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## 100 years of Ardnacrusha Power Station & the Shannon Electricity Act

On **4 July 2025** we will hold a one-day colloquium in collaboration with Siemens Ireland and ESB to commemorate **100 years** since the passing of the **Shannon Electricity Act on 4 July 1925** and the inception of the Shannon hydro-electric power station. The event will explore **Irish-German relations** of the time, delving into diplomatic, business, engineering, literary, and cultural contexts. Highlights include an **exhibition** of photographs, memorabilia, and postcards, alongside **discussions** on the transformative impact of the Shannon Scheme on Ireland's modernisation, engineering advancements, and Irish-German migration links.

### Draft Programme

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| 10 a.m.                | <b>Opening</b> – John Moran (Mayor Limerick), Prof Ann Ledwith <i>tbc</i> (Acting Vice-President UL), H.E. David Gill (German Ambassador), Joe Walsh (CEO Siemens) and Prof Gisela Holfter (CIGS, UL)  |
| 10.20 a.m.             | – <b>Ardnacrusha from an engineering, architecture and marketing perspective</b>   |
| 11.20 a.m.             | – Prof Tom Cosgrove (Engineering), Jan Frohburg (Architecture), Prof Deirdre O'Loughlin (Marketing)  |
| 11.20 a.m.             | Coffee break   |
| 11.40 a.m.             | – <b>Literary, artistic and cultural memories &amp; repercussions</b> – Maire Ni Ghrada <i>tbc</i> (Irish), Professor Emeritus Joachim Fischer, Dr Sorcha O'Brien (IADT)   |
| 12.40 p.m.             |  |
| 12.40 p.m. – 1.30 p.m. | <b>Lunch</b> (including access to the exhibition on Ardnacrusha in Special Collections, welcome Ciara McCaffrey, Director Glucksman Library and introduction Ken Bergin, Head Special Collection)  |
| 1.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.  | <b>The impact and legacy of Ardnacrusha: Irish-German diplomacy and business then and now</b> – Roundtable with Stefanie Ziska <i>tbc</i> (German-Irish Chamber of Industry & Commerce), Christian Resch (German Embassy), Simon Dauber (Allianz), Joe Walsh and Prof Gisela Holfter |
| 2.30 p.m.              | <b>Leaving for Ardnacrusha</b> (bus transport)   |
| 3 p.m.                 | <b>Guided tour of the Ardnacrusha Power Station</b>  |
|                        | Bus returning to UL  |



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