

Feasta Trustee meeting by Skype, Monday 12th March 2018

Present: Seán Conlan (chair), Mark Garavan, Willi Kiefel, John Sharry (mins), Graham Barnes, Anne Ryan

Apologies: Michele Brady, Mike Sandler

Minutes from previous meeting - Minutes were approved

Morag Report Items

- Re Irish Books, Davie to bring to famine event for distribution - Seán
- Re UK books, Caroline to contact UK Feasta members re collecting/ distributing
- Rabo direct, Anne to contact Michele re ensuring we meet due diligence to transfer money from Rabo direct to BOI account
- Financial information was distributed and reviewed

IEN core funding Application

- went in, concerns re length of time required for process, e.g. online formatting. Discussion re ways to streamline process and also consideration of alternative governance/ funding models
- The Board note their thanks to Morag and Caroline for all their efforts in completing the application.

Annual Report

- Discussion re 1) making annual report more externally focused as means of communicating about our work and 2) having a members' event to discuss and communicate about the items in the annual report. Schedule around the AGM?
- Action: Seán to ask Caroline to identify who made contributions to annual report who might talk about their work, Graham can then assist with 'imagining' conference

Food for Thought - 18th May

- Seán gave an update on event - 'Food for Thought/Lón Intinne' GMIT Castlebar
- 18th May 10.30 - 5pm – Food for Thought Famine food energy and culture - seminar, Evening of the 18th – event in Blousers' Westport
- 19th May famine walk organised by Afri
- Full details to be circulated soon

Governance

- John, Seán and Michele meeting re Governance manual and policies. Once drafted these will be distributed to Board for approval

Board member for public engagement

- Consider asking Eric to be involved in this or to be a trustee. Seán to discuss with Caroline

Sharing of chairperson role and tasks

- John and Seán took on these roles for Jan, Feb and March
- 9th April, 14th May Mark to Chair and Michele to do minutes
- Review next meeting re how this will continue

Next meeting Monday 9th April 1pm