



# Talk with Trinity

Join us for a series of 6 public talks by Trinity people on topics from local history to ageing well. Come to one or come to all talks – no booking required. No prior knowledge of the topic is required – everyone welcome. Plenty of time to ask lots of questions.

## When & Where

- Every Wednesday, 4-5pm (including Q&A) for 6 weeks beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>
- Unit18 (Trinity in the Community), Macken Street

## Schedule

Date	Title	Speaker
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Our immune system – what has Covid taught us and what can we do strengthen our immunity?	Prof Cliona O’Farrelly
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Living a longer and healthier life – the science of ageing	Prof Rose Ann Kenny
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Biodiversity in the city – how to build wild spaces in your area	Dr Marcus Collier
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Trinity’s Colonial Legacies – from scholars to slavery	Dr Ciarán O’Neill
11 <sup>th</sup> October	People and Puzzles – An Introduction to tracing your family history	Dr Jennifer Doyle
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Sean O’Casey’s Dublin Women	Prof Ciarán Brady

## Need more information?

Feel free to contact either:

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## How to Find Us

Unit18 is located approximately 50 metres from the junction of Pearse Street and Macken Street, going towards Grand Canal Street Lower - <https://rb.gy/qz41i>



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***This series is run in collaboration with START – Start Talking About Research Today, Trinity’s research communication and engagement initiative – <https://start-ern.org>***

## About the Speakers

**Professor Cliona O’Farrelly** has devoted her professional life to the study of immunology. Her work during Covid was widely published, both in academic journals and media. A Professor in Trinity’s School of Biochemistry & Immunology, she has a broad range of interests and is passionate about communicating science clearly to a diverse audience.

**Professor Rose Ann Kenny** has 35 years’ experience working in medicine of ageing and is the founder of Ireland’s largest adult population study on the experience of adulthood and ageing in Ireland - The Irish Longitudinal study on Ageing (TILDA), now in its 14th year of data collection. She holds the Chair of Medical Gerontology at Trinity College Dublin and has written extensively and had several media appearances discussing how best to remain healthy and happy.

**Prof Marcus Collier** is Head of the Discipline of Botany in Trinity College. His research is centred on human-created ecosystems with a focus on urban wild spaces and nature-based solutions. He was the lead investigator of two EU-funded research consortia over 10 years and in 2020 Marcus was awarded a European Research Council Consolidator grant for NovelEco, which is investigating perceptions of informal wild spaces in cities with citizen scientists.

**Dr Ciarán O’Neill** is Ussher Associate Professor of nineteenth century history in Trinity College Dublin. From 2017 to 2021 he served as Community Liaison Officer at TCD.

**Dr Jennifer Doyle** is a historian with Ancestry.com, where she helps tell the story of people, all the different lives they have lived, and piecing together the puzzles of those in the past.

**Prof Ciarán Brady** was formerly Community Liaison Officer and Professor of Early Modern History and Historiography at Trinity College.

## About Unit18

Unit18 is a space provided by Trinity on the Trinity East campus for engagement with our neighbours. Opened for use in September 2021, it is a place for residents of all ages and backgrounds to meet, learn, socialise and have fun. This is Trinity’s first dedicated space for civic and community engagement.

## About START – Start Talking About Research Today



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START is a research communication and engagement project run by Trinity’s Office of the Dean of Research. It aims to provide opportunities for researchers and the public to engage in conversation and make research more accessible. Every year in September, we celebrate European Researchers’ Night as part of our START programming. Find out more here: <https://start-ern.org>