



**The Bray Heads U3A,
Sixth AGM, 3rd October 2024
Secretary's Report**

The members of the Coordinating Team for 2023/2024 were

Jane Grimson (Chair)

Ian Ring (Treasurer)

Aoife nic Reamoinn (Secretary)

Mary Ashall

Nikki Gordon

Mary Kelly

Harry McAlinden

Margaret Merrin

Don Moore

Isolde Moylan (Co-opted)

Mary Mullen

Leonie O'Toole Bates (Co-opted)

The Co-ordinating Team held 5 meetings throughout the year. Other activities of the team included the search for new topics and speakers, nailing down the programme and organizing visits.

We had a total of 18 meetings in the last year including

7 September- Aine Andrews " *The Red Rose – the life and loves of Hazel Lavery*"

21 September- Paul Gill " Profiling terrorists"

5 October – Paddy Moran " *The search for God in Contemporary Art* "

2 November - Neal Doherty *"Statues of Dublin"*

16 November –Carmen and Gerry Anderson *"Hello Delia Murphy- the story of the singer's life and music, with her songs recorded and live"*

30 November- Fergus Finlay *"Who put the ball in the English net?- the revival that really mattered"*

4 January 2024- Eamonn Darcy *"Lady Gregory – a Life"*

18 January – Ann Fleeton *" Texts and Textiles – an illustrated talk and display of original work"*

1 February Andy Pollack *" My father's journey from a strange land"*

15 February- Ray Taylor *"Humanitarian Aid in war zones"*

29 February – Des Geraghty *"Ceol Duchasach na hEireann- Ireland's musical heritage, its origins, development and practice today"*

14 March -Mary Whelan *"Human rights and the rule of Law"*

28 March -Ciaran Brady *"Slavery and the origins of the American Civil War"*

11 April -Isolde Moylan *"William J Moylan, Irish Newsman, Filmmaker and Adventurer in India and Pakistan 1020s – 1950s"*

25 April- Charlie Doherty *"An Claiomh Solais- the Sword of Light in Early Irish and Indo-European traditions"*

9 May- Alan Smeaton *" How does Google work"*

23 May- Ciaran Brady *" The Salem Witch Trials and their contexts"*

6 June – Clare Sheridan *"Uncoiling the Ropes"*

Bray Golf Club continued to be the pleasant venue for our meetings throughout the year, as well as providing the occasion for our very enjoyable Christmas Celebration on 14 December and end of year lunch on 24 April 2024.

Members also took part in many wonderful visits during the year including

Visit to Eurofound

Guided Tour of 14 Henrietta Street Dublin

Chester Beatty Museum

The National Botanic Gardens Glasnevin

A visit to the Castle Howard Gardens Avoca

A boat trip to the Great Saltee Island

A visit to Trinity College Dublin

As ever we want to attract new members to the Coordinating Team. Most of the current members have been in place for several years, change is both good and essential to a healthy organization. This is your organization, its growth and development depends on active involvement . Please consider putting your name forward for the Team