

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

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



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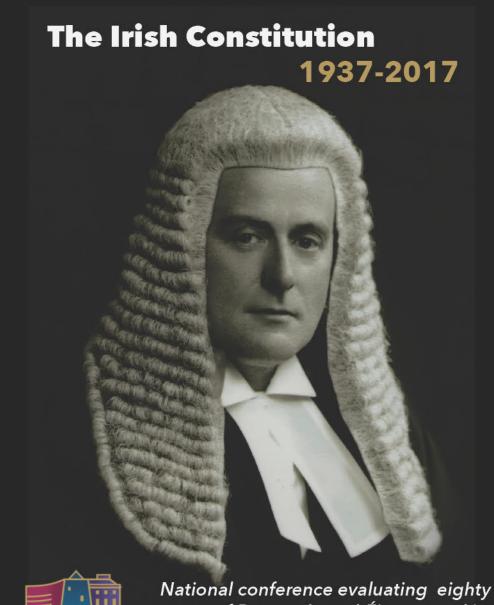
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Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs





Waterford



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

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#### PROGRAMME:

10.45am

2-6.30pm	Medieval Museum Reception - Registration
2, 3 and 4pm	Exclusive guided tours of Medieval Museum and 18th century Bishop's Palace, departing from Reception of each museum.
6.00pm	Grand Entrance Hall, City Hall, The Mall, Waterford - gin and canapés reception by Thin Gin 33 The Mall - <b>Dr Eugene Broderick</b> will sign copies of <b>John Hearne</b> : Architect of the 1937 Irish Constitution
	City of Waterford Brass will perform
	Opening of exhibition honouring John J Hearne by Senator Paudie Coffey.
6.30pm	Large Room, City Hall - Official Welcome by His Worship the Mayor of Waterford City and County. Launch of <b>Dr Eugene Broderick's John Hearne: Architect of the 1937 Irish Constitution</b> by the <b>Hon Mrs Justice Susan Denham</b> , Chief Justice of Ireland who will also perform the official opening of the conference.
7.30pm	Keynote Address by <b>Senator Michael McDowell</b> , SC, former Tánaiste and former Attorney General
9.15am	Medieval Museum Reception - Registration
9.45 am	Large Room, City Hall - Chaired by <b>Mr Seán Aylward</b> , Under Treasurer, King's Inns <b>Mr Justice Gerard Hogan</b> , Court of Appeal -
	The constitution at 80: re-assessing its strengths and weaknesses
10.15am	Senator Ivana Bacik, Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology, Trinity College Dublin -

Towards a secular republic: the case for a new constitution

Questions and discussion



11.00am Adjourn to the Bishop's Palace Garden for tea and coffee The Island of Ireland Peace Choir will perform Unveiling of bust of John J Hearne by Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Charles Flanagan, TD 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 Bunreacht na hÉireann and the status of women: whose constitution? 12.30pm Questions and discussion Adjourn to the 13th century Choristers' Hall and 15th century Wine Vault for Wine 12.45pm Reception courtesy of Council of the Bar of Ireland Garden Room of Medieval Museum Lunch by Granary Café, 'best café in Munster' (Restaurant Association of Ireland) Large Room, City Hall - Chaired by His Excellency Mr Daniel Mulhall, Irish 2.30pm Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Ambassador-designate to United States of America Dr Michael Kennedy, historian, editor, Documents on Irish Policy, Royal Irish Building bridges: John Hearne's role as Ireland's first ambassador to the United States of America 3.00pm Dr Eugene Broderick, Waterford Treasures and biographer of John J Hearne -John Hearne: de Valera's Redmondite civil servant 3.30pm Questions and discussion

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

Granville Hotel, Meagher's Quay - Conference Dinner

Tea and coffee

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: Email: Full Conference - Friday and Saturday Saturday only (lunch and refreshments included) (lunch and refreshments included) ☐ Full fee □ Full fee ☐ Student/Friend of Museum €60 □ Student/Friend of Museum €40 Friday only ☐ Fee (no concession) □ Conference Dinner €50 METHOD OF PAYMENT Cheque/Bank Draft (make payable to Waterford Treasures Museums) Please Invoice: Credit/Debit Card (you may also telephone 0761 102 501 with card details) Card Number: Expiry date: security code: Signature: Name and address of cardholder if different from above: Name: Address:

### Electronic Payment (Please put 'Constitution' and your name as reference)

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