



Ó Domhnaill Abú!

Clann Dálaigh - The O'Donnell Clan Association

Founded at Easter 1954 and registered with Clans of Ireland

Anniversaries: 70th & Donegal Castle & Abbey: 550th

Programme of events (draft; tbc)

8-9 June 2024

Saturday, 8 June Welcome to Donegal

tbd Welcome address by Cllr Tom Conaghan,
retiring Donegal Municipal Cathaoirleach (tbc)

tbd Donegal Castle: introduction by Seán Browne, OPW (tbc)

Up to 6:00pm: Visits to Donegal Castle and Donegal Abbey

Sunday, 9 June Feast Day of St. Columba/ColmCille

11:00am: Mass in Franciscan Friary at Rossnowlagh **or**
11:30am in the Church of the Four Masters/St. Patrick's, Donegal Town
(to be offered for members of the Clan, living & deceased)

1pm: Light luncheon, Lough Eske Castle Hotel (self-paying)
With poetry readings from our ancient texts

3pm: General Assembly/EGM to re-launch ODCA (Live by Zoom)
1. Introductions incl. volunteers & polling officers
2. Adoption of new Constitution
3. Election results: President, Vice-President & new Council Officers
Open Minds Forum: Listening to Young People on their Future

5pm Memorial lecture by Cathaoir Ó Tighearnagh, head of his clan
in memoriam Vincent O'Donnell (1947-2021) President Emeritus ODCA
"Challenges, lessons learnt and best practice in clan organisation"

Genealogy workshop (Genealogical Society of Ireland)
Heraldry workshop for young people
Walk to old O'Donnell Fortress ruins in hotel grounds

6pm Group photo shoot (outdoor, weather permitting)
Venue: Lough Eske Castle Hotel

7:30pm Evening harp recital by Mary Louise O'Donnell

8pm: Gala Dinner in Lough Eske Castle Hotel
(dress: optional black tie/business suit or other evening attire)

Closing statements & farewells

*Lough Eske Castle is 6km from Donegal Castle, on Lough Eske Road, or 8km if driving on the N15 road.
NB: participation is self-funded; and upon application or personal invitation to register. Details to follow.*