

# Prominent 'Roscommon group' with future President Higgins in 1971



This fascinating photograph is from a Graduation Ceremony of Extra Mural students from Roscommon/East Galway area who obtained Extra Mural Diploma in Politics, Sociology & Economics from University College Galway (now NUIG) with Lecturer Michael D. Higgins, now President of Ireland. We would like to point out that we have thus far been unable to identify everyone in the photograph. We would welcome the input of readers next week. Back row, left to right: Mr. B. Jones (RIP), John Crowe (RIP), Joe Sweeney (RIP), Sister Aloysius, Eugene Kelly and Seamus Keane. 4th row: Michael Hopkins, Sean Hanrahan, Tommy Geraghty, Anthony Brooks, Liam Costello, Bernadette Murray (Finnerty), Immacula Crean (nee Moran), Michael Jones (RIP), Rev. Sister ?????, Stephen Connaughton (RIP). 3rd row, left to right: RIGHT Michael Martin?, Terry Leyden (now Senator), Mrs. Helga Mullins, Gerry Gray (RIP), Lecturer. 2nd row left to right: Mrs Kathleen Geraghty, Ms. Finola McCrann, Michael D. Higgins (then Lecturer, now President of Ireland), Mrs. Patsy Duignan, Ms. Kathleen Conboy (RIP), Ms. Brigeen Fitzmaurice (nee Sheerin). Front row l to r: Mrs. Eithne Quinn, Mrs. Monica Beegan (nee Kirwan), Professor Edmund Doogan (RIP), Bill Finch (then CEO of Roscommon VEC. Photograph courtesy of Senator Terry Leyden. Names compiled with assistance of Brigeen Fitzmaurice and Monica Beegan.

## Leyden welcomes opening of Flix Cinema

Cllr. Orla Leyden, who “enthusiastically supported the cinema campaign”, has described the opening of the Flix multiplex cinema in Centre Point Retail Park, Roscommon town this week as a really positive development for the town and county. She added that it is an important demonstration of justified confidence in the town.

She said the state-of-the-art five screen cinema will bring social, cultural and economic benefits to the area, attracting people from County Roscommon and the surrounding counties as well.

“The Royal and Blue Moon Cinemas played an important part in the social life of the people of Roscommon and surrounding areas in their time.....new fond

memories can now be made at Flix Cinema which we can enjoy for the years to come.

“Flix Cinema will add to the growing recreational facilities and amenities in Roscommon town including Roscommon Leisure Zone, Roscommon Leisure Centre, the refurbished County Library, Roscommon Arts Centre, The Quad Youth Centre and Loughnaneane Park.

“We wanted a cinema and now we have it. The Facebook campaign to bring a new cinema to Roscommon town was a great success. I wish Darren Corcoran, Managing Director, Edel Grady, Branch Manager, Flix Cinema and all the staff of the cinema success in this new venture which is so welcome in our town.”



Pictured in the Roscommon Art Centre on Saturday night last were Joseph Rynne, Sharon Cleary and Robert Dwyer. Picture: Andrew Fox/www.photosireland.net