentives
  2. Adaptive Reuse
  3. Development and Planning
  4. European Funding Opportunities
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**13:00 Lunch** in the Portrait Gallery

**14:00 Workshops Session 2a - Heads' Issues**

1. The public perception of heritage
  2. Shifting mentality within public administration
  3. Making the case to government
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**15:00 Tea / Coffee** in the Throne Room

**15:30 Workshops Session 2b - Heads' Issues**

1. The public perception of heritage
  2. Shifting mentality within public administration
  3. Making the case to government
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**16:30** Plenary discussion, feedback from workshops

**17:15** Return to the hotel to freshen up OR Tour of the City Hall exhibition

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**18:00** Pick up from the Upper Yard, Dublin Castle to travel by coach to Castletown House, Co. Kildare

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**19:00** Evening Reception in Castletown House, Tour of house

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**20:00 Dinner** in the Long Gallery, Castletown House. Address by *Heather Humphreys T.D.*, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

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**22:30** Return to Dublin by coach

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# Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

*DUBLIN*

*Venue: St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle & Trinity College Dublin*

**09:00 Plenary** in St Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle  
The Challenges of Adaptation and Reuse from an Irish Perspective - *Niall McCullough, McCullough Mulvin Architects*

**09:50** Visit of Trinity College Dublin

**11:10 Tea/coffee in Trinity**

**11:40** Return to Dublin Castle on foot

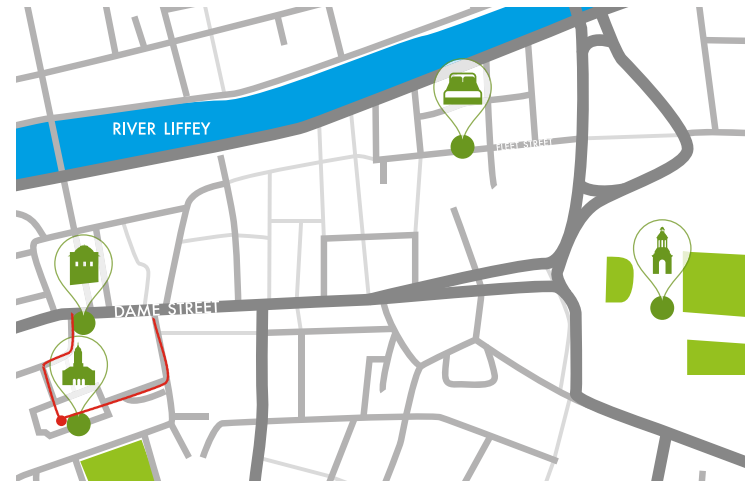
**12:00 Plenary session – Information Reports:**  
1. European Commission - *Erminia Sciacchitano*  
2. HEREIN - *Gislaine Devillers*

**12:45 Lunch** in the Portrait Gallery

**13:45 Plenary session - EHLF Internal Matters**  
1. EHLF report - *Wolfgang Göhner*  
2. Task Force on Economics report - *Terje Nypan*  
3. Secretariat report - *Benjamine Dobbelaere*  
4. Financial contributions report - *Martin Colreavy*

**15:15** Presentation by Switzerland of next year's Annual Meeting - *Oliver Martin*  
Handover of Troika members

**15:30** Meeting closes



Dublin Castle



City Hall



Trinity College Dublin



The Morgan Hotel

Once arrived at Dublin Airport, you can reach The Morgan Hotel (10-12 Fleet Street, Dublin 2) by taxi (those at the taxi ranks at the airport are all licensed and reliable) or by bus ([www.aircoach.ie](http://www.aircoach.ie) - stop at Grafton Street). A taxi costs approximately 25 Euros and the bus 6 Euros for a 30-minute journey.

The meeting will be held in the state apartments of Dublin Castle (10-minute walk from The Morgan Hotel), the entrance to which is located in the Upper Yard of the Castle. Dublin Castle can be entered through Palace Street, off Dame Street. This leads into the Lower Yard, turn right and there is an archway in front of you leading to the Upper Yard. The entrance to the state apartments will be in the centre of the range to your left. Alternatively the Upper Yard can be accessed directly from Cork Hill. In which case, the entrance to the state apartments will be directly ahead.



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