

# Turas Chun na Gaeilteachta

Dún na nGall – 10ú Márta – 12ú Márta 2023























*"Cur Sioda ar an gabhair is se gabhair o  
gconai e"*



































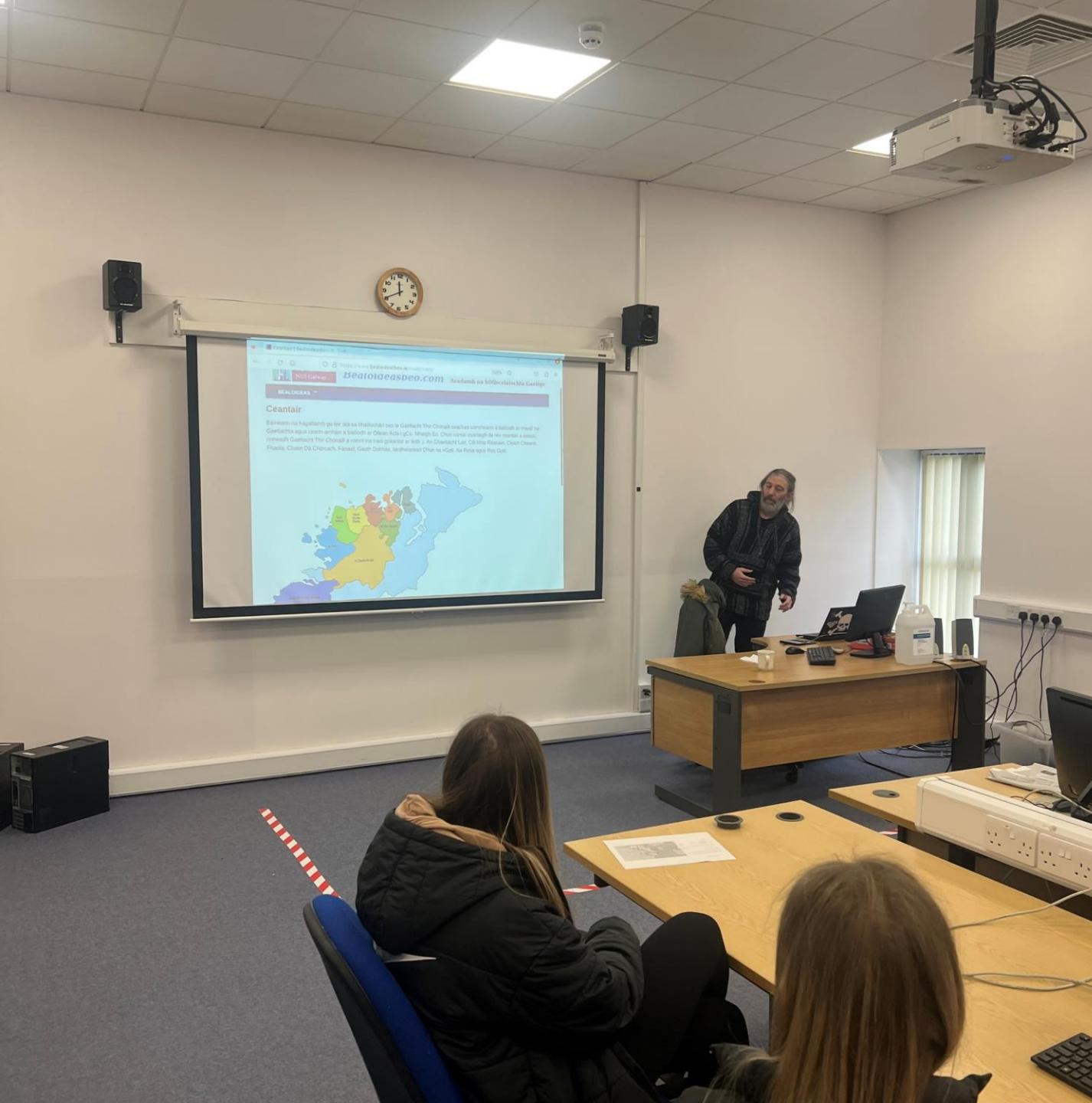


























## Music Room

Musicians from all over the world including the famous Yehudi Menuhin performed in this room for McIlhenny's guests.

The instruments on display here include a traditional Irish harp by John Egan and a square piano, both made in Dublin in the early 19th Century. Originally, a baby grand piano sat in the centre of the room.

The Gordon Clan tartan on the walls provided cladding to improve the room's acoustics.

The turf bin was originally a tea chest and the table lamps were originally tea urns.







MINI-GRAND PIANO

manufactured by AUGUST FORSTER (Germany), circa 1865-1885  
brought from Pigott & Co., Boston

Gifted by Henry McMurtry to the  
Hamilton Presbyterian Church in 1882,  
the year before he endowed the Chair to the Irish Nation in 1883.

Finally donated back to Glenveagh Castle in 2022 by  
GLENVEAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





## Drawing Room

This is the largest room in the castle and was the main reception room.

The fireplace is about 250 years old and was made in the style of Robert Adam, a talented eighteenth century interior designer from Scotland. Beside the fireplace is a "pole-screen", used by ladies to prevent their wax-based make-up from melting.

The large mirror in the centre, known as a pier-glass, was used to make the room look larger and brighter. The small mirror at ground level, known as a petticoat-mirror, was traditionally used by ladies to make sure their petticoats covered their ankles and feet.

The decorative table in the middle of the room is a French-style marquetry table from the early 1800's. Every part of the design is an individual piece of wood, carved and then inlaid.

The Killybegs carpets, made here in Donegal are well known across the world and can even be found covering the floors in the White House in America.

Finally, the Gothic bookcase dates to the 1790s and still displays the original hand-blown glass.







### Library

This room reflects the taste of the Hargrave family. The first generation were the Newland, George Powell & Son, who built up their business in the early 1800s. The second generation, the Hargraves, were very interested in literature and education. The library was used for quiet study and research. The library is named after Sir Gaspard and Maria Hargrave, the fifth Baronet.

The wooden chair of Sir James is now in the study at the end of the corridor on the left.

All of the books originally belonged to Henry Hargrave and include lots of history, biography, gardening books and American history. Some of our modern classics have been added.

William Hargrave's book on fox hunting can be seen on the shelf.

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