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Galway Community Archaeological Advisory Project in partnership with
Lawrencetown Community Development Group are hosting a free one day
Archaeology Seminar in Lawrencetown Community Centre

Saturday 15th April 2017 — Starting at 10.00am

Lawrencetown owes its origin to the Lawrence family who acquired land here in the sixteenth century and founded the village. However, the region was inhabited for several thousands of years previously. This free public seminar will explore a number of aspects of its rich archaeology and history.

County Galway has a very rich archaeological heritage, encompassing archaeological sites spanning from the Mesolithic Period, (some 9,000 years ago), to monuments of the more recent past. Monuments such as ringforts, churches and castles are to be seen in abundance throughout the county. When examined closely this important archaeological legacy can help us as a Nation to understand how past societies lived and to better understand where we came from ourselves. Apart from its intrinsic cultural value, archaeology has the potential when used as a tourism product to contribute significantly to the local economy.

This community led event is being organised with the support of Lawrencetown Community Development Group under the auspices of the Galway Community Archaeological Advisory Project formerly delivered under the remit of Galway Field Monument Advisor Scheme and is being used as a means of placing archaeology at the heart of the community.

10-00 Arrival and Welcome

Session 1

10.30 Aron Donnelly *'The Lawrences of Lawrencetown: A family history'*

11.10 Tea/Coffee

11.30 Patrick Larkin *'Lawrencetown - the Muintir Lorcán homeland'*

12.10 Paul Duffy *'Engineering in the Landscape'*

12.50 Q&A

1.00 Lunch

Session 2

2.00 Christy Cunniffe *'Ohilbeg Convent - an overview of the medieval background to the parish of Lawrencetown'*

2.30 Steve Dolan *'Lawrencetown: A nineteenth-century perspective'*

3.00 Tea/Coffee

Session 3

3.15 James Joyce *'Fieldtrip to Seymour Mausoleum and Ballymore Castle'*
(Our visit to Ballymore Castle is courtesy of Marty Naughton)

5.00 Finish

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