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**ARA to hold Adoption Information Day, including Clann information session**

Adoption Rights Alliance (ARA) will hold an Adoption Information Day on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016, between 12 pm and 6 pm at Racket Hall Hotel in Roscrea, Co Tipperary.**

The Adoption Information Day is open to adopted people (including those fostered/boarded out prior to 1952) natural mothers and natural family members. ARA members will present a workshop on adoption information and tracing, offering practical advice and opportunities for questions and answers. There will also be a presentation on adoption legislation, which will include a discussion on the information and tracing bill proposed by former Minister James Reilly in 2015. Dr Robbie Roulston from University College Dublin will also give a presentation on the historical context of Irish adoption.

Last week, ARA and Justice for Magdalenes Research (JFMR) announced the launch of Clann: Ireland's Unmarried Mothers and their Children: Gathering the Data (Clann), a major project which will offer support to those who wish to make a statement to the *Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and Certain Related Matters*. The Clann project is being delivered in association with global law firm Hogan Lovells.

ARA and JFMR, along with Rod Baker, who is leading the Clann project at Hogan Lovells, will hold a Clann information session at the Adoption Information Day. Mr Baker and members of ARA and JFMR will be available to answer any questions attendees may have about the project. Further Clann information sessions will be held in Ireland, the UK and the US in due course.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June the third annual Sean Ross Abbey commemorative service will be held on the grounds of the former mother-and-baby home in Roscrea at 2pm.

Philomena Lee and Jane Libberton will be in attendance at both events.

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**Notes to editors**

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

**Clann:** <http://www.clannproject.org>

**Adoption Rights Alliance:** [www.adoptionrightsalliance.com](http://www.adoptionrightsalliance.com)

**Justice for Magdalenes Research:** [www.magdalenelaundries.com](http://www.magdalenelaundries.com)

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