The Secrets of Stone

Ireland's Geoheritage

Saturday 24th March 2012 9.30am to 4.30pm

The Palatine Room,
National Museum of Ireland Decorative Arts and History
Collins Barracks, Dublin 7





Open to all members of the public. Conference Fee €15, €10 concession. Booking is required.

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PROGRAMME

Time

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09.30am	Open registration
09.55am	Welcome Siobhán Pierce - Education Officer, National Museum of Ireland
10.00am	Secrets of Stone – an introduction to Ireland's geoheritage Matthew Parkes – Geological Curator, Natural History Museum
10.30am	Geodiversity – the foundation of biodiversity Rosaleen Dwyer – Heritage Officer, South Dublin County Council
11.00am	Coffee
11.30am	Ireland's oldest industry – mining and quarrying Nigel Monaghan – Keeper, Natural History Museum
12.00pm	Geoheritage - why protect a load of old rocks? Sarah Gatley - Senior Geologist, Geological Survey of Ireland
12.30pm	"If the stones could talk": Earth Science communication Mary Mulvihill - Science writer and storyteller
13.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Geoparks – a growing success story Sophie Préteseille - Geologist, Geological Survey of Ireland
2.30pm	Geological heritage in our museums Patrick Wyse Jackson - Department of Geology, Trinity College Dublin
3.00pm 3.10pm 3.20pm 3.30pm 3.40pm 3.50pm	Getting more involved: Matthew Parkes - Earth Science Ireland Una Patterson - Castlecomer Discovery Park Laura Smith - Irish Geological Association Patrick Wyse Jackson - Geoschol Steve McCarron - Ice Age Ireland Ray Scanlon - Geological Survey of Ireland
4.00pm	Questions for speakers, discussion, and closing remarks
4.30pm	Finish