



**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Adoption Rights Alliance (ARA) to hold Adoption Information Day, Saturday, 25 June 2016, in Roscrea, Co Tipperary**

Coinciding with the third annual **Sean Ross Abbey commemorative service** to be held on the grounds of the former mother-and-baby home on Sunday, 26 June, 2016, 2pm (Sean Ross Abbey, Roscrea, Co Tipperary), the Adoption Information Day will take place on **Saturday, 25 June 2016, from 12 pm to 6 pm** at **Racket Hall Country House in Roscrea, Co Tipperary**.

ARA and a panel of speakers, including academics, historians and legal advisors will present:

- Information on the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby homes and Related Matters
- Information and tracing
- Legislation affecting adoption (including the current proposed Bill)
- A history of adoption/fostering in Ireland
- Presentations including archival footage and images related to adoption in/from Ireland
- Reading by author and Irish-US adoptee Anne Biggs from her new book, *The Swan Garden*

The Adoption Information Day is open to adopted people (including those fostered/boarded out prior to 1952) and their families. And while we welcome media at the Sunday memorial service at Sean Ross Abbey, we ask that no media be present at the information day on Saturday in order to respect the privacy of attendees. We would however be very grateful for the media's assistance in publicising this event which is being organised to provide help and guidance to adopted people and their families.

For more information on the Sunday, 26 June commemorative service at Sean Ross Abbey, visit <http://thephilomenaproject.org/press.php>.

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