

Gender ARC Public Lecture @UL Spring 2013

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Dr Diane Urquhart, Institute for Irish Studies, Liverpool University



Date: 3 April, 2013 at 5.15pm

Venue: Glucksman Library Boardman, University of Limerick

Title of Lecture: 'The unity of unionism: gender, covenant and commemoration'

Abstract

In 'The unity of unionism: gender, covenant and commemoration' Dr Diane Urquhart assesses women's often overlooked contribution to unionism in the early twentieth century and uses the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant of 1912 as a case study for considering women's possible marginalization within that movement. Similarly, the recent covenant centenary is explored as a means to assess the gender inclusivity of the decade of commemoration thus far.

Dr Diane Urquhart is senior lecturer in modern Irish history and head of department at the Institute of Irish Studies of the University of Liverpool. A graduate of Queen's University Belfast, she has worked extensively on women in Irish politics in the 19th and 20th centuries. She is the author of *Women in Ulster politics, 1890-1940: a history not yet told* (2000), *The Ladies of Londonderry: women and political patronage 1800-1940* (2008) and is currently working on a history of Irish divorce.