



JOHN MITCHEL: REDRESSING & CHALLENGING A LEGACY

**SHARED HISTORY & CULTURE PROGRAMME:
NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

*4X WEEK, VIRTUAL LECTURE & WORKSHOP SERIES
TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 23RD FEBRUARY TO 18TH MARCH*

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Lecture & Workshops Series Background

This four week lecture & workshop series aims to:

- give an opportunity for participants to gain an historical understanding of John Mitchel, the good, the bad & the ugly.
- examine the writings of John Mitchel; how historic events shaped and dominated his thinking in being a leading light in Irish nationalism to a vehement supporter of the Slave Trade in America.
 - challenge participants to consider how such figures should be viewed in a modern context.
- challenge participants to debate the rights and wrongs of monuments, and how to create positive dialogue in understanding our past.
 - give participants the opportunity to debate and discuss the legacy of John Mitchel.

Lecture & Workshop Schedule At A Glance

Week 1

Tuesday 23rd February: Lecture 1 - "The Making Of The Man: "John Mitchel & The Young Ireland Ideal."

Thursday 25th February: Workshop 1 - How we look at historical figures, can we judge them through 21st century eyes?

Week 2

Tuesday 2nd March: Lecture 2 - "John Mitchel - United Irishman; Representations of Republicanism & Race in the journalism of John Mitchel in the United Irishman newspaper of 1848."

Thursday 4th March: Workshop 2 - Do monuments & statues, plaques and commemorations, of historical figures have a place in 21st century society?

Week 3

Tuesday 9th March: Lecture 3 - "Journal of Liberty, Bible of Slavery - John Mitchel's career in Antebellum America."

Thursday 11th March: Workshop 3 - Racism, Social Media and the death of discourse - how to tackle historic racism in Northern Ireland?

Week 4:

Tuesday 16th March: Lecture 4 - "Southern Citizen to Irish Citizen: John Mitchel's journey from the heart of the Confederacy to his boyhood home in Dromalane."

Thursday 18th March: Workshop 4 - How do we view the legacy of John Mitchel?

The Lecturer

The 4 lectures will be delivered by David Callopy. David is a PHD Candidate in the Department of History at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick. He was the winner of the Postgraduate Studentship award in 2019 at MIC. The Title of his PHD is "The Transnational Ideology of John Mitchel". David has spent much of the last decade studying and writing on the works of John Mitchel and we look forward to hearing his expertise on the man in question.

The Workshops

Robert Forshaw, owner of Footsteps NI, historian and actor, playwright and author, will be delivering the 4 workshops in conjunction with the lectures. Robert has a passion for history and for telling the story of our shared past. With over 20 years of experience in delivering workshops and creating conflict resolutions programmes, these workshops will look at how we view our shared history and what can we do to change our role in understanding our past.

This is a free programme and is open to all, but pre booking is essential. Due to the ongoing Covid Pandemic this will be an online series, and will be conducted via Zoom. Participants will be sent further information via email, that will outline the programme further and give details of how to access the lectures & workshops online.

To book your place, or for further information please contact:

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