



**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown**  
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# Topical Texts

*Local Writers – Recent Work*

DEANSGRANGE LIBRARY SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2005

# SPEAKERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE



## FRANK BOUCHIER-HAYES

Frank Bouchier-Hayes is a graduate in sociological and political studies from NUI Galway and currently works in Earlsfort Terrace Library, Dublin. He takes an active interest in history and local history and has written articles and book reviews on a freelance basis for The Irish Times, The Irish Examiner, The Limerick Leader amongst others.



## RICHARD WHELAN

Over the past 33 years Richard Whelan has studied international politics and strategic studies and he is an active member of a number of bodies operating in those areas, in particular the International Institute for Strategic Studies. His recent book *Al-Qaedaism: The Threat to Islam, the Threat to the World* draws on his extensive research into terrorism, the conflict in the Middle East, strategic developments in the USSR, Russia and China and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



## MICHAEL DOORLEY

Michael Doorley is a graduate of University College Dublin, the University of New Orleans and the University of Illinois. He is an Associate Lecturer in history and politics in the Open University Dublin and the American College Dublin. His recent book *Irish American Diaspora Nationalism: The Friends of Irish Freedom* discusses the emergence and history of this important Irish-American movement and its uneasy relationship with Irish nationalism, in particular Eamon de Valera, during the period 1916-1935.



## PHILIP LECANE

Born in Cork, Philip Lecane was educated at Christian Brothers College, Cork and University College, Cork. Now living in Monkstown, Co. Dublin, he has written many articles on Dún Laoghaire local history and on Irish involvement in the First World War. His book *Torpedoed! The R.M.S. Leinster Disaster* was published this year.



## PAT WALSH

Pat Walsh is a Librarian with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Public Libraries. He lives and works in Dún Laoghaire. His bestselling book *Images Of Ireland: Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown* was compiled with the assistance of the Local History Committee of the County Library Service. The extensive Local History Collection is housed in Dún Laoghaire Library.



## AUDREY GERAGHTY

Audrey Geraghty is the Project Manager of the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown strand of the Ask About Ireland website [www.askaboutireland.ie](http://www.askaboutireland.ie) This website provides access to rare documents and images taken from the collections of public libraries, museums and archives. To date, the information collated includes; Big Houses of Ireland, Transport, Flora and Fauna and Postcards. It is part of a nationwide digitisation project coordinated by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna.



## KEN FINLAY

Ken Finlay is the author, with artist Tom Roche, of *Blackrock, Dún Laoghaire and Dalkey: Along the Coast from Booterstown to Killiney*. His second book - *The Days of Dublin* is due out in November.

10.00	Welcome-Tony Curran, Senior Librarian
10.05	Introduction by Chair, Frank Bouchier-Hayes
10.10	Richard Whelan: <i>Al-Qaedaism</i>
10.40	Michael Doorley: <i>Irish American Diaspora Nationalism</i>
11.05	Philip Lecane: <i>The R.M.S. Leinster Disaster</i>
11.30	Questions and Answers
11.35	Tea and Coffee
11.55	Pat Walsh: <i>Images of Ireland-Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown</i>
12.20	Audrey Geraghty: <i>Ask About Ireland</i>
12.40	Ken Finlay: <i>The Days of Dublin</i>
13.05	Questions and Answers
13.30	Close

## BOOKING DETAILS

Tickets will be available for this event from 10.30am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Please phone Deansgrange Library at 285 0860 or email [deansgrange@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:deansgrange@dlrcoco.ie) to reserve your place. Tickets will be given at registration on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

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