



John J Hearne as Irish Ambassador to the United States of America

To Mr. John Hearne, Barrister at Law
 Legal adviser to the Department of
 External Affairs Architect in chief
 and Draftsman of this Constitution,
 as a Souvenir of the successful
 issue of his work and in testimony
 of the fundamental part he took
 in framing this the first Free
 Constitution of the Irish People
 Éamonn de Valéra
 Constitution Day - 29.7.1937.

Inscription on John J Hearne's copy of the Irish Constitution

Constitutions are rarely out of the news: we have President Trump facing court challenges, the Citizens' Assembly considering the eighth amendment, and the implications of Brexit on Britain's unwritten constitution. The Constitution of Ireland, adopted in a referendum on 1st July 1937, is the foundational document of our present democratic state. Waterford-born civil servant John J Hearne drafted and fundamentally shaped the document.



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 THREE MUSEUMS IN THE
 VIKING TRIANGLE

The Irish Constitution

1937-2017



**National conference evaluating eighty
 years of Bunreacht na hÉireann and its
 ability to serve all the people of Ireland**

Waterford, Ireland - 30th June, 1st July 2017

Certificate of attendance can be provided

A CONSTITUTION IS THE ONLY SAFEGUARD OF OUR LIBERTIES

Abraham Lincoln

PROGRAMME:

Friday 30th June

2-6.30pm	Medieval Museum Reception - Registration	11.00am	Adjourn to the Bishop's Palace Garden for tea and coffee
2, 3 and 4pm	Exclusive guided tours of Medieval Museum and 18th century Bishop's Palace, departing from Reception of each museum.		<i>The Island of Ireland Peace Choir</i> will perform
6.00pm	Grand Entrance Hall, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford - gin and canapés reception by Thin Gin 33 The Mall - Dr Eugene Broderick will sign copies of <i>John Hearne: Architect of the 1937 Irish Constitution</i> <i>City of Waterford Brass</i> will perform Opening of exhibition honouring John J Hearne by Senator Paudie Coffey .	12.00	Adjourn to the 18th century Christ Church Cathedral - Chaired by Mr Desmond Miller , Chairman, Waterford Treasures Three Museums in the Viking Triangle Miss Justice Mary Ellen Ring , Chair of the Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission -
6.30pm	Large Room, City Hall - Official Welcome by His Worship the Mayor of Waterford City and County. Launch of Dr Eugene Broderick's John Hearne: Architect of the 1937 Irish Constitution by the Hon Mrs Justice Susan Denham, Chief Justice of Ireland who will also perform the official opening of the conference.	12.30pm	<i>Bunreacht na hÉireann and the status of women: whose constitution?</i>
7.30pm	Keynote Address by Senator Michael McDowell , SC, former Tánaiste and former Attorney General	12.45pm	Adjourn to the 13th century Choristers' Hall and 15th century Wine Vault for Wine Reception courtesy of Council of the Bar of Ireland

Saturday 1st July

9.15am	Medieval Museum Reception - Registration	2.30pm	Large Room, City Hall - Chaired by His Excellency Mr Daniel Mulhall , Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Ambassador-designate to United States of America
9.45 am	Large Room, City Hall - Chaired by Mr Seán Aylward , Under Treasurer, King's Inns Mr Justice Gerard Hogan , Court of Appeal - <i>The constitution at 80: re-assessing its strengths and weaknesses</i>		Dr Michael Kennedy , historian, editor, Documents on Irish Policy, Royal Irish Academy -
10.15am	Senator Ivana Bacik , Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology, Trinity College Dublin - <i>Towards a secular republic: the case for a new constitution</i>	3.00pm	<i>Building bridges: John Heame's role as Ireland's first ambassador to the United States of America</i>
10.45am	Questions and discussion		Dr Eugene Broderick , Waterford Treasures and biographer of John J Hearne -



The Irish diplomatic corps in 1939 with Eamon de Valera, Taoiseach and Minister for External Affairs. John J Hearne back row left

'It was the intention of the Constitution in guaranteeing the fundamental rights of citizens that rights of substance were being assured to the individual.'

Cearbhall Ó Dálaigh, former President and Chief Justice of Ireland

BOOKING FORM

For advance booking, please detach and return this form to:

Irish Constitution Conference
Waterford Treasures Three Museums in the Viking Triangle
Bishop's Palace, Viking Triangle, Waterford X91 E279

Booking details:

Name: _____

Address : _____

Telephone: _____

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Full Conference - Friday and Saturday (lunch and refreshments included)	Saturday only (lunch and refreshments included)
<input type="checkbox"/> Full fee €80	<input type="checkbox"/> Full fee €60
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Friend of Museum €60	<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Friend of Museum €40
Friday only	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee (no concession) €25	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Dinner €50

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Cheque/Bank Draft (make payable to Waterford Treasures Museums)

Please Invoice: _____

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Waterford Treasures account details:

IBAN: IE12 BOFI 9061 9555 9276 63
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Bank address: Bank of Ireland, The Quay, Waterford
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