

Legacy

A foundation was formed in Berlin on 1st July 1997 with the amalgamation of three associations named in honour of Heinrich Böll. This foundation hosts a research archive with a focus on new science movements also green politics. Awards are offered of between thirty to sixty scholarships to International students who gained university entrance qualification from a school outside Germany who wished to study for a Master's or Ph D. [\[xxix\]](#)

His personal papers were donated by his family. They were later purchased by the City of Cologne Library in 1984 where there is a special archival resource. [\[xxx\]](#)

The City of Cologne named a square in front of Museum Ludwig in Heinrich Böll's honour on 27th September 1985. [\[xxxii\]](#)

During 2011 Brooklyn publishers Melville House reintroduced Heinrich Böll to American audiences with its English interpretations of eight new translations of the series *The Essential Heinrich Böll*. [\[xxxiii\]](#)

Foundation

Annually on Achill Island a memorial weekend during the May Bank Holiday is administered by the Heinrich Böll Association to honour him. The foundation in Ireland together with the Böll Stiftung also Mayo County Council have ensured that his cottage at Dugort in Achill provides a short-term retreat for Irish writers, poets also artists. His son René who works occasionally in Achill: stated that for Heinrich Boll '*German Language was his home*' though he was thankful for the peace he received in Ireland also the escape from his memories of Germany at war. [\[xxxiii\]](#)

Further Information

Sotcheck Ralf 's *Traces along the Wild Atlantic Way 2007 Heinrich Böll & His Irish Journal* that includes an image of the poet with family outside Achill cottage may be viewed at this link: <https://www.goethe.de/ins/ie/en/kul/sup/dsi/20734425.html>

René Böll once reported that: '*We were really away from the world. There was no telephone; it took two weeks for a letter and its reply. People aren't familiar with that anymore.*' '*The Irish celebrate a Böll weekend every year. It's always a great program, with lots of writers from Dublin and from abroad, readings, concerts, guided archaeological tours.*' (Christoph Driessen) [\[xxxiv\]](#)

An article in *The Irish Times* titled *Böll's Notion* stated that the writer is remembered by the locals as fitting in well with the community. Photos of him in front of the cottage show a man with a weather-beaten west of Ireland look about him. (18th July 1997) [\[xxxv\]](#)

A Facebook page is dedicated to his memory: <https://www.facebook.com/AchillHeinrichBollAssociation/>

Hamilton Hugo (*author of Speckled People*) stated that Heinrich Böll developed a language that would '*reshape the moral consciousness of Germany.*' [\[xxxvi\]](#)

Sacks Sam lauded him for '*the stylistic ingenuity and brilliance also a deep concern for humanity and a constant sense to regain innocence.*' [\[xxxvii\]](#)

Deane John F. reviewed Holftier Giseal 1957's *Heinrich Boll and Ireland* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing) in *The Irish Times* January 2012. [\[xxxviii\]](#)

In *The Irish Times* 14th October 2006 article *The tale and the Telling* Molly McCloskey mentioned that Sheila Sullivan referenced Heinrich Böll's time on Achill Island in her 2006 *Follow the Moon*. (Currach Press) [xxxix]

Conney Aoife references Heinrich Böll in an article at this link:

https://books.google.ie/books/about/Follow_the_Moon.html?id=n6u7AAAACAAJ&redir_esc=y

The Mayo News 16th June 2020 had an article with an image on page 22 in *Blast From The Past* of Heinrich Böll's tales of his Achill life penned by him. It was made into a film *Children of Eire* & was discussed by Castlebar Urban Councillors who decided to lodge a complaint to Bord Failte about the showing of the film. (NBC)

The Mayo News 13th October 2020 by Anton Mc Nally reported on the grant provided by the German Government for Restoration of the Heinrich Böll Cottage in Dugort on Achill Island. John Mc Hugh of the Achill Heinrich Böll Association welcomed the 98.000 euro grant. (NBC)

Heinrich Böll is referenced by Ciara Moynihan in the *Living* section of *The Mayo News* 27th April 2021 (pages 35 & 38) titled *Achill's Heinrich Böll celebration goes virtual*. (NBC)

Footnotes

[xxix] Ibid

[xxx] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_B%C3%B6ll

[xxxii] Ibid

[xxxiii] Ibid

[xxxiiii] <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/1972/boll/biographical/>

[xxxiv] <https://www.dw.com/en/heinrich-b%C3%B6ll-and-his-ireland/a-40450522>

[xxxv] <https://www.irishtimes.com/culture/boll-s-notion-1.89723>

[xxxvi] <https://www.wsj.com/articles/SB10001424052748703581204576033672501155918>

[xxxvii] Ibid

[xxxviii] <https://www.cambridgescholars.com/product/978-1-4438-3195-6>

[xxxix] <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/the-tale-and-the-telling-1.1015840>