

A New Approach for Crumlin Road Courthouse

Presentation by Johann Muldoon

**The Old Museum Building
Thursday 13th March 2025
6.30 pm – 8pm**



Designed by the renowned architect Charles Lanyon in the Neoclassical style, Crumlin Road Courthouse was completed in 1850 and is a Grade B+ listed building. It stands just across the road from the Crumlin Road Gaol, which had opened a few years earlier, and is connected to it by an underground passage.

The courthouse continued to operate until its closure in June 1998, following the opening of the Laganside Courts Complex. Subsequently, the courthouse fell into disrepair. It was sold to a local investor in September 2003 for £1, with plans to convert it into a tourist attraction and hotel. Despite obtaining planning permission, these plans were never implemented, and the building suffered significant damage from fires in 2009.

In 2024, the courthouse was acquired by property developers David Mahon, Melvyn Adair and Daphne Mahon. They are keen to redevelop the site, in an economically sustainable way while preserving its historic features. Pre-application discussions are underway, and planning submissions are expected to follow.

Talking about these proposals will be Johann Muldoon, a specialist conservation architect and managing director of Manor Architects.

Members: £12

Non-members: £15.

Students: £6

Light Refreshments: 6.30– 7pm. Lecture to start promptly at 7pm.

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