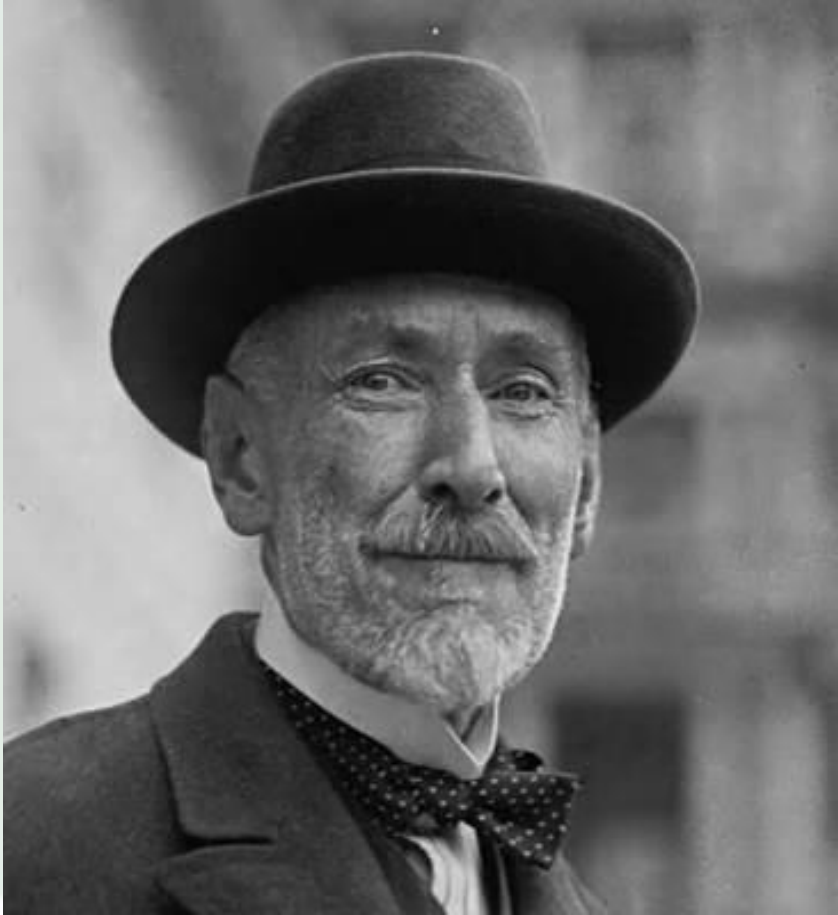


# Generational Renewal

**Dr Anne-Marie Butler**  
**Teagasc Head of Education**



*Thoroughly sound and modern systems of agricultural education must precede any considerable or rapid progress towards a high rate of efficiency in our chief industry*

Sir Horace Plunkett, 1901



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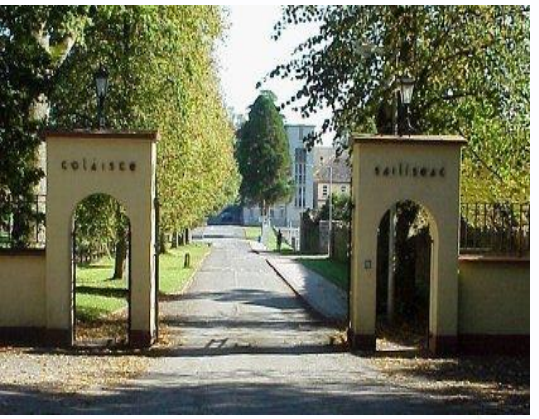
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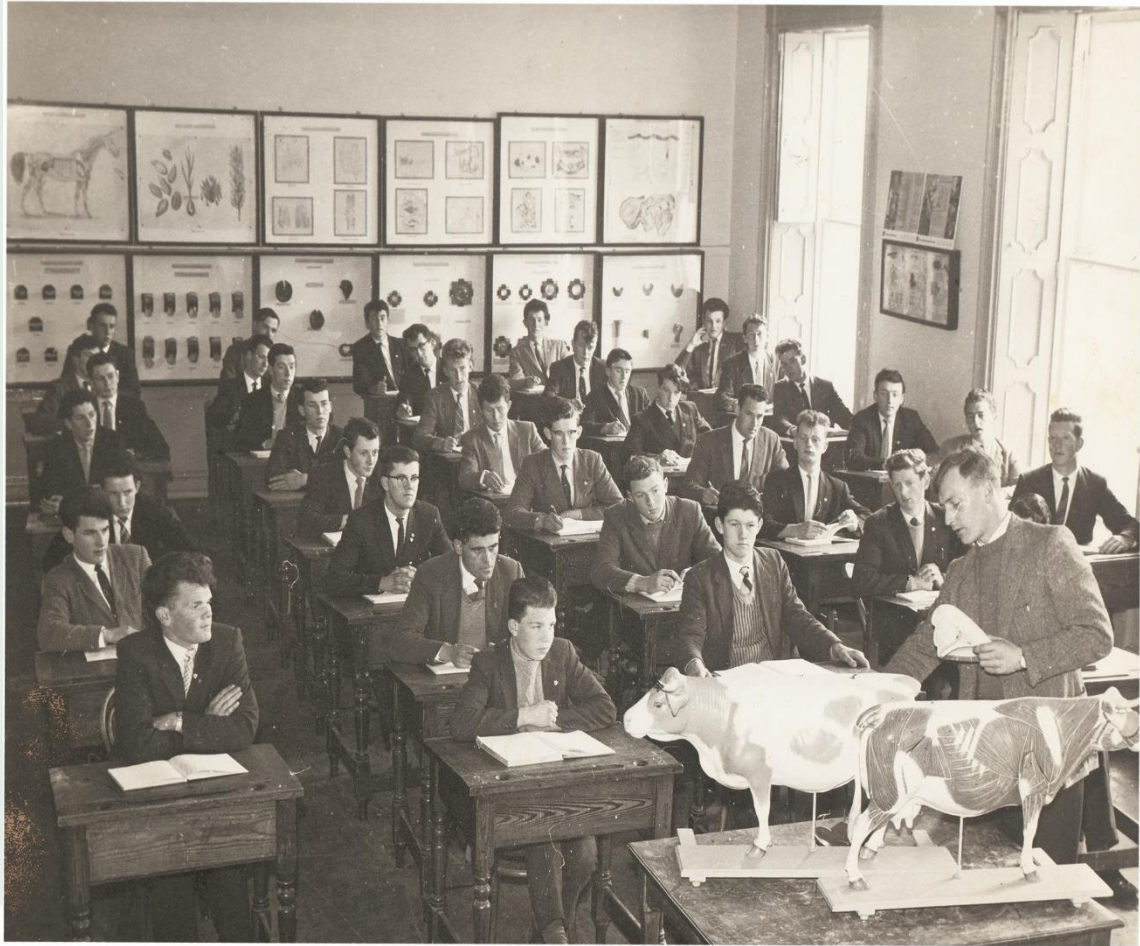


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Figure 10: Teagasc locations



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# Opportunities from EU membership

- Joining the EEC gave a considerable stimulus to agricultural education
- New confidence in farming and food production
  - New ideas
  - New practices
- Investment in science and investment in people
- A network of local training centres built around the country
- European Parliament continues to stress the importance of education and training for farmers to foster their ability to work in an ever evolving sector

## Play Video 1 – Clare O’Keeffe

# Teagasc Certificate in Farming - 1982

- The establishment of ACOT – 1980
- Dr Tom Walsh established an expert group to recommend on education
- EU investment funds
- Three year training programme leading to a Certificate in Farming
- Rapidly recognised as the standard educational qualification for entry to farming
- Required qualification for many financial aids to young farmers



## Play Video 2 – Liam & Ellen

# Farm Apprenticeship Board – (1964 – 2002)



# The Economic Returns to Formal Agricultural Education (Heanue & O'Donoghue 2014)

- Teagasc National Farm Survey Data (2000 – 2011)
- Percentage of farmers with a formal agricultural education increased from 24% to 44%
- Family farm income was highest in households where the farmer held an agricultural qualification
- Farmers with formal agricultural education tended to have larger farms
- Return on education examined from both society and farmer perspective
- Results confirm a high private and social return

# Agricultural Education - An exciting future





# Teagasc Education – Land based Apprenticeships



Thank you

“  
The beautiful thing about  
learning is nobody can  
take it away from you”

B.B. King