

The Archaeology of Gatherings

Call for papers

International Conference

Institute of Technology, Sligo, Ireland
25th to 27th October 2013

The Archaeology of Gatherings is a thematic international conference to bring together a range of speakers from different disciplines including both academics and professionals. The aim is to explore the material culture and psychology behind gatherings of people. With 2013 being the year of 'The Gathering' this theme was chosen to examine why people over millennia have come together, often in large numbers, for religious assemblies, social interaction, to exchange commodities and ideas, along with other reasons such as farewells, wakes, political opposition, inaugurations etc.

Speakers are invited from a diverse range of backgrounds including archaeology, history, ethnography, sociology and event management. Both archaeological and modern case studies are invited. Papers will be 20 minutes in length, with time for questions. This important international conference will take place at the Institute of Technology, Sligo, Ireland from 25th to 27th October 2013, and will coincide with the SligoLive cultural festival. Abstracts of no more than 200 words should be emailed to archaeologyofgatherings@yahoo.com by 3rd May 2013. See our website at www.archaeologyofgatherings.com.

Sligo is an exciting, vibrant city in County Sligo on the northwest coast of Ireland. It is famed as the home of the poet WB Yeats and has an unsurpassed archaeological heritage. Sligo's dramatic coastline and welcoming people, combined with the exciting, interdisciplinary topic make this conference well worth a visit.

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