

# **The Worth Library Trust**

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## **Objectives and Activities**

The Worth Library Trust, established by the order of the High Court, preserves and maintains the Worth Library and the Worth Library Collection as a unit in its original form and in its original location in Doctor Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, for the purpose of advancing public education and a greater general knowledge and understanding of science, literature and the arts by enabling scholars and the general public to have access to a rare example of a uniquely preserved private library of an eighteenth century scholar and physician which is of unique national and international importance.

The main activities revolve around public education and research in the context of expanding the profile of the library, nationally and internationally, as a centre for the history of medicine, science and the history of the book.

## **Background to the Edward Worth Library**

The book collection of Dr Edward Worth (1676-1733) is preserved in Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin currently the headquarters of the Health Service Executive. The Library's collection, one of the treasures of the nation's cultural inheritance is comprised of c. 4,400 volumes, the earliest dating from 1475. Most are preserved in original bindings.

Edward Worth was a Dublin physician who collected medical books ancient and modern (i.e. 18th century), important contributions to the study of related sciences, philosophy, the classics and history. The collection reaches back to the origins of printing itself and most of the books are notable for their fine bindings as well as their printed content. Following Dr. Worth's death in February 1733, a room was designed and built to accommodate the collection on the first floor of the then unfinished Dr Steevens' Hospital, and the original book-shelves, cases, glass panes and other fittings remain today as they were in the 1730s.

## Achievements in 2017

The following activities were carried out in 2017:

### 1.1. Teaching and Lectures

- 1.1.1. Each year academics are encouraged to bring their classes to the Worth Library where they can utilise the resources for the history of the book, medicine and science. During these visits the Librarian participates with teachers to teach their students about the resources of the Worth Library, in particular the history of bookbinding. This year the Librarian gave a tour of the botanical holdings to postgraduate students from the Department of Botany, Trinity College Dublin.
- 1.1.2. The Librarian is also heavily involved in drawing attention to the resources of the Worth Library for historians of medicine. This year she gave a class on the history of medicine to first year medical students in the School of Medicine, Trinity College, Dublin.
- 1.1.3. The Librarian gave a presentation on ‘Trinity College Dublin in the Seventeenth-Century: Libraries, Learning, and the Function of an Early Modern University’ as part of the Trinity 425 symposium on 26 September 2017: podcasts available at <http://www.tcd.ie/provost/425/>
- 1.1.4. The Librarian gave a seminar at the Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland (UCD), on the subject: ‘Buying and selling medical books in early modern Ireland’. (2 February 2017) and was asked to give the same paper as the Inaugural Bolton-King Lecture in the University of Limerick (25 October 2017). This paper has been accepted for publication by the journal *Eighteenth Century Ireland*.
- 1.1.5. The Librarian gave a paper on ‘Persecution and deliverance in Sixteenth-century Kilkenny, *The Vocacyon of John Bale, 1553*’ at the Second Memorial Conference in honour of John Bradley (19-20 October, 2017). This paper has been accepted for publication by the journal *Old Kilkenny Review*.

## 1.2. The Edward Worth Library Seminar Series 2017.

As part of our public engagement the Edward Worth Library organizes a series of lectures and seminars throughout the year.

- ❖ **6 April 2017:** Professor Michael Brown (University of Aberdeen): ‘The Birth of the Irish Enlightenment’. This lecture marked the launch of Dr Brendan Power’s exhibition ‘Deism and the Early Enlightenment at the Worth Library’.
- ❖ **25 April 2017:** Professor David McKitterick (Trinity College, Cambridge): ‘Printers of choice. Edward Worth and a culture in eighteenth-century book collecting’?
- ❖ **26 May 2017:** Professor Laurence Brockliss (Magdalen College, Oxford): ‘Medical Libraries in Eighteenth-Century France.’
- ❖ **15 June 2017:** Professor Earle Havens (William Kurrelmeyer Curator of Rare Books & Manuscripts, Department of Rare Books and Manuscripts, The Sheridan Libraries, Johns Hopkins University): ‘Time Machines. Reading the Renaissance Libraries of John Dee and Gabriel Harvey.’ This was a joint event, hosted by the Irish Research Council New Horizon Research Project: Mapping Readers and Readership in Dublin, 1826-1926: a new cultural geography (UCD, School of History), and the Edward Worth Library, Dublin.’
- ❖ **27 June 2017:** Professor Michael Hunter (Birkbeck College, London): ‘The supernatural and the natural in English thought, 1650-1750’.
- ❖ **28 September 2017:** The Brendan Prendiville Memorial Lecture in Medical History. This lecture, which marked the 200th anniversary of the fever epidemic in Dublin in 1817, took place in the Worth Library. The speakers were as follows: Dr Ciarán Mc Cabe (Historian and Independent Scholar): ‘“Saving a populous nation from pestilence”: the impact of the 1817-19 fever epidemic in Dublin city’ and Dr Máire O’Connor (Department of Public Health, HSE): ‘Still protecting the population from pestilence: Dr Steevens’ Hospital 2017.’
- ❖ **12 October 2017:** Professor Guy Geltner (University of Amsterdam): ‘Pre-modern public health: the end of an oxymoron.’ This lecture was the Lecture in Medieval and Renaissance Medicine, set up by the Worth Library and the Department of History, Trinity College, Dublin.

### 1.3. Colloquia and Conferences at the Edward Worth Library

- 1.3.1. A workshop on art and architectural sources in Irish libraries, jointly organised by the Rare Books Group of Ireland, the Worth Library and the Irish Art and Architecture Historians was held in the Worth Library on 19 May 2016. This involved short presentations from a variety of institutions on their art and architectural sources.
- 1.3.2. The fourth Irish conference on the History of Mathematics (IHoM4) was held in the Boardroom of Dr Steevens' Hospital, on Friday 9 June, 2017. Tours of the Worth Library were provided on the day for participants. The programme is provided in Annex A.
- 1.3.3. 'Botany in Early Modern Ireland'. This conference, jointly organised by the Dublin Naturalists' Field Club and the Worth Library, was held on 17 November 2017 in the Boardroom of Dr Steevens' Hospital. Tours of the Worth Library were provided on the day for participants. The programme is provided in Annex B.

### 1.4. Exhibitions

Throughout the year the Edward Worth Library organizes a series of exhibitions, many of which are available online.

- 1.4.1. **'Van Dyck at the Edward Worth Library'**. This exhibition was launched on 6 December 2017, and marked the tenth in the annual online exhibition series. It focuses on Worth's collection of 100 prints by Anthony Van Dyck in the latter's *Icones principum virorum doctorum, pictorum chalcographorum statuariae nec non amatorum picturae artis numero centum ab Antonio Van Dyck pictore ad vivum expressae eiusque sumptibus aeri incisae* (Antwerp, 1646) and was curated by the staff and students of the Department of the History of Art and Architecture, Trinity College, Dublin, and the staff of the Worth Library.
- 1.4.2. **Deism and the Early Enlightenment at the Worth Library**: This was produced by Mr Brendan Power, Library Assistant of the Worth Library. <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/exhibitions-at-the-worth/smaller-exhibitions/deism-and-the-early-enlightenment-at-the-worth-library/>

- 1.4.3. **Mathematics at the Worth Library:** A small exhibition of mathematical books to tie in with the IHoM4 conference on 9 June 2017.
- 1.4.4. **Obstetrics at the Worth Library:** This was produced by the EUSA intern, Ms Mallory McFall (University of Kansas). <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/exhibitions-at-the-worth/smaller-exhibitions/obstetrics-at-the-worth-library/>
- 1.4.5. **Bookbinding in the Edward Worth Library:** A small exhibition was produced to mark the visit of the Dutch Bibliophile Society in August 2017. The exhibition consisted for bindings from the Netherlands, Ireland, England, France and Italy.
- 1.4.6. **Caleb Threlkeld and his Sources:** This small exhibition was produced in conjunction with the conference 'Botany in Early Modern Ireland' which took place on 17 November 2017. The exhibition ran from 13 November 2017 to 24 November 2017.

## 1.5. Other Online Initiatives

- 1.5.1. **Books of the Month for 2017** are available on the Worth Library website: <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2017-books-of-the-month/>.
- 1.5.2. **February 2017:** Anthony Collins' *Discourse on Free Thinking* (1713): <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2017-books-of-the-month/2017-february-anthony-collins-discourse-on-free-thinking/>
- 1.5.3. **June 2017:** John Locke's *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (1689): <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2017-books-of-the-month/2017-june-john-locke/>
- 1.5.4. **July 2017:** François Mauriceau's *Traité des maladies des femmes grosses et de celles qui son accouchées* (1694): <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2017-books-of-the-month/2017-july-mauriceaus-diseases-of-women-with-child/>
- 1.5.5. **August 2017:** Jakob Rüff, *The Expert Midwife or An Excellent and most necessary Treatise of the generation and birth of Man* (1637): <http://edwardworthlibrary.ie/book-of-the-month/2017-books-of-the-month/2017-august-the-expert-midwife-london-1637/>

These items, as well as notices for the annual web exhibition, were placed on the Facebook page of the Worth Library.

## **1.6. Research Fellowships appointed in 2017**

- 1.6.1. Ms Megan Baumhammer (Princeton University): ‘Visualising Early Modern Medicine at the Edward Worth Library’ (January 2017).
- 1.6.2. Dr Ralph Stevens (UCD): ‘The Anglican Edward Worth: Books of Common Prayer and Sermons in the Edward Worth Library.’ (September-October 2017).

## **1.7. Links with other Institutions and Societies**

- 1.7.1. As Leader of Work Group 4 ‘Documents and Collections’ of the COST Action IS1310: Reassembling the Republic of Letters: A digital framework for multi-lateral collaboration on Europe’s intellectual history: [http://www.cost.eu/COST\\_Actions/isch/Actions/IS1310](http://www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/isch/Actions/IS1310), the Librarian attended Steering Group meetings at Budapest (June, 2017) and Oxford (November, 2017).
- 1.7.2. On 22 August 2017 the Dutch Bibliophile Society, which is the one of the most famous bibliophile societies in the world, visited the Worth Library.
- 1.7.3. The Librarian was elected as the Irish member of the Society for the History of Natural History.

## **1.8. Continuing Engagements**

Our previous links are still flourishing:

- 1.8.1. H. E. Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, is Patron of the Worth Library Trust.
- 1.8.2. The joint lecture on ‘Medieval and Renaissance Medical History’, set up by the Worth Library and the Department of History in TCD, took place in October 2017 (see Seminar List).
- 1.8.3. The Librarian is a committee member of the History of Science, Technology and Medicine Ireland Network and they hold their committee meetings in the Worth Library.



- 1.8.4. The Edward Worth Library had its fifth intern from the EUSA scheme: Ms Mallory McFall (University of Kansas) worked in the Library for six weeks. During her time here she prepared two books of the month, a small exhibition on early modern obstetrics and also helped with secretarial work.
- 1.8.5. The Librarian continues to be an active member of the Rare Books Group of Ireland.
- 1.8.6. The Edward Worth Library is one of a group of libraries (including the CONUL libraries) who joined together in 2013 to become members of CERL: Consortium of European Libraries: <http://www.cerl.org/>.
- 1.8.7. The Worth Library is part of the ‘Manuscript, Book and Print Cultures’ Research Theme (TCD).
- 1.8.8. The Edward Worth Library is one of five Dublin libraries involved in the ‘Reading East’ website, hosted by University College Dublin: <http://www.ucd.ie/readingeast/>.
- 1.8.9. The Edward Worth Library is a partner library with the Universal Short Title Catalogue, which is hosted by the University of St Andrews’, Scotland: [http://www.ustc.ac.uk/?page\\_id=36#worth](http://www.ustc.ac.uk/?page_id=36#worth)
- 1.8.10. The Infectious Diseases Society of Ireland has a link to the Worth Library 2011 online exhibition: <http://www.idsociety.ie/links/>
- 1.8.11. Podcasts of presentations at ‘The Book: History and Practice’ workshop, held at The Humanities Institute of Ireland on 12 March 2012, continue to be available online on YouTube.
- 1.8.12. A podcast of the paper the Librarian gave on the ‘Scientific Collections of the Worth Library’ in November 2012 is available on the website of the Royal Irish Academy.

## 1.9. Open Days

Seven Open Days at the Worth Library were held to facilitate members of the public in viewing the various exhibitions and the Library itself: The increase in Open Days and afternoons was greatly facilitated by the appointment of a Library Assistant.

- ❖ 3 February 2017: Open afternoon for the CERME 10 conference. CERME stands for the Conference in European Research in Mathematics Education.

- ❖ 20 April 2017: Open Day for the exhibition ‘Deism and the Early Enlightenment at the Worth Library’.
- ❖ 11 May 2017: Open Day for the Integrated Care Conference.
- ❖ 18 July 2017: Open Day for the exhibition ‘Obstetrics at the Edward Worth Library’.
- ❖ 22 August 2017: Open afternoon linked to visit of the Dutch bibliophile Society.
- ❖ 14 November 2017: Open Day for the botany exhibition ‘Caleb Threlkeld and his Sources.’
- ❖ 6 December 2017: Launch of the Annual online exhibition ‘Van Dyck at the Edward Worth Library.’
- ❖ The Librarian also gave a large number of tours of the Library, including to the Irish Georgian Society (24 February 2017) and a delegation from the embassy of Mozambique (15 November 2017).

### 1.10. Select Statistics

The increased number of Open Days increased our footfall numbers to **685**. It should, however, be noted that a number of joint events during the year were elsewhere and thus figures from these events were not included in our visitors’ book.<sup>1</sup>

Throughout 2017 there were **18,480** individual visitors to the main site in 2017 alone, (89% were new visitors this year and there have been 70,689 users since June 2010).

The connected online exhibitions have figures as follows:

- ❖ ‘Astronomy at the Worth Library’ has, since it was launched in November 2009, been visited by 34,884 individual visitors since, with **903** individual users in 2017.
- ❖ The ‘Infectious Diseases at the Worth Library’ web exhibition has been visited by 39,787 individual visitors since it was launched in December 2010, with **4,146** in 2017 alone.
- ❖ The ‘Alchemy and Chemistry at the Worth Library’ exhibition, launched in 2011 and was accessed 44,845 since then, **965** times in 2017.

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<sup>1</sup> For example 40 people attended the joint lecture in Medieval and Renaissance medicine which was held in the Arts Building in Trinity College Dublin.

- ❖ The Newton exhibition, launched in 2012 to mark Dublin City of Science was accessed 43,962 times since then, **354** in 2017 alone.
- ❖ The Botany website, launched on 27 September 2013 has been accessed by 57,162 visitors since then, with **18,254** in 2017 alone.
- ❖ The Dr Steevens' Hospital: A History' website, was launched on 27 May 2014, and has been accessed by 36,913 individual visitors since, with **1,788** in 2017 alone.
- ❖ The 'Aldines at the Worth Library' website, was launched on 6 February 2015, and has been accessed 34,606 since it was launched, with **772** this year alone.
- ❖ The 'Architecture at the Worth Library was launched on 15 October 2016, and has been accessed 627 times since, **521** in 2017 alone.
- ❖ 'Mathematics at the Worth Library' was launched on 10 November 2016, has been accessed 685 times since then, **336** in 2017 alone.
- ❖ 'Van Dyck at the Worth Library' was launched on 6 December 2017 and was accessed in 79 times 2017 alone.

On average c. 75% of each of these were **new** visitors to the websites, which suggests that our web visibility is growing exponentially. This suggests that the strategy of leaving web exhibitions online and linking them to each other is very beneficial for increasing the web visibility of the Worth Library. Most of the **18,480** individual visitors to the main site this year were based in Ireland, the United States, and the United Kingdom (21%, 25%, and 13% respectively). Following these was India (4%); and then Canada, the Philippines, Russia and Australia at over 2%.

Via the extensive online presence ([www.edwardworthlibrary.ie](http://www.edwardworthlibrary.ie) and our ancillary website exhibitions) we seek to share knowledge of the collection with scholars, institutions and the general public. All lectures, conferences and tours are open to members of the public. Outside of Open Days, tours may be booked by either e-mailing [info@edwardworthlibrary.ie](mailto:info@edwardworthlibrary.ie) or by phoning 01 635 2215.

## 1.11. Print and Online Media

- ❖ E. A. Boran, 'Mathematics at the Edward Worth Library' in *Irish Mathematics Teachers' Association Newsletter* no. 115 (2017), pp. 9-13. Also available online: <http://www.imta.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/newsletter115.pdf>.

- ❖ E.A. Boran, 'New Exhibition Draws Crowds at Library' in *Health Matters* Autumn (2017), p. 70.
- ❖ A very positive review of Elizabethanne Boran (ed.) *Aldines at the Edward Worth Library* (Dublin, 2015) was published in *The Book Collector* Summer 2017, 307-8.
- ❖ The Librarian devised a brochure for the Worth Library.

## 1.12. Publications

- 1.12.1. *Reading Newton in Early Modern Europe*. Arising out of the international conference 'The Reception of Newton', which was hosted by the Worth Library in 2012 to mark Dublin City of Science, the above volume, edited by E.A. Boran and Professor Mordechai Feingold (Caltech), was published in the summer of 2017: <http://www.brill.com/products/book/reading-newton-early-modern-europe>.
- 1.12.2. *Student Revolt, City, and Society in Europe. From the Middle Ages to the Present* (New York and London, 2017), was edited by Dr Pieter Dhondt and E.A. Boran as part of a project of the International Commission for the History of Universities.
- 1.12.3. *Book Collecting in Ireland and Britain: 1650-1850*. This collection of papers has been accepted for publication by Four Courts Press and is due out in Autumn 2018. It is the proceedings of a conference, held in the Chester Beatty Library in November 2016, which was a joint event of the Rare Books Group of Ireland, the Edward Worth Library, and the British Book History Research Network. The proceedings are currently being edited by the Librarian.

## **2. Financial Summary**

### **Funding**

The Worth Library received funding of €165,000 from the Health Service Executive in line with the costings submitted to the HSE as part of the 2017-2019 three year plan.

### **Staff and administration**

The Worth Librarian and the Library Assistant are appointed as members of staff in Trinity College Dublin and paid monthly by the College via funds provided by the Trustees. The Trust Secretary also received a stipend from the Trustees.

The revenue charity status of the Trust exempts it from tax obligations.

**Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial  
position as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	
Income	€165,858
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>€4,849</u>
Interest receivable & similar income	€176
Surplus/(deficit) on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>€5,025</u>
Tax on surplus	-
Surplus for the year	€5,025
Non Current assets	
Property, plant & equip	€1,308
Current Assets	
Debtors	€8,052
Cash and cash equivalents	€111,824
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(16,719)
<b>Net Current assets</b>	<b><u>€103,157</u></b>
Total Assets less current Liabilities	<b><u>€104,465</u></b>
Represented by Unrestricted Funds-general fund surplus	104,465
Total Funds	<b><u>104,465</u></b>

### **3. Structure, Governance and Management**

Pursuant to a High Court judgment by Mr Justice Ronan Keane in 1995, the Worth Library Trust was established under a Scheme for its Administration and Regulation by Order of the High Court of 5<sup>th</sup> July 1995.

The Trust is regulated by the Charities Regulation Authority. CRA number 20066093, Charity number CHY 17643.

#### **3.1. Trustees of the Edward Worth Library in 2017**

Dr Emer Lawlor (Chair and Trustee)

Mr Tony O'Brien, Director General HSE (ex officio)

Prof Patrick Prendergast, Provost, TCD (ex officio)

Dr Sandra Collins, Director, National Library of Ireland (ex officio)

Mr Tony Kelly (Nominee for Director General HSE)

Mr Gerard Long (Nominee for the Director of the National Library of Ireland)

Ms Helen Shenton (Nominee for the Provost of Trinity College)

Ms Maureen Browne

Professor Davis Coakley

Mr David Fitzpatrick

Mr Kieran Hickey

Professor Greta Jones

Dr Eoghan Mooney

Ms Helen Stokes

Mr Robert Towers

## **Secretary to the Trustees**

Ms Ceara Cowap

## **Financial Advisor**

Mr Damian Casey

## **Worth Library Staff**

### **Worth Librarian**

Dr Elizabethanne Boran

### **Worth Library Assistant**

Mr Antoine Mac Gaoithín

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## **3.2. Meetings of the Edward Worth Library in 2017**

### **31<sup>st</sup> March Finance sub-committee meeting**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Robert Towers, Mr Kieran Hickey

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

### **31<sup>st</sup> March Trustees' meeting**

**Present:** Dr Eoghan Mooney, Ms. Maureen Browne, Dr David Fitzpatrick, Mr. Kieran Hickey, Dr. Emer Lawlor, Mr. Robert Towers, Ms. Helen Stokes

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

### **16<sup>th</sup> June Finance sub-committee meeting**

**Present:** Dr Emer Lawlor, Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Robert Towers, Mr Kieran Hickey, Mr Tony Kelly

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap



**16<sup>th</sup> June Trustees' meeting**

**Present:** Dr. Emer Lawlor, Dr Eoghan Mooney, Ms Maureen Browne, Prof Davis Coakley, Mr David Fitzpatrick, Mr Kieran Hickey, Mr Tony Kelly, Mr Gerard Long, Ms Helen Shenton, Ms Helen Stokes, Mr Robert Towers

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

**3<sup>rd</sup> October Finance sub-committee meeting**

**Present:** Dr Emer Lawlor, Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Tony Kelly

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

**17<sup>th</sup> October Trustees' meeting**

**Present:** Dr. Emer Lawlor, Dr Eoghan Mooney, Ms Maureen Browne, Prof Davis Coakley, Mr David Fitzpatrick, Mr Kieran Hickey, Dr Greta Jones, Mr Tony Kelly, Mr Gerard Long, Ms Helen Shenton, Ms Helen Stokes, Mr Robert Towers

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

**28<sup>th</sup> November Finance sub-committee meeting**

**Present:** Dr Emer Lawlor, Dr Eoghan Mooney, Mr Tony Kelly, Mr Robert Towers

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

**28<sup>th</sup> November Trustees' meeting**

**Present:** Dr. Emer Lawlor, Dr Eoghan Mooney, Ms Maureen Browne, Mr David Fitzpatrick, Mr. Kieran Hickey, Mr Tony Kelly, Mr Gerard Long, Ms Helen Shenton, Ms Helen Stokes, Mr Robert Towers

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

**7<sup>th</sup> December Trustees' meeting**

**Present:** Dr. Emer Lawlor, Ms Maureen Browne, Mr. Kieran Hickey, Mr Tony Kelly, Mr Gerard Long, Ms Helen Stokes, Mr Robert Towers, Dr Greta Jones, Prof Davis Coakley

**In attendance:** Dr Elizabethanne Boran, Ms Ceara Cowap

## Appendices

### Annex A 'IHoM4' conference programme.

Miguel de Arce: 'The Pre-History of Genius: William Rowan Hamilton's school days in Trim, Co. Meath (1808-1823).'

Joseph Bennett: 'Henry Smith and the Arithmetical Theory of Forms.'

Michael Brennan: 'The enigmas of two 8-9<sup>th</sup> century brooches.'

Oisín Coombs: 'History of Mathematics and its effects on maths anxiety.'

Mark McCartney: 'One of the best of Irishmen?': James Thomson Snr and Mathematics in late Georgian Belfast.'

Ciarán Mac an Bhaird: 'Euler's methods and their impact on student learning.'

Colm Mulcahy: 'The Library of Irish Mathematics.'

Sue Hemmens: 'Knotty problems in algebra': Mathematical collections in Marsh's Library.'

Roderick Gow: 'In search of Robert Steell, mathematician and author.'

Maurice O'Reilly: 'Mathematics from the Imprimerie Royale, Paris, at the Edward Worth Library, Dublin.'

David Wilkins: 'The limit concept in the early 18<sup>th</sup> century.'

Peter Lynch: 'Replication of Foucault's pendulum experiment in Dublin.'

Elizabethanne Boran: 'Tour of the Mathematics exhibition at the Edward Worth Library.'

## Annex B ‘Botany in Early Modern Ireland’ conference programme.

### Session 1: Caleb Threlkeld and the first Irish Flora: *Synopsis Stirpium Hibernicarum*.

Dr Emer Lawlor (Edward Worth Library, Dublin): “‘There is some point we may advance to’: Caleb Threlkeld’s Life and Sources.’

Dr Declan Doogue (DNFC): ‘Caleb Threlkeld’s plant records.’

### Session 2: Botany in Ireland in the Seventeenth Century.

Dr Patrick Kelly (TCD): ‘The Molyneux brothers and the Dublin Philosophical Society in the late seventeenth century’.

Dr Matthew Jebb (Botanic Gardens): ‘Thomas Molyneux’s *Herbarium Vivum*: a remarkable plant collection from 1661.’

### Sessions 3: Botany in Ireland in the Eighteenth Century.

Mr Charles Shier (DNFC): ‘The Irish Landscape, 1650-1730.’ Mr Charles

Ms Susan Hemmens (Marsh’s Library, Dublin): ‘Botanical works in Marsh’s Library.’

3.00-3.30pm: Tea break.

**Keynote:** Dr Charles Nelson (Honorary editor of Archives of Natural History): ‘The Physic Garden at Trinity College, Dublin, in the early eighteenth century.’