

IRELAND 2016

In 2016 Ireland will

REMEMBER

Our shared history

RECONCILE

By honouring the peace builders

IMAGINE

A better future

PRESENT

Our achievements to the world

CELEBRATE

Family, community and friendship

WHO?

IS INVOLVED



GOVERNMENT



COMMUNITY & RELATIVES



DIASPORA



ENTERPRISE

WHAT?

IS THIS INITIATIVE

IRELAND 2016

Ireland Inspires is a call to action for the people of Ireland and our Diaspora to remember 1916, and that pivotal period in our history, to reflect on the past 100 years and to re-imagine our future, building a new legacy of hope, belief, possibility and confidence



REMEMBER



RECONCILE



PRESENT



IMAGINE



CELEBRATE

SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Easter Sunday Parade 2016
- Garden of Remembrance Service

THE PERMANENT REMINDERS

- Seven Government Supported Capital Projects

RELATIVES PROGRAMME

- State Receptions
- Special Events

RESPECTING ALL TRADITIONS

Honouring all who have built peace and brought people together

Listening, learning and reflecting on the state of our Republic and our relationship with the world

PRESENT IRELAND TO THE WORLD

Imaginatively and creatively showing our achievements - arts, culture, music, sport, peacekeeping, education, history, industry

RE-IMAGINE OUR FUTURE

Releasing the creativity and imagination of our people, especially our young people, to ask what the next 100 years will bring for Ireland and the world, and what kind of country we want to be

CELEBRATE TOGETHER

Encouraging families, friends and communities to come together to reflect on the past, to celebrate our achievements and to imagine the future

WHEN?

2014 PLAN

2015 BUILD

2016 EXPERIENCE

A NEW LEGACY...

HOPE
BELIEF
POSSIBILITY
CONFIDENCE



INSPIRE

A global platform, for our creative talent – theatre, literature, art, music, design, dance...



AMBITION

Demonstrating our achievements in the arts, peacekeeping, food, agriculture, education, industry, sports and much more...



REMEMBER

A series of appropriate events to celebrate our collective history and commemorate the people and events involved in building the Ireland of today



REFLECT

Reflecting on Ireland's impact on the world by listening, sharing, learning – deepening our understanding of the past



IMAGINE

A new and brighter future for everyone



RESPECT

In 2016 Ireland will honour those who have worked to build peace and respect between Ireland's different cultures



CONNECT

Renewed engagement with our diaspora, particularly young people



EASTER 2016 CENTENARY COMMEMORATION

Outline Programme

SUN
27
MAR

EASTER SUNDAY

Morning Wreath laying ceremony at Kilmainham Gaol

Midday Military ceremonial which includes the reading of the Proclamation by an Army Officer, the laying of a wreath by the President on behalf of the Irish people in honour of all those who fought and those who died during the Rising in 1916, a minute's silence, sounding of the last post, raising of the National flag, Reveille and National Anthem

Followed by a March Past by:

- Representatives of the Relatives of those who fought and those who died in 1916
- Representatives of An Garda Síochána and other Emergency Services
- The Defence Forces with full military parade including UN Peace Keeping element
- Concluding with an Air Corps Flypast

The President and Taoiseach along with the 1916 Relatives and representatives of State and civil society will view the parade from Reviewing stands which will line O'Connell Street - with the maximum number of seating which the Street can accommodate.

The Public will be able to view the Parade all along the Parade route and large screens will be erected for maximum visibility.

Evening State Reception in Dublin Castle



Afternoon Remembrance Ceremony at Arbour Hill

Evening Special State Reception for the relatives of all of those who fought in 1916

SAT
26
MAR

Morning Interfaith Service at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral

MON
28
MAR

Arbour Hill 1916 Commemoration hosted by the Minister for Defence and consisting of a Requiem Mass and ceremonies at the Graves of the 1916 Leaders

SUN
24
APR



2016 – A YEAR IN WHICH WE REMEMBER



‘REMEMBER’ is one of the five key themes for Ireland 2016. An inclusive, shared programme will be co-created by government, community, relatives and diaspora, and will include the following...



COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS AND COINS

A set of commemorative stamps and a series of commemorative coins

REMEMBERING THE PAST

Permanent Reminders

- G.P.O Interpretative Centre
- Kilmainham Gaol and Courthouse
- Tenement Museum, Henrietta Street
- Richmond Barracks
- Teach an Phiarsaigh, Ros Muc
- Military Service Pensions Archive
- National Concert Hall

CULTURE PROGRAMME

A rich and vibrant culture programme with the National Cultural Institutions, the Arts Council, local arts groups and Culture Ireland – including seven special National Concert Hall performances honouring the Proclamation signatories



ÁR dTEANGA

A programme involving Irish language bodies, cultural institutions and academia

Projects include:

- Digitisation of the National Folklore Collection and digital archive and online resource at Dúchas.ie
- Online publication of *Irisleabhar na Gaedhilge*, published 1882-1926

DIASPORA

Talks, community events, exhibitions, seminars and arts and cultural initiatives of Irish Embassies and Culture Ireland, including...

- Proclaiming Ireland: a 100 year Journey – Kennedy Centre
- Irish Embassy in London – academic and cultural programme
- Irish Embassy in Ottawa – community gatherings
- Other embassy initiatives and travelling exhibition on Foundation of the State



RELATIVES

Special events for the relatives of those who participated in the Rising

- Ceremonies and parades
- Cultural events
- State receptions
- Public lecture series

- Education programme in primary and post-primary schools
- Engaging youth organisations and young people
- Art, culture, heritage and sporting events and competitions
- Children’s Day event in memory of child casualties of 1916

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all of the children of the nation equally...

The Proclamation of the Republic, 1916

THE VISION...

Working together to remember, reconcile, imagine, present and celebrate in 2016

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE IRISH REPUBLIC TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN: In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, surrenders her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in all parts of the world, strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland and the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The right of self-determination, which has been denied to the Irish people, is now being asserted by every generation of the Irish people and government has not extinguished that right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in every part of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberties to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to ensure the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, chequered by the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority. Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland, we, the undersigned, do hereby, in the name of the Provisional Government, and by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic, hereby declares the Republic to be a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

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