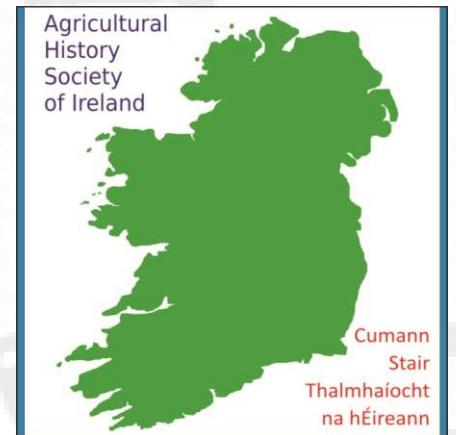


Textiles and Fibres Through Time



Call for Papers and Posters



Textiles and Fibres Through Time is a thematic one-day symposium that will bring together a variety of speakers from different disciplines. In the past, a wide range of raw materials including wool, animal hair, flax, hemp, grasses, reeds, briars, willow and bark have been used to create artefacts such as clothing, bedding, floor-coverings, sails, baskets, ropes and many other items. These activities have ranged in scale from craftwork to fulfil household needs, through cottage industries to factory production.

The aim of the symposium is to explore the history, archaeology economics and sociology of the raw materials, production, and use of textiles and fibres, with a particular emphasis on Ireland. Speakers may wish to consider issues such as: How did the development of new or improved agricultural and production techniques affect society? How were choices in clothing design and/or production a reflection of identity? What were the driving forces in the evolution of textile or fibre production? Who were the gainers and losers?

Speakers and poster presentations are invited from a diverse range of backgrounds including archaeology, history, economics, folk-life and sociology. Papers will be 20 minutes in length, with time for questions. A poster session with mini-presentations of 5 minutes will also be held.

This exciting symposium will take place on **Saturday, 21st November** at the Helen Roe Theatre, 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

Abstracts of no more than 200 words, plus your details, including affiliation (if applicable) should be emailed to novembersymposium2015ahsi@gmail.com by 18th September 2015. See our website at www.ahsi.ie for further details.

The Agricultural History Society of Ireland (AHSI) is open to all with an interest in the history of agriculture and food in Ireland. Current members come from a diversity of backgrounds including: historians, farmers, agricultural advisers, archaeologists, palaeoecologists and social scientists, ranging from established academics to their students and the interested public. We organise regular conferences on relevant subjects and also field-outings to places associated with farming and food.

Symposium Organisers are: Fiona Beglane and Brendan Riordan

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