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Clinton may mark Finucane's death

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Taoiseach Brian Cowen and former US President Bill Clinton are among several high-profile guests invited to mark the 20th anniversary of the murder of Belfast solicitor Pat Finucane.

Mr Finucane (39) was gunned down by loyalist paramilitaries as he ate a meal with his family at his home in February 1989.

The British security forces have repeatedly been implicated in the killing.

Family members, including his widow Geraldine, yesterday personally invited Mr Cowen to the three-day event at Trinity College Dublin, where Mr Finucane studied.

"We intend to reflect on all that has taken place in the last 20 years in Ireland and to examine what we have learned about British government collusion with paramilitaries in Pat's murder and many other murders," Ms Finucane said.

"We will also be examining and discussing the momentous changes that have taken place in Ireland in the legal and political landscapes and the contribution made by Pat to ensure that equality, justice and human rights were a reality for all both during his life and after his death."

Other invited guests include President Mary McAleese, Hillary Clinton and former taoiseach Bertie Ahern.

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