

Alister John McReynolds

Resume



Alister John McReynolds is an Historian and Educationalist who is a noted authority on the subject of the Scots Irish diaspora.

He has lived all his life in Northern Ireland where he has taught in the Secondary School and Community College sectors for over thirty years. For the last twelve years he has worked as Principal and Chief Executive of Lisburn Institute of Further and Higher Education. He holds a Primary Degree and two Post-graduate Diplomas from Queen's University Belfast and a Masters Degree from the University of Ulster. As well as a number of other academic honours Mr McReynolds has been appointed Honorary Member of City and Guilds of London and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland and a Fellow of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland.

He has published numerous articles on the Scots Irish and broadcast on the BBC on this topic and on other historical subjects. He is a regular contributor to the monthly periodical 'The Ulster Scotsman' and a recent work entitled 'Northern Ireland – The American Connection' has just been published in the United States on behalf of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.

During the past fifteen years Alister McReynolds has spoken at numerous colleges/universities/learned societies in the United States including the Smithsonian Institute in May 2006.

Mr McReynolds' own family were amongst the earliest Scots Irish settlers into the United States and his lively talks draw deeply from these pools of experience.

Mr McReynolds is a former Hon. Secretary of Lisburn Rotary Club and a former member of Council of Lisburn Chamber of Commerce. He is a Director of 'Diversity Challenge'.

He is married to Eileen and they have three children and live at Magheragall outside Lisburn.

From July 2007 Mr McReynolds will be employing his skills as a writer consultant and lecturer on Scots Irish History and Culture on a full-time basis.