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PATHWAYS TO THE COSMOS— the alignment of megalithic tombs in Ireland and Atlantic Europe is a one-day conference exploring the connections between Ireland and Atlantic Europe and the likely role and meaning of the dark sky to our prehistoric ancestors as a response to the growing interest in astronomical heritage and the importance of the ‘Dark Sky’. It also illustrates the importance of this heritage and of megalithic tombs for communities and for cultural tourism.

An interdisciplinary gathering of eminent scholars and practitioners will explore connections between archaeology and cultural astronomy, linking the physical evidence and more intangible aspects such as the cultural ideas, beliefs and ceremonies of Neolithic and Bronze Age societies, with a focus on the seasonally changing skyscape.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE:
• Professor Richard Bradley (University of Reading)
• Professor Gabriel Cooney (University College Dublin)
• Professor Jane Downes (University of Highlands and Islands, Orkney)
• Roisin Fitzpatrick (Artist, www.roisinfitzpatrick.com)
• Professor Muiris O’Sullivan (University College Dublin)
• Dr Frank Prendergast (Dublin Institute of Technology)
• Professor Clive Ruggles (University of Leicester)
• Professor Chris Scarre (University of Durham)
• Dr Fabio Silva (UCL Institute of Archaeology and University of Wales Trinity Saint David)
• Clare Tuffy (Office of Public Works, Brú na Bóinne)
• Ken Williams (Photographer, https://blog.shadowsandstone.com)

DATE: 15 September 09.15–17.30
VENUE: Hibernia Conference Centre, Dublin Castle
COST: €25 incl. tea/coffee and light lunch (soup and sandwich). Early booking advised
CONCESSIONS: €20 Students | Seniors | Archaeology Ireland subscribers

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