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Symposium on
Frederick Douglass, Ireland, and Daniel O’Connell

On February 7, 2013, the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, in partnership with the Irish Institute at Boston College, Irish Network Boston, and the New Bedford Historical Society, will welcome a symposium hosted by The Frederick Douglass/Daniel O’Connell Project.

The event will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013 from 5:30 – 8:00 PM at the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford, MA

The symposium will explore the nature of the relationship between Douglass and O’Connell and the ways in which their thinking influenced one another and advanced civil rights in the United States, Ireland, and around the world. Historians from Boston College, the University of Ulster (Jordanstown), Drew University, and Hofstra University, along with representatives from All Hallows College (Dublin), the Irish government, and the Douglass family, will participate in two interactive roundtable discussions.

The Frederick Douglass/Daniel O’Connell Project is dedicated to strengthening the bonds between Ireland and the United States, encouraging greater understanding of the Irish and African diasporas, and promoting and protecting civil and human rights throughout the world. The Project will hold a press event earlier in the day at the Nathan and Mary "Polly" Johnson House, where Frederick Douglass and his wife first lived upon arriving in New Bedford after Frederick escaped from slavery in Maryland.

Admission to the symposium is free of charge, but donations are welcome. PLEASE RSVP to Events@douglassoconnellmemorial.org by January 31.