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Public Liability Insurance

The current period of cover under the Insurance Policy expires on 31 March 2012 and must be renewed before then.

A Renewal Form is enclosed, which should be completed and returned before Friday 17 March 2012, accompanied by a cheque for the required cover.

There is an overview of the cover provided by the policy on the Federation's website at

http://www.fuls.org.uk/PLI_Information.pdf

Despite many reminders, a few Societies have not renewed their membership even though they have been warned that since 1 October 2011 their activities are not covered by the Federation's insurance scheme. Members of Executive Committees need to bear in mind that, in the absence of Insurance, they may find themselves personally liable for damages/compensation awarded to any member or visitor injured at such events.

We are aware that some member societies are confused about the different payment periods for membership and insurance. The position is as follows-

Membership period: 1 October to 30 September

Insurance period: 1 April to 31 March.

So member societies need to make two payments in the year; in September for Membership and February for Insurance.

NOTE: The Insurance scheme is available only to Societies based in Northern Ireland

Joint Trip to York

I am enclosing a notice and Booking Form for the Joint FULS/FLHS Trip to York from 23rd to 27th April. Early booking is advisable as numbers are limited to 26 from FULS. Due to the small number available, bookings are limited to two per applicant.

Joint Trip To Titanic Exhibition & Museum

The Federation and the Federation of Local History Societies is planning a joint Trip to visit the Titanic Exhibition in the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum and the Titanic Museum in the Titanic Quarter. The Trip will be on Saturday 7 July. More details about the programme and cost will be issued nearer the date.

Joint Project with the National Library of Ireland

The Federation and the Federation of Local History Societies are planning a very special project with the National Library of Ireland

We will be working with the NLI to catalogue the material in two great projects carried out jointly by the Federations members many years ago over the whole country. These projects were **The re-taking of 1000 pictures in the Lawrence collection**, 100 years after it had first been made, and a project called **Our Own Place** which had more than 600 modern pictures of contemporary life in Ireland.

When all the information is in the catalogue, the collection of pictures will be digitised and both projects will form a substantial and useful on-line resource.

The work will be done in the reading room of the library using four or five of the library's laptops. The library will provide hands-on training for the participants.

We estimate that the first section - Our Own Place - will take about four weeks. On any one day there will be four people cataloguing with one team leader. We would like team leaders and others to commit to attendance on one named week day throughout the project. If unable to come on the agreed day we would like advance notice so that we can keep the work going with replacements. The team leaders will provide technical and moral support.

The work period would be from 10.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. However if long distance travel makes that time schedule that too difficult we should be able to accommodate that.

We hope many people will wish to have some part in this great project. Perhaps a small group from your society might like to attend together. If so please contact Pdraig Laffan, email: pdraiglaffan@gmail.com. Or you can contact Pat Devlin via pdevlinz@btinternet.com

Armagh-Leuven Links

In Newsletter No 21 I reported this European Commission funded project involving the Federation and the Archives of the City of Leuven in Belgium. Five volunteers from each body have now been selected and are working on the project in preparation for their visits to each other's country. The FULS group will spend three weeks in Leuven from 15th March to 5 May. The Leuven volunteers will be here in September.

Progress is being recorded on the website www.armagh-leuven.eu.

Federation Seminars/Workshops

It is some time since the Federation organised one of these and before deciding how to proceed the Executive Committee would like some feedback from Societies on topics of interest to them. Please email Bridgeen Rutherford, Convenor of the Events sub-committee via bridgeenr@aol.com

Speakers Register

The Executive Committee would welcome Society comments on the usefulness of the Register. It would be useful if those Societies that used the Register could let us know how useful or otherwise it has been. Also any ideas or suggestions as to how it might be improved. Replies to John Hulme

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