

Cumas Initiative - History Society

The History Society hosted a number of events this year. In collaboration with the Art Department, History students visited the High Cross Exhibition in Collins Barracks. Students were given the opportunity to sketch some of the crosses and learn about the History of Celtic Art. Our second event was a visit to the College by Tadhg O'Keefe, Professor of Archaeology in UCD. Professor O'Keefe spoke about the work of an archaeologist and also gave students the opportunity to handle precious artefacts such as hand axes, Roman pottery and Medieval pottery. In March our Resident Historian, Niamh O'Sullivan visited the college and facilitated a workshop with our History Society on "The American Civil War". In April Ruth Heraty from Rang Ailill represented the College at a public meeting to propose her ideas for commemorating the centenary of the 1916 rising. Her ideas got a great reception from the group in attendance. The final event in the History Society calendar was a trip to Kilmainham Gaol in May. All students in attendance were fascinated by the history of the jail and its eclectic array of inhabitants.