

# LIFE BEYOND THE PHYSICAL: A SUSTAINABLE EXHIBITION



## How did it come about ?

- Special Collections and Archives at Maynooth University collaborated with Dr Ciarán McCabe (QUB), who has a research interest in the Second Reformation in Ireland
- The exhibition commemorated the 200th anniversary of a key event related to the Second Reformation
- We utilised the rich collections in the Russell Library



Exhibition Installation



Promotional Tweet

## How did we facilitate ?



Physical Exhibition



Sway Exhibition



Virtual Tour



Travelling Exhibition

## The Future

- Develop more digital options for future exhibitions
- Create facsimiles to enable reuse
- Explore options around sustainable displays
- Enhance collaboration with academics



## THE EXHIBITION

The exhibition, 'The Second Reformation and Catholic-Protestant Relations in Pre-Famine Ireland: Bicentennial Perspectives' opened in the Russell Library on 24 October 2022.

A symposium and exhibition launch took place in the Library on the bicentenary of the infamous sermon (charge) given by the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin, William Magee (1766-1831) in St Patrick's Cathedral on 24 October 1822. The exhibition explored the significance and legacy of the Second Reformation of the 1820s-40s. Archbishop Magee's charge sparked religious controversy in Ireland, playing a significant role in driving the Second Reformation, including the 'Bible War'.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES

Special Collections & Archives is home to the historical and special collections of St Patrick's College Maynooth and Maynooth University which includes rare books, manuscripts, archives, newspapers, maps, pamphlets, limited and illustrated editions, and autographed copies.

The Russell Library houses the historical collections of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth which contains approximately 34,000 printed works dating from the 15th to the mid 19th century across a range of subjects including: theology, mathematics, science, geography and history. The Special Collections & Archives Reading Room in the John Paul II Library contains the special and historical collections of Maynooth University, including over 8,000 printed works dating from the 15th century onwards, archival collections, calendars, directories and cartographic material.

## PRESENTERS

Alexandra Caccamo (MLIS, SALAI) is the Special Collections Librarian at Maynooth University. She is responsible for overseeing the collections in the historic Russell Library, St. Patrick's College Maynooth and Special Collections & Archives of Maynooth University.

Catherine (MLIS, ALAI) is a Senior Library Assistant in Special Collections & Archives at Maynooth University Library. She has experience working in special, public and academic libraries. She also worked in the private sector for EY as an Information Officer. She is interested in supporting those returning to learning, and improving user experience.