



IRON AGE RESEARCH IN IRELAND AND BEYOND 15.-16.4.2026, University College Cork

Registration and updates at: <https://www.ucc.ie/en/archaeology/newpastures/>

Day 1

- 15.4.2026
- 11:20–12:00 Registration
 - 12:00–12:10 Welcome and opening
 - 12:10–12:30 Social collapse at the start of the Iron Age? Irish and British perspectives
Ian Armit, University of York
 - 12:30–12:50 A Genomic investigation into Late Bronze to Early Iron Age Ireland
Catherine Butt, Valeria Mattiangeli, Daniel Bradley, Lara Cassidy, Trinity College Dublin
 - 12:50–13:10 Between each stone turned, new lessons quietly emerge' – lithic traditions of the Irish Iron Age
Cian Hogan, Iarthar Heritage
 - 13:10–13:30 Discussion
 - 13:30–14:00 Coffee Break
 - 14:00–14:20 Animal Bodies: ritual economies and the ritual treatment of animal remains in Iron Age Ireland
Erin Crowley-Champoux, McDaniel College, US
 - 14:20–14:40 Iron Age animal husbandry - the zooarchaeological data
Natasia Duhau, Donna de Groene, Katharina Becker, University College Cork (New Pastures - Livestock and lifeways of the Irish Iron Age)
 - 14:40–15:00 Ancient DNA Analysis of Irish Cattle

Ciaran O'Connor and Dan Bradley, Trinity College Dublin (New Pastures - Livestock and lifeways of the Irish Iron Age)
 - 15:00–15:20 Searching for the mobile lifeways of the Irish Iron Age - Isotope analysis of Iron Age livestock
Derek Hamilton, University of Glasgow, Katharina Becker, University College Cork, Donna de Groene, University College Cork/University Leiden, Lara McCarry, University of Tübingen, Marta Díaz-Zorita Bonilla, University of Grenada, Spain (New Pastures - Livestock and lifeways of the Irish Iron Age)
 - 15:20–15:40 Discussion
 - 15:40–16:10 Coffee Break
 - 16.10–17:10 Keynote lecture - tbc
Janet Montgomery, University of Durham, UK
 - 18:00 Evening Reception



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Day 2

16.4.2026

- 09:20–09:40 Castlegal 4. The excavation of a Middle Iron Age circular palisaded enclosure in Co. Sligo
James McKee, AMS Archaeological Management Solutions
- 09:40–10:00 Going Round in Circles: A new set of enclosures at Dún Ailinne, Co. Kildare
Susan Johnston, George Washington University, US
- 10:00–10:20 Squaring the circle: tradition and transition from Iron Age to Early Christian ritual space
Joe Fenwick, University College Galway
- 10:20–10:40 Recent excavations at Loughboy, Co. Kilkenny: New evidence for Iron Age settlement
Marc Piera, IAC Archaeology
- 10:40–11:10 Coffee Break
- 11:10–11:30 Perspectives on Irish Iron Age Art
Philip Macdonald, National Museums NI
- 11:30–11:50 Irish gold bullae reconsidered
John Ó Néill, Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- 11:50–12:10 An object-oriented ontological study of the Iron Age artefacts discovered at Somerset, Co. Galway
Daniel Breheny, University College Galway
- 12:30–12:50 Discussion
- 12:50–13:50 Lunch
- 13:50–14:10 Iron production during the Iron Age in Ireland
Paul Rondelez, Independent Researcher
- 14:10–14:30 Digging Drumanagh, the story so far....
Christine Baker, Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council
- 14:30–14:50 Craft, Conflict, and Ceremony: Boats and inland waterways in Iron Age Ireland
Karl Brady, National Monuments Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- 14:30–14:50 Coffee Break
- 15:10–15:30 The Iron Age archaeology of Irish industrial peatlands
Cathy Moore, IPeAAT, Ellen OCarroll IPeAAT; Ben Gearey IPeAAT / UCC, Claire Nolan IPeAAT, Lauren Schotter IPeAAT, Ben Spillane IPeAAT
- 15:30–15:50 The dead marshes: Iron Age wetland deposition of animal and human remains at Gortnacranagh 7, Co. Roscommon
Eve Campbell, AMS Archaeological Management Solutions
- 15:50–16:10 Ballymacombs More Woman: A recently reported Iron Age Bog body from Northern Ireland
Niamh Baker, National Museums NI
- 16:10–16:30 Discussion
- 16:30–16:40 Closing remarks



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