



Strangford Conservative Association

Business Breakfast

Strangford Arms Hotel

Saturday 10 March 2012 | 8.30 for 9.00 am

With Guest Speaker

Dr James Dingley, BSc (Hons), MA, M Phil, PhD, PGCE

Chairman of the Francis Hutcheson Institute

Best known today as the 'Father of the Scottish Enlightenment', Francis Hutcheson was born and raised in Co Down, Ulster, where he was educated in local Dissenting Academies before reading for his degree in Glasgow. After returning to Ulster and then Dublin as a Presbyterian Minister and Moral Philosopher, Francis Hutcheson became Professor of Moral Philosophy at Glasgow University in 1730. There he became an important influence on David Hume and Adam Ferguson and inspired Adam Smith (whilst teaching Smith economics). His writing went on to influence most of the major philosophers of Europe, from Kant to Voltaire.

Of greatest significance is the Enlightenment tradition Hutcheson helped to formulate in the modern English speaking world, influencing the political ideals of liberal democracy and the rights of the individual behind both the American Revolution and the United Irishmen. His ideas were fundamental in the economic, social and political development of modern Britain and especially in influencing the development of utilitarian ideas, such as the greatest happiness to the greatest number.

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