

GALWAY UNIVERSITY WOMEN GRADUATES ASSOCIATION REPORT to IrFUW COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2016 - FEBRUARY 2017

September 19th: Brian Mac Gabhann gave an interesting talk on Adolph Eichmann, the German Nazi who was one of the major organisers of the Holocaust.

October 21st and 22nd: The IrFUW annual conference was held in Buswells Hotel Dublin on October 21st and 22nd. The conference was organised by UCD, and it was extremely well organised. The president of UCD women graduates, Margaret Watchorn, congratulated Galway for our good attendance, as seven of our members traveled to Dublin for the event.

November 14th: Dr Riana O'Dwyer gave an enthralling talk on Sean O'Casey's play "The Plough and the Stars", in which she explained how the play engages with the process of Irish history.

December 5th: The annual Christmas party was held in Rouge Restaurant and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

January 14th: The AGM and luncheon took place in the Salthill Hotel. There is only one change in the office bearers for 2017; Marie Flatley is the Vice President of the Galway Association.

January 23rd: A committee meeting was held in the Ardilaun Hotel to set up the calendar of events for 2017.

February 8th: The public speaking competition took place in the Mc Munn theatre NUIG. Margaret O'Dwyer presented the competition. Four schools participated. The winning team was from Seamount College, Kinvara with the best speaker coming from the Mercy Convent, Tuam, Co. Galway.

February 20th: some members attended a film at the Eye Cinema called "Loving". The film is based on a true story of a mixed race couple and their fight to decriminalise their marriage which went all the way to the Supreme Court in the USA in the 1950s.

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