



You are invited to a talk by Dr. Gisela Holfter

Refugees in Ireland 1933-45
Sunday 29th November 2015 3.00 p.m.

Ireland was no substantial haven for the many desperate people fleeing Hitler. But who did come? How long did they stay? What was their previous life? How did Irish policy develop? How did their lives in Ireland turn out (if they did stay)? Who helped? Some of the answers might surprise



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