

****SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED: 12th May 2017****

CALL FOR PAPERS: 'Oral Histories of Work & Leisure'

23rd & 24th June 2017, Galway City

The **Oral History Network of Ireland (OHNI)** is pleased to announce its 2017 conference on the theme of 'Work & Leisure'. This two day conference will take place in the **Connacht Hotel, Galway** on **Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June**.

Conference contributions are welcome in a range of formats:

- standard conference papers (20 minutes)
- shorter 10 minute presentations for our "Moments" panels, focussing on outstanding or memorable individuals, experiences and/or incidents that influenced or changed the way presenters practiced oral history
- posters and visual presentations

We are particularly interested in proposals that take an imaginative approach to the 'Work and Leisure' conference theme while also showing clear engagement with oral history and/or personal testimony. Potential topics could include (but are not limited to):

- Sports, hobbies, games and pastimes
- Changing work practices, technologies & work places
- Crafts and trades
- The corporate and political world
- Trade Unionism in the workplace
- Changing definitions of work and leisure
- Work in the home
- Communities from the pitch and from the workplace
- The work experiences of migrants and immigrants
- 'Generations of Emigration' – work and leisure experiences abroad
- Where has all the work gone - working through the downturn
- Illuminating gender, class and power issues in the workplace and on the playing field
- Respectability and/or the influence of religion in the workplace
- The role of oral history in preserving institutional memories in the workplace
- Uncovering conflict, trauma and emotion through oral histories of work and leisure

Continuing OHNI's tradition of inviting keynote speakers of international renown, we are delighted to welcome **Historian Emeritus of the United States Senate** and author of *Doing Oral History*, **Don Ritchie** to this year's conference.

If you would like to propose a paper, please submit an abstract (of not more than 250 words) that includes your name; the name of your group, organisation or institution; and your email address to info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie before **Friday 12th May 2017** at 5pm. The conference committee's decision on successful abstracts will be communicated to potential presenters in early May.

Registration for the conference and further information will shortly be posted on our website <http://www.oralhistorynetworkireland.ie/ohni-conferences/2017-conference/>. For further details or queries please contact us through info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie.