



## ESB Archives participates in 'Making Ireland Modern' Touring Exhibition



Deirdre McParland and Dr. Kirsten Mulrennan of ESB Archives pictured with ESB Deputy Chief Executive Jerry O'Sullivan at a recent archives event

ESB SPONSORED A fascinating touring exhibition called 'Making Ireland Modern'. The exhibition ran from 13 October 2016-12 November 2016 at Earlsfort Terrace.

The exhibition explored the relationship between architecture, infrastructure and technology in the building of a new nation. It was constructed as an open matrix of drawings, photographs, models and other artefacts, including some of our precious gems from ESB Archive. The exhibition presented ten infrastructural episodes – Negation, Electricity, Health, Transportation, Aviation, Education, Telecommunications, Motorways, Data – spanning

a period of one hundred years from 1916-2016.

As part of the exhibition, Deirdre McParland, Senior Archivist, presented the story of ESB Advertising on the Shannon Scheme to a public audience showcasing some of our newly digitised advertising collection.

The exhibition was part of a key touring project in ART: 2016 The Arts Council's programme as part of Ireland 2016, and is also supported by The Government Policy on Architecture and The **Royal Institute of Architects** in Ireland (RIAI). It was curated by Gary A. Boyd and John McLaughlin architects. ■