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100 years of Ardnacrusha Power Station & the Shannon Electricity Act

On **4 July 2025** we will hold a one-day colloquium in collaboration with Siemens Ireland and ESB to commemorate **100 years** since the passing of the **Shannon Electricity Act on 4 July 1925** and the inception of the Shannon hydro-electric power station. The event will explore **Irish-German relations** of the time, delving into diplomatic, business, engineering, literary, and cultural contexts. Highlights include an **exhibition** of photographs, memorabilia, and postcards, alongside **discussions** on the transformative impact of the Shannon Scheme on Ireland's modernisation, engineering advancements, and Irish-German migration links.

Draft Programme

- 10 a.m. **Opening** – John Moran *tbc* (Mayor Limerick), Prof Ann Ledwith *tbc* (Acting Vice-President UL), H.E. David Gill (German Ambassador), Joe Walsh (CEO Siemens) and Prof Gisela Holfter (CIGS)
- 10.20 a.m. – **Ardnacrusha from an engineering, architecture and marketing perspective** – Prof Tom Cosgrove (Engineering), Jan Frohburg (Architecture), Prof Deirdre O’Loughlin (Marketing)
- 11.20 a.m. Coffee break
- 11.40 a.m. – **Literary, artistic and cultural memories & repercussions** – Maire Ni Ghrada *tbc* (Irish), Professor Emeritus Joachim Fischer, Dr Sorcha O’Brien (IADT)
- 12.40 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. **Lunch** (including access to the exhibition on Ardnacrusha in Special Collections, welcome Ciara McCaffrey, Director Glucksman Library and introduction Ken Bergin, Head Special Collection)
- 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. **The impact and legacy of Ardnacrusha: Irish-German diplomacy and business then and now** – Roundtable with Stefanie Ziska *tbc* (German-Irish Chamber of Industry & Commerce), Christian Resch (German Embassy), Simon Dauber (Allianz), Joe Walsh and Prof Gisela Holfter
- 2.30 p.m. **Leaving for Ardnacrusha** (bus transport)
- 3 p.m. **Guided tour of the Ardnacrusha Power Station**
- Bus returning to UL



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