

Oral History and Identity

OHNI Conference Programme

21st & 22nd June 2024

The annual conference of the Oral History Network of Ireland
Ulster University (Derry-Londonderry campus)

DAY ONE: Friday 21st June

10.00-10.30	<i>Registration</i>
10.30-12.15	Workshop Session 1
Workshop A: Oral History Basics with Arlene Crampsie and Adrian Roche Workshop B: Oral History for Graduate Students and Early Career Researchers with Matthew O'Brien and Daniel Carey	
12.15-13.30	Lunch [<i>at leisure</i>]
13.30-15.00	Panel Session: 1A and 1B
<p>Panel 1A: Echoes of Change: Identity in Northern Ireland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competing identities and shared experiences of urban redevelopment in Derry in the 1960s and 1970s Adrian Grant (Ulster University) • “Defined by the better times”: identity and narrative inheritance among Northern Ireland’s ‘Ceasefire Babies’ Keira Gomez (Birbeck College, University of London) • Inclusion, Marginality and Identity Joana Etchart (University of Pau, France) <hr/> <p>Panel 1B: Voices of Empowerment: Untold Stories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pushy, Bossy Women Rachel Killeen (Trinity College Dublin) • Think! Using queer oral history to document how women created their own club scenes in London in the 1980s and 1990s Katherine Griffiths (Royal Holloway, University of London) • Radio at the Community Heart Leona Fensome (University of Bedfordshire) 	
15.00-15.20	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>

15.20-16.50	Panel Session: 2A and 2B
<p>Panel 2A: War and Peace: Identities and Conflict</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Uncomfortable pasts? Irish republicans and family history Máirtín Ó Catháin (University of Central Lancashire) ● Beyond the battlefield: Unravelling soldiers' identity after Operation Herrick Chloe Storer (King's College London and Imperial War Museums) ● In the service of peace: The shaping of identity through Irish Defence Forces' Peacekeeping Ruairí de Barra (Veteran, Irish Defence Forces) 	
<p>Panel 2B: Reclaiming Narratives: Love and Sexuality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● But It's Not Everybody's History: Intersectional Approaches to Queer Experiences During the Troubles Niall Herron (Queen's University Belfast) ● Using the oral life-histories of women who enjoyed inter-ethnic love and sexualities in 1960s-1980s Leicester, England, to explore changing notions of Britishness Sue Bishop (University of Leicester) ● "I never even thought in those terms": Retrospective knowledge and the challenge of narrating queer youth Lee Dibben (Royal Holloway, University of London) 	
16.50-17.45	<i>Opening Reception</i>
17.45-19.00	<p>Keynote Address: Dr Amy Tooth Murphy (Senior Lecturer in Oral History at Royal Holloway, University of London)</p> <p>Composing the Self: Oral History as Identity Work</p>
20.00	Conference Dinner: Maldron Hotel, Butcher St

DAY TWO: Saturday 22nd June

9.00-9.30	Registration
9.30-11.15	Workshop Session 2
Workshop C: Deep Listening for In-Depth Interviews with keynote speaker Amy Tooth Murphy	
11.15-11.35	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
11.35-12.45	Panel Session 3: Moments 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 'Once a journalist, always a journalist?': Oral history and shifting identities Daniel Carey (University of Limerick) ● Your memories are important Tracey Bardon (Dublin City Council Culture Company, 14 Henrietta Street) ● The Mandurama "Man-eaters" Sam Guthrie (Freelance) ● Using Oral History Collections in an Irish Museum Setting David Ryan (University of Limerick) ● Personal stories are sources of connection, gratitude and catharsis, for both narrator and listener Reem Maghribi (Sharq.Org) 	

12.45-14.15	<i>Lunch and OHNI AGM</i>
14.15-16.05	Panel Session: 4A and 4B
<p>Panel 4A: Narratives of Resilience: Exploring Identity Through Adversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polio Survivors and Self Identity in Northern Ireland Hannah Brown (Ulster University) • Remembering Yesterday, Caring Today: reminiscence in dementia care Pam Schweitzer (University of Greenwich) • “What Makes a Good Red Crosser?”: Competing identities in the (British) Red Cross in Northern Ireland Sam Guthrie (British Red Cross) 	
<p>Panel 4B: Negotiating Identities: Intersections of Belonging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘I hated being Irish’: identity, exclusion and empowerment in oral histories of Black and mixed-race Ireland Jack Crangle (Maynooth University) • Identity activism and composure in oral histories with migrants from Northern Ireland Fearghus Roulston (University of Strathclyde) • Playing place identities in the Gaelic Athletic Association Arlene Crampsie (University College Dublin) • The potential for community oral history travelling exhibitions to impact visitors’ identities: reflections on “Look Back to Look Forward: 50 Years of the Irish in Britain” Zibiah Alfred Loakthar (Irish in Britain and University of Essex) 	
16.05-16.25	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
16.25-17.30	Panel Session 5: Future Directions for Oral History and Identity (Details TBA)
17.30	Closing Address