



## 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

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| 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<br><i>Ian Armit, University of York</i>  |
| 12:30–12:50 | A Genomic investigation into Late Bronze to Early Iron Age Ireland<br><i>Catherine Butt, Trinity College Dublin, Marion Dowd, Atlantic University, Valeria Mattiangeli, Daniel Bradley, Lara Cassidy, Trinity College Dublin</i>  |
| 12:50–13:10 | Between each stone turned, new lessons quietly emerge' – lithic traditions of the Irish Iron Age<br><i>Cian Hogan, Iarthar Heritage</i>   |
| 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<br><i>Erin Crowley-Champoux, McDaniel College, US</i>  |
| 14:20–14:40 | Iron Age animal husbandry - the zooarchaeological data<br><i>Natasia Duhau, Donna de Groene, Katharina Becker, University College Cork (New Pastures - Livestock and lifeways of the Irish Iron Age)</i>  |
| 14:40–15:00 | Ancient DNA Analysis of Irish Cattle<br><i>Ciaran O'Connor and Dan Bradley, Trinity College Dublin (New Pastures - Livestock and lifeways of the Irish Iron Age)</i>  |
| 15:00–15:20 | Searching for the mobile lifeways of the Irish Iron Age - Isotope analysis of Iron Age livestock<br><i>Derek Hamilton, University of Glasgow, Katharina Becker, University College Cork, Donna de Groene, University College Cork/University Leiden, Lara McCarry, University of Tübingen, Germany, Marta Díaz-Zorita Bonilla, University of Grenada, Spain (New Pastures - Livestock and lifeways of the Irish Iron Age)</i> |
| 15:20–15:40 | Discussion  |
| 15:40–16:10 | Coffee Break  |
| 16:10–17:10 | Keynote lecture - tbc<br><i>Janet Montgomery, University of Durham, UK</i>  |
| 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 Springing forward (in understanding) by falling back (chronologically): A reassessment of the chronology at Dún Ailinne. Co. Kildare  
*Zenobie Garrett, University of Limerick*
- 10:00–10:20 Going round in circles: A new set of enclosures at Dún Ailinne, Co. Kildare  
*Susan Johnston, George Washington University, US*
- 10:20–10:40 Squaring the circle: tradition and transition from Iron Age to Early Christian ritual space  
*Joe Fenwick, University College Galway*
- 10:40–11:00 Recent excavations at Loughboy, Co. Kilkenny: New evidence for Iron Age settlement  
*Marc Piera, IAC Archaeology*
- 11:00–11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30–11:50 Perspectives on Irish Iron Age Art  
*Philip Macdonald, National Museums NI*
- 11:50–12:10 Irish gold bullae reconsidered  
*John Ó Néill, Transport Infrastructure Ireland*
- 12:10–12:30 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*
- 14:50–15:10 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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