

NEWS

UL PRESIDENCY: UCD VP TO TAKE OVER ROLE FROM DON BARRY IN MAY 2017

'An honour to lead UL over the next 10 years'

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THE CURRENT vice president of University College Dublin has been appointed as the next president of the University of Limerick. Mr Justice John Murray, the Chancellor of UL, made the announcement that Professor Desmond Fitzgerald, will take up his

new role on May 1 next year, succeeding the university's fourth president Don Barry.

Professor Fitzgerald is currently Vice President for Health Affairs at University College Dublin as well as Chief Academic Officer of Ireland East Hospital Group.

"He is a widely-respected scholar and leader in the academic world, with an enviable international re-

search reputation and unrivalled experience gained at strategic levels in a number of highly-ranked universities," said Mr Murray.

Professor Fitzgerald said that UL "has had remarkable success in its short history."

His 10-year contract for the presidency comes with a six figure salary and a million euro on-campus residence for the duration of the job.

"I am honoured to lead UL during the next phase. I look forward to working with colleagues and partners to secure a strong national and international academic profile."

"I want UL to establish and lead pioneering initiatives that will deliver real impact in a range of important areas that are critical to Ireland's future and the future of the Mid West," he concluded.



Prof Desmond Fitzgerald

POETRY

Submissions sought for book

THE Stony Thursday Book is seeking submissions from poets for its next issue, to be published this December. The closing date for submissions is Friday, October 28. email artsofficesubmissions@limerick.ie

HEALTH

825 people treated on trolleys at UHL

MONTHLY INMO figures show that there were 825 patients treated on A&E trolleys and additional trolleys and beds in the wards, at University Hospital Limerick, in September.

VOLUNTEERING

Rape Crisis Centre set for info evening

Rape Crisis Midwest is hosting an information night for those interested in volunteering on October 12, 6.30pm in Phoenix House, Pitches Close, Rosbrien Road.

POLITICS

Local Senator joins Corbyn at the TUC

LIMERICK Senator Paul Gavan spoke at the annual Stop the War coalition conference in London at the weekend. Mr Gavan, Sinn Féin, was joined on stage by British Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

CAMPAIGN

Autism-friendly shopping

AN AUTISM-friendly approach to shopping has been introduced by Queally's Supervalu in Killybegs, with the autism-friendly changes taking place every Wednesday night from 8pm to 10pm.

ART

Painting exhibition opens Wednesday

TWO graduates of Limerick School of Art & Design will be holding an exhibition of their work this Wednesday night in Central Buildings, O'Connell Street, from 7pm. Open until Saturday.

New historic anthology to be launched

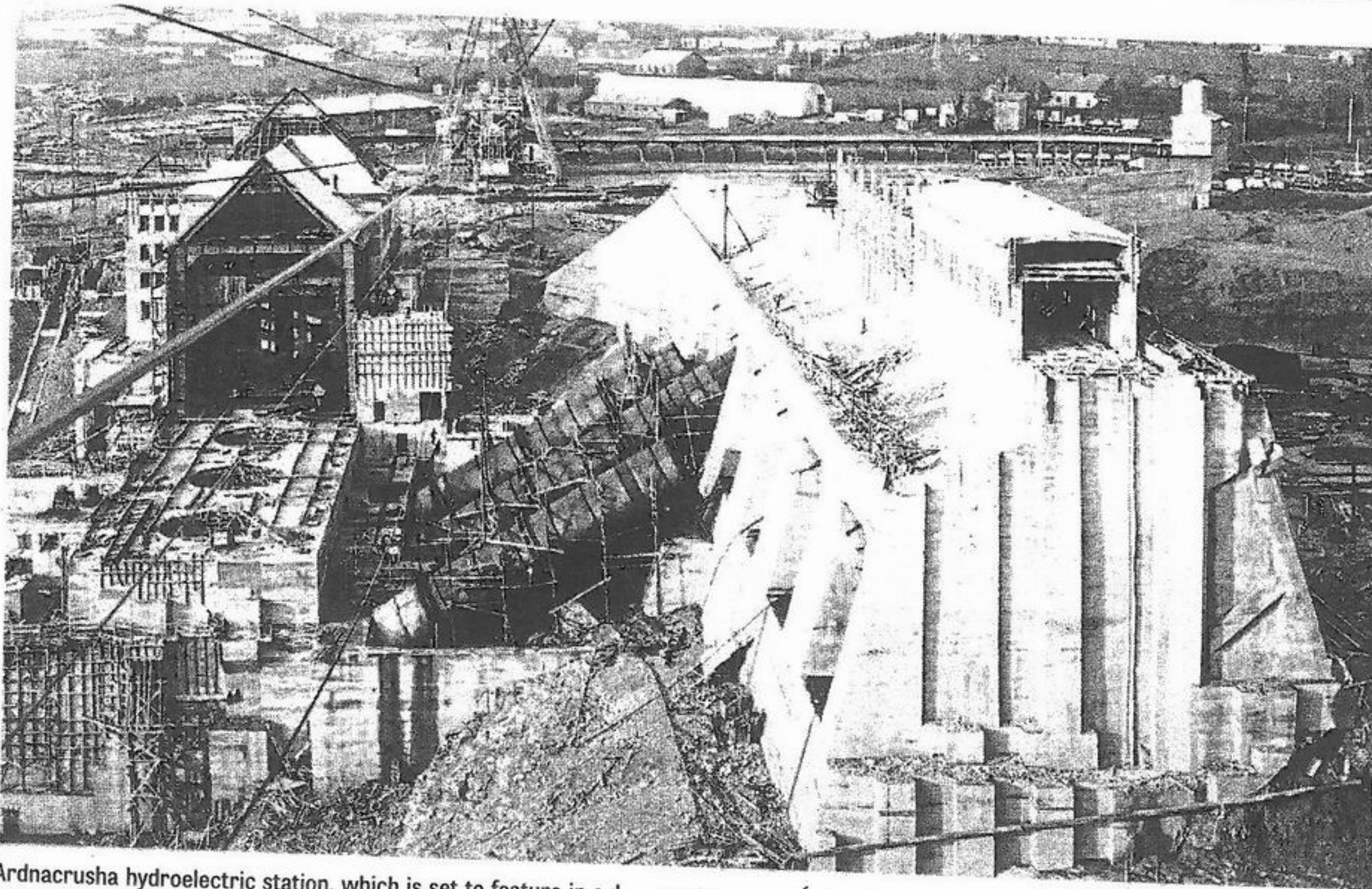
A HISTORICAL chronicle of literary analysis will be launched at Limerick City Library, on Michael Street, next Thursday week.

Limerick Writers' Centre, in conjunction with the Limerick Ireland 2016 Committee of Limerick city and Limerick City and County Council, will launch the anthology on Thursday, October 20, at 7.30pm.

Edited by writers John Liddy and Dominic Taylor, the anthology is part of the Limerick Ireland 2016 Committee of Limerick City and County Council year of events that feed into the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme.

It is a book of historical and literary reaction, a compilation of articles, essays, poems, stories and illustrations from writers and artists of varying opinion and hue. The book attempts to bring the reader on a journey that begins before the Rising, the events during Easter week and its aftermath.

1916-2016: An Anthology of Reactions will be launched by Dr. John O'Callaghan author of Con Colbert in the 16 Lives biography series from O'Brien Press. He lectures in St Angela's College, Sligo. His other publications include The Battle for Kilmallock.



Ardnacrusha hydroelectric station, which is set to feature in a documentary on RTÉ One this week, is pictured here during its construction in the 1920s PICTURE: PRESS 22

Ardnacrusha to appear on TV documentary

ARDNACRUSHA power station is set to feature in a documentary on RTÉ later this week.

The power station will appear in the third episode of Building Ireland, a series about Ireland's most impressive building and engineering achievements.

"We're extremely lucky in Ireland to have a fascinating built heritage," said Peter Kelly, managing director of

Esras Films, which produced the six-part series.

"The majority of people walk past buildings every day of their lives that are steeped in architectural significance. However, many of us pay little attention to the history of the buildings that surround us," he said.

At its establishment in 1929, the power station was the biggest hydroelectric project in the world, and was a

valuable source of employment in the Limerick and Clare areas.

Although a feat of Irish engineering and a symbolic triumph for the new Irish Free State, the build was carried out by German company Siemens-Schuckert, and took four years and 5,000 men to complete.

The programme, which airs this Friday on RTÉ One, will explore why engin-

ers chose the Ardnacrusha site, and how the River Shannon was diverted to create enough power for the hydroelectric station to run. Plant manager Alan Bane will explain how this water is used to generate electricity.

"Building Ireland is all about awakening people's curiosity about landmark sites and buildings throughout the country," said Mr Kelly.