**Irish History**

**Title**: Irish History

**Award**: None

**Entry Requirements**: No previous knowledge required

**Course Duration**: 2 hours per week for 12 weeks

**Course Fee:** €180

**Nights proposed**: TBA

**Course Aims**: Participants will learn about events in Irish History from Medieval times to the 21st century. The course is unique in Donegal in particular, at present there is none of its kind in the county. It enables the participant to look at Ireland’s past in a different light from what they would have done so before. The course promotes good research and communication skills and the participant will be given the opportunity to discuss, debate or present their own arguments on a particular topic if they wish. Ireland has a deep rooted and fascinating past which is both captivating and exciting. This course enables the study of that through writing and presentations on any particular historical event which is of particular interest to the participant. The course is both practical and highly informative. The teacher Colleen Kelly is a History graduate from the University of Ulster who has researched and wrote on many topics, including Irish Emigration to America in the 19th century, The Flight of The Earls and Women in Institutions in Ireland in the 19th and 20th centuries.

**Course Structure:** **Week 1:** Introduction, Writing & Research Skills

**Week 2**: Ireland’s first settlers

**Week 3**: Arrival of the first Norsemen/Vikings in Ireland

**Week 4**: Rebellion of Hugh O’Neill and The Flight of The Earls

**Week 5:** The Plantation of Ulster

**Week 6**: The Great Famine

**Week 7**: Irish Emigration to Britain and America

**Week 8**: The Land War

**Week 9:** Home Rule in Ireland

**Week 10:** The Easter Rising

**Week 11:** Civil War in Ireland, Constitution of Eire

**Week 12:** Open to focus on any topic of interest i.e The Irish Outlaw in Folk History (Ned Kelly)

Irish folk music and culture abroad, The troubles in Northern Ireland -1968 onwards. These are just some examples of topics that can be of particular interest.

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