

Plenary Session 1 (opening address):
Friday 19th March 2010 - 10.00-11.00

Professor Diarmaid Ferriter, N.U.I., Dublin



Diarmaid Ferriter was born in Dublin in 1972 and is one of Ireland's leading historians. He is Professor of Modern Irish History at UCD and has published extensively on twentieth century Irish history. His books include the best sellers *The Transformation of Ireland 1900-2000/* (2004) and *Judging Dev: A Reassessment of the life and legacy of Eamon de Valera/* (2007), winner of 3 Irish book awards in 2008. His latest book is *Occasions of Sin: Sex and Society in Modern Ireland* (2009). He is a regular broadcaster with RTE radio and television.

Plenary Session 2 (closing address):
Saturday 20th March 2010 - 16.00-17.00

Mary Raftery, Raidió Teilifís Éireann



A Senior Producer/Director with national broadcaster RTE and a former Woman Journalist of the Year, Mary Raftery currently lives and works in Dublin. Journalist and producer Mary Raftery wrote, produced and directed the internationally acclaimed three-part documentary series *States of Fear*. Winner of an Irish Film and Television Academy Award, *States of Fear* also received a Special Jury Gold Award at the World Fest in Houston, Texas; a Silver Screen Award at the US International Film and Video Festival in Chicago and a World Medal at the New York Festivals. In addition, it was judged as one of Europe's top ten documentaries for 1999 by the Prix Europa in Berlin. *Suffer The Little Children* was published the same year as *States of Fear* to universal acclaim. Her latest television documentary is *The Cardinal Sins*, which powerfully alerted public opinion to the scale of clerical abuse of children in what was then a deeply religious but socially repressed society in 'Catholic Ireland'.