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Music room Reflections concert

'Engage with the acoustics and architecture of some of Ireland's finest Country Houses' Cast your mind back to the 18th century, to the era of Handel, Mozart, Maria Edgeworth and Jane Austin. Imagine the family's evening entertainments, daughters displaying their musical accomplishments on the piano and harpsichord. Singing and acting, followed by some lively country-dances. The Music Room Reflections concerts emulate such musical soirees. 'You will interact with the architecture of the spaces as well as engaging with the performance.' Visit www.musicroomreflections.com

To book tickets for the concert please go to http://shop.antaisce.ie/Department/Lookup.taf?_function=details&_ID=9&DepartmentID=9



The Pipe - showings in aid of An Taisce's Corrib JR appeal

Donegal The YARD,
Falcarragh (just off the main crossroads),
Saturday 21 May @ 8p.m.
Guth Gafa,
Gortahork,
Co. Donegal: <http://guthgafa.com>



WHY NOT BUY A FRAMED POSTER

Framed full size posters for the film The Pipe now available through An Taisce - for €100, plus post and packaging, with proceeds to An Taisce's Corrib JR Fund, kind courtesy of award winning director - Risteard O'Domhnaill. [Click here...](#)

Claiming our Future - National Citizens Forum on 'Income Inequality'



Citizens' forum to urge Government action on income inequality

Saturday 28th May, NUI Galway

A national 'citizens' forum.' organised by the Claimina Our Future aroup. will this week urae the

A Message from the Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support.

We could not do what we do without the practical commitment of those who support An Taisce financially and through voluntary effort. Unfortunately in 2011 we face a major funding crisis which severely threatens our operations.

We thought it might be appropriate to provide a tangible but symbolic gift in return for your donation which you can give to someone who values our heritage as you do. Though initially intended as a Christmas gift catalog of symbolic gifts, our 'Treasury of Gifts' is still available to you. The recipient of your gift will receive a certificate outlining the significance of your donation choice.

We hope that some of these ideas in An Taisce's 'Treasury' of gifts appeal to you as a novel way to support An Taisce and maintain our ongoing contribution to Ireland's built and Natural heritage.

Your support is genuinely appreciated in these trying times because it our joint strength that makes it possible for us to continue to protect the environment of Ireland for the people of Ireland.

Charles Stanley-Smith, Chair An Taisce The National Trust for Ireland

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Important

Please note these gifts are intended as symbolic reflections of how your donation supports the work of An Taisce. Where subscriptions do not match required expenditures or critical needs are identified - actual contributions will be allocated where most effective to sustain our operations.

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Government to take steps to reduce Ireland's income gap. Some 500 participants at the event, which takes place at NUI Galway, college Road, Galway, from 10.00am on Saturday 28th May 2011. Participants will hear that income inequality is hampering economic growth and contributing to expensive social problems.

Income inequality emerged as one of eight policy priorities at Claiming Our Future's first national citizen's forum, which attracted over 1,000 participants to Dublin's RDS last October.

Participants at the Galway event will discuss policies to tackle income inequality in areas like welfare, taxation and wages. Individuals and organisations have also been invited to contribute to the debate via the www.claimingourfuture.ie website and its associated social networking sites.

Speaking ahead of the event, Claiming Our Future spokesperson Niall Crowley said Ireland was a very unequal society where the richest 10% received nearly a quarter of total disposable income, while the poorest households got just 2.3%. He pointed to a recent IMF analysis, which concluded that high growth spells are much more likely to end in countries with less equal income distribution. "Cracking the gap between rich and poor is essential to fixing our economy and our society. Income inequality affects everything in our lives including life expectancy, educational attainment and social mobility, are of which all lower in societies with higher levels of income inequality. Meanwhile unequal societies have poorer mental health and higher rates of imprisonment and violence. We simply can't afford to ignore income inequality," he said.

Claiming Our Future is made up of individuals and organisations that believe the economic crisis can be a turning point for reshaping Ireland's economic recovery and reasserting progressive social values of equality, sustainability, and participation. It is a broad movement of individuals and civil society organisations including community groups, trade unions and environmentalists. Like its Dublin predecessor, the event will have no keynote speakers, workshops, reports, motions or amendments. Instead, all participants will have an equal input into discussing and agreeing policies and strategies to reduce income inequality.

Eat Irish for the Week

At the close of the campaign "Eat Irish for the Week" - it's an ideal opportunity to remind your friends and family to be conscious about what they put in their shopping basket. These choices can have a major bearing on our environmental impact, and Irish jobs. In particular making local food production economically sustainable. There will always be controversy surrounding farming practices, however the message of lesser of evils is always a good one, and we are simply urging focus and conscious consideration in using your purchasing power, in the interests of your own health and that of the environment, and our economy.

For more details on the campaign see: <http://eatonlyirish.com>

A thank you to Abby

We would like to thank Abby for the work that she did over the past while in pulling together this ezine and wish her well in her new post in Newry.

I'm afraid that this is going to be a very short ezine because our plans for the handover of the editorship have gone slightly awry but we should be back on track for next month.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

In accordance with section 11b of our Constitution we are taking this opportunity to announce that the **An Taisce A.G.M** will take place in The Tailors Hall, Dublin on **Saturday, June 11th 2011 at 11.30a.m.**

You are now too late for a motion to be made at the AGM as notice of any motion proposed to be made at a General Meeting shall be delivered to the Honorary Secretary of the Company thirty clear days before the meeting at which the motion is to be proposed and shall be circulated with the notice convening the meeting. Such notice shall be signed by the Proposer and one Seconder, being Members of the Company, and no motion shall be entertained by a general meeting unless notice thereof has been given as aforesaid.

Further announcements will be circulated to members in due course.

Tailors Hall finally gets full Licences

Final work is being completed on the roof of Tailors' Hall along with a green retrofit, which in line with its heritage status will make the hall a living and liveable, energy efficient building.

Please spread the word to your friends, family and colleagues that Tailors' Hall is the ideal place for their special event or meeting.



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The Tailors' Hall is available to those who like stylish and elegant surroundings for their weddings or other functions like; film and photo shoots, music recitals, private parties, launches etc.

Hire of the Hall for your event includes the front courtyard, an ideal place for assembly, photographs etc., The building is equipped with a fitted kitchen, disabled access and bathroom.

The Great Hall has the elegance you expect from an early 18th century building. The Lower Hall, with its beamed ceiling and original stone walls, is ideal for entertainment of your choice.

We can advise you on how to put it all together and who supplies what to make your day complete.

For a reception with a difference, The Tailors' Hall in Dublin is both beautiful and historic.

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Your views are important to An Taisce. Please don't hesitate to send us any feedback on content, format, etc. of this newsletter, and if there are any topics in particular that you'd like to see covered, we'll do our best to get them in.



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