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## The 15th Annual Historic Houses Conference



# THE COUNTRY HOUSE REVIVED?

International Conference and Exhibition  
Dublin Castle, 19-21 June 2017

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**The focus of this conference is the survival and revival of historic houses in Ireland, the UK, and Europe in the course of the last fifty years.**

Across Europe increasing numbers of houses are opening their doors to the public, presenting and interpreting their histories in imaginative ways, looking to engage with local communities, and to diversify in terms of commercial activities.

This holds true for houses in private ownership as well as for those in the guardianship of national heritage organisations, local authorities, or other bodies. Historic houses and their landscapes are uniquely poised to take advantage of international and domestic trends in cultural tourism and heritage learning. The historic house in all its manifestations remains a constant feature in the curriculum, from scholarly study to heritage, conservation, and management training, and the creative arts. The enduring relevance of the historic house is also defined by its role as an important economic driver at local, regional, and national levels.

Growing numbers of houses are engaging in numerous ways with the external world as opposed to feeling

beleaguered and retreating behind closed doors. How do we assess this recent history? Every house operates under its own unique circumstances, influenced by governance, ownership, funding, scholarly investigation, national trends, or other factors. There is no single model for historic houses: each one makes different choices for creating a sustainable future. There are many definitions of the concept of 'revival'.

*The Country House Revived?* is aimed at a wide audience of owners, scholars, students, heritage professionals, policy makers, and the many people with a general interest in the built heritage. Papers will examine a variety of topics and perspectives from across Europe, comparing issues and experiences that have affinities as well as contrasts. The conference will also explore ways in which this sector of the built heritage can foster future collaborative activity.

Accompanying the conference will be a photographic exhibition illustrating a variety of houses from across Ireland, the UK, and Europe, and chronicling their recent past.

Further information can be found at  
[www.historicirishhouses.ie](http://www.historicirishhouses.ie)





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# THE COUNTRY HOUSE REVIVED? PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

## DAY 1, MONDAY 19 JUNE

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- 11.00 Registration and coffee
- 12.00 Welcome and Introduction
- 12.30 **Session 1: The Wider View 1**  
Ben Cowell, Historic Houses Association  
Loyd Grossman, Heritage Alliance  
Speaker, Europa Nostra, TBC
- 13.45 Lunch
- 14.30 **Session 2: Case Studies 1**  
John Munro, Ledreborg, Denmark  
Terezia Bardi, Esterhazy Palace, Hungary  
Elyze Storms-Smeets, Houses of Gelderland, Netherlands  
James Hervey Bathurst, Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire
- 15.45 Tea
- 16.15 **Session 3: Case Studies 2**  
Stephanos Germenis, Blatna, Czech Republic  
Claudius Wecke, Branitz Castle and Park, Germany  
Hilary McGrady, Clandon Park and the National Trust  
Dorothea Depner, Castletown House, Co Kildare
- 17.30 Break
- 17.45 Terence Dooley, *Reflections on the Historic Irish House Today*
- 18.45 Tour and Reception, Dublin Castle
- 20.00 Delegates free for evening
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## DAY 2, TUESDAY 20 JUNE

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- 09.00 Coffee
- 09.30 **Session 1: Case Studies 3**  
Koen de Vlieger-de Wilde, Kasteel d'Ursel, Belgium  
Balazs Banyai, Nadasdy House, Hungary  
Friederike Drinkuth, Country Houses in Mecklenberg Western-Pomerania  
Petr Svoboda, Uholicky, Czech Republic
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 **Session 2: The Wider View 2**  
Annie Tindley, Scottish Country Houses  
Kevin Baird, Irish Heritage Trust  
Rodolphe de Looz-Corswarem, European Historic Houses Association  
Speaker, European Cultural Tourism Network, TBC
- 12.30 Picnic Lunch Farmleigh
- 14.00 Depart for Castletown House
- 14.45 Tour of Castletown House
- 16.00 **Session 3: Ways and Means, Ireland**  
Julian Gaisford St Lawrence, Irish Historic Houses Association  
Charles Colthurst, Blarney Castle, Co Cork  
Martin Colreavy, DAHRRG
- 17.15 Reception
- 18.15 Depart for Maynooth University
- 18.45 Tour of Pugin Buildings, Maynooth University
- 19.30 Dinner, Pugin Hall
- 22.00 Return to Dublin
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## DAY 3, WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

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- 09.00 Coffee
- 09.30 **Session 1: Ruins, Recovery, and Re-use**  
John Goodall, *Country Life* magazine  
Julia Korensky, English Ruins  
Matthew Beckett, England's Lost Heritage  
Merlin Waterson, Wentworth Woodhouse, Yorkshire
- 10.45 Coffee
- 11.15 **Session 2: Case Studies 4**  
James Birch, Doddington Hall, Lincolnshire  
Britta Andersen, Gammel Estrup, Denmark  
Alexandre de Vogue, Vaux-le-Vicomte  
Frances Bailey, National Trust, Northern Ireland
- 12.30 Lunch
- 13.45 **Session 3: Scholarship and the Country House**  
Martin Postle, Paul Mellon Centre, London  
David Adshead, Attingham Trust  
Leo Schmidt, BTU Cottbus, Germany  
Myles Campbell, Office of Public Works
- 15.00 Tea
- 15.30 Christopher Ridgway, *How Stands the Country House Now?*
- 16.15 Closing Remarks
- 16.30 End of Conference
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Conference proceedings will be in English.

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(RIAI CPD approved)

## BOOKING DETAILS

**Full conference fee (including tours and conference dinner) €200**

**Conference only (excluding tours and conference dinner) €160**

Delegates are advised that accommodation in Dublin can be expensive especially in the summer months but there is a wide range of hotels, guesthouses, and B&Bs: please see the listings on the CSHIHE website. Early booking is strongly advised.

**Closing date for registration 9 June 2017.\***

## REGISTRATION OPTIONS

TO REGISTER ON LINE (WHERE PAYMENT CAN BE MADE BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD) PLEASE GO TO

**<http://shop.nuim.ie/index.php?app=ecom&ns=prodshow&ref=1850041>**

IF YOU CHOSE THIS METHOD OF REGISTRATION PLEASE **DO NOT** FILL IN THE BOOKING FORM BELOW.

ALTERNATIVELY IF YOU WISH TO PAY BY CHEQUE OR BANK DRAFT **MADE PAYABLE TO CSHIHE** PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IN BLOCK CAPITALS AND RETURN WITH THE RELEVANT BOOKING FEE TO THE CSHIHE, JUNIOR INFIRMARY, SOUTH CAMPUS, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY, MAYNOOTH, CO. KILDARE, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

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Full conference fee (including tours and conference dinner) €200 per person

Number of attendees

Conference only fee (excluding tours and conference dinner) €160 per person

Number of attendees

Total amount enclosed €

Payment must be made in euro only.

Payment method:

Payment must be made by cheque or bank draft only.

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\* Places will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis for the conference, tours and dinner. Payment of conference registration fee and/or conference dinner fee must be received to guarantee a booking. Receipt of payment will be acknowledged by e-mail unless otherwise requested. Refunds for cancelled bookings will not be made.

Please note that information provided above (name, institutional affiliation and e-mail address only) may be compiled into a delegates listing to be distributed at the conference. Please tick here if you do not wish your information to be included in the delegates list

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