

***'I would fain make the county of Derry
look like a gentleman':
The Earl Bishop's Building Ventures
in the North of Ireland***

A Lecture by Peter Fox
Fellow of Selwyn College Cambridge

The Old Museum Building
Thursday 8th May 2025
6.30 pm – 8pm



Frederick Hervey, the 'Earl Bishop', was one of the most extraordinary characters of the eighteenth century. In this talk, Peter Fox, who has recently published an edition of the Earl Bishop's correspondence, will discuss the Bishop's passion for building in his diocese of Derry, especially his two grand houses, Downhill and Ballyscullion, as seen through the prism of his letters and those of his architects.

Members: £12

Non-members: £15.

Students: £6

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

The Old Museum Building, 7 College Square North, Belfast BT1 6AR

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