Guide to

21 Key 1916 Centenary Events

*from 3rd March to 3rd April 2016*
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General public guidance for major events on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday

An extensive programme of formal commemorative events has been organised for this centenary year. These events are focussed on remembering and honouring those who took part in the Easter Rising, and especially those who gave their lives. A number of key events take place over the Easter weekend. The following is general information for those who wish to attend at these events.

- Please use public transport to get to events.
- To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie
- Please note that many of these events are outdoors. Remember to plan for adverse weather conditions and dress appropriately. Check the weather forecast in advance.
- We ask that you be mindful of young children and where possible facilitate their viewing of events.
- For your own safety and the safety of others please move slowly when approaching and leaving events where large crowds are present. Please give due consideration to the elderly, to families with young children and to those with impaired mobility.
- People under the age of 16 should be accompanied by parents/guardian. Children should not be left unsupervised at any stage.
- It is suggested that parents tell their children that, if they get lost, they are to ask a member of the Garda Síochána or a steward for help. Parents should check that their children who are old enough can give their full name, address and parent’s mobile number.
- An Garda Síochána specifically advises as follows:
  - Plan your day. If travelling with a large group designate meeting points outside the immediate vicinity of the event.
  - Keep an eye on children and make sure they don't wander off.
  - Please listen to the advice and instructions given by Gardaí and Stewarts.
  - There will be significant restrictions on driving into the city centre. We strongly urge the use of public transport.
o Be aware of your own personal safety and be mindful of pick-pockets.

o For further advice and information please visit the Garda website on www.garda.ie and www.ireland.ie

For more detailed information, please consult the Transportation and Traffic management plans (page 30), the Guidance Maps (pages 32 & 33) and the Frequently Asked Questions (Appendix 1 & 2).

Please note that details of local events across the country can be found at www.ireland.ie/events

Easter Sunday
The Easter Sunday State Ceremony and Parade is the centrepiece of the commemorations (see page 17).

It should be noted that access to O'Connell Street on Easter Sunday will be limited due to on-street seating. Use of public rather than private transport is strongly advised. The public will have access to Upper O'Connell Street. Middle and Lower O'Connell Street will be accessible to invitation holders only. However, there will be viewing opportunities and clearly marked zones with large screens so that members of the public can view the parade as it progresses towards O'Connell Street. Please refer to Map 3 (32) and the Transportation and Traffic management plans in Map 1 (page 30).

Note the Easter Sunday ceremony and parade includes an Air Corps flypast and 21 Gun Salute from the Royal Hospital Kilmainham. Some audience members and parents of young children may find the noise levels unsettling.

Easter Monday
Easter Monday is very much a family friendly day with hundreds of talks, performances and events for all the family to enjoy. Members of the public are strongly advised to use public transport and check their route to and from the city centre. Please refer to Map 4 (page 33).
1. The 1916 Exhibition, Proclaiming a Republic – The 1916 Rising, at the National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks
Public opening on 3rd March, 2016

**What is it?**
Proclaiming a Republic: The 1916 Rising is a major new exhibition to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising. This exciting new exhibition will explore the ideas, movements and personalities of early 20th century Ireland, the dramatic events of Easter Week, the impact it had on the city and its citizens, and the Irish nation as a whole. These themes will be explored, in both Irish and international contexts, through the stories of civilians, rebels, and the leaders of the Rising.

**Where is it happening?**
The National Museum of Ireland, Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7.

**When?**
A press and media opening, by invitation only, is on 2nd March.

The exhibition is open to the public from 10am on Thursday, 3rd March.

**Do I need to pre-book?**
The Museum does not generally operate a booking system. However, visitor numbers are expected to be high over the Easter period.

**Is there a good time to go?**
The exhibition will be open from 10am to 5pm from Tuesday to Saturday and 2pm to 5pm on Sundays. Collins Barracks is closed on Mondays, (including Bank Holidays), Good Friday and Christmas Day. However, for this year, this Museum site will be open to the public on Easter Monday, 28th March. Significant numbers can be expected at peak weekend times in particular. An off-peak visit might allow a more leisurely experience. Please note the exhibition is open until December 2017.

**How do I get there?**
For guidance on how to get to the exhibition, by private or public transport, visit [http://www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History/Visitor-Information](http://www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History/Visitor-Information)

To plan your public transport journey please visit [www.TransportforIreland.ie](http://www.TransportforIreland.ie)

**Is it family friendly?**
Absolutely! There is a Museum Café, and Museum Shop and also new Exhibitions, family programme and events for people of all ages. Collins Barracks is easily accessed.
**What about car parking?**
Paid car parking facilities are available on site, but be wary of peak times.

**Is there an entrance charge?**
No. Free admission to the greatest collections of Irish heritage, culture and history in the world.
2. National Flag Post-Primary Presentation Ceremony, Croke Park Stadium

7th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

What is it?
A State Ceremony in collaboration with the Thomas F Meagher Foundation in which representatives of all post-primary schools and centres are invited to receive a National Flag and a copy of the 1916 Proclamation from a member of the Defence Forces (Óglaigh na hÉireann). President Higgins will give a keynote address.

Where is it happening?
Croke Park Stadium, Dublin 3.

When?
Monday 7th March, commencing at noon with an expected duration of approximately 1.5 hours.

Is it open to the public?
No. This event is for approximately 200 invited guests and 4,000 selected representatives of post-primary schools and centres.

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to Croke Park, by public or private transport, visit http://crokepark.ie/getting-here
To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

Is it family friendly?
No – it’s for invited guests only.

What about car parking?
Information about parking facilities available has been enclosed with the invitation sent to schools and invited guests. Generally, public transport is advised.
3. Women of Ireland 1916 – 2016, Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin
8th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

What is it?
March 8th is International Women’s Day and will see a ceremony to commemorate the role of women in the events of the 1916 Rising. The programme includes a keynote address by President Higgins, a performance by an RTÉ Concert Orchestra ensemble of music and song ‘Left Behind: The Widows of 1916’ and a community performance.

Where is it happening?
Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Dublin 8 (same location as the Irish Museum of Modern Art - IMMA).

When?
8th March, ceremony commencing at 1.30pm with an expected duration of 2.5 hours.

Is it open to the public?
The main indoor part of the event is for an invited audience – primarily representatives of women across all strands of society. Members of the public who wish to attend will be able to view events happening both inside and out from special viewing areas in the courtyard. A viewing screen will be available. Capacity is limited and entry to the courtyard will be on a first come first served basis. Entry from 12.30pm.

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the location, by public or private transport, visit the IMMA website at http://www.imma.ie/en/subnav_92.htm
To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

Is it family friendly?
The public part of the programme, the grounds of the venue and IMMA, are family friendly. Limited seating will be available in the courtyard for this event.

What about car parking?
Limited paid car parking facilities are available on site.

Is there an entrance charge?
No. Access to IMMA is also free of charge except for special exhibitions.
4. National Concert Hall Gala Event with the University of Notre Dame

16th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

What is it?
This is the premiere screening of the 70-minute version of the documentary, *1916: The Irish Rebellion*, an initiative of the Keough-Naughton Institute for Irish Studies at the University of Notre Dame with RTÉ. The screening will be accompanied by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra which will perform the original score. The event will be screened at a number of locations around the world in conjunction with our diplomatic Missions abroad. A screening will also take place for members of the Defence Forces who will be serving in the Lebanon and on the Golan Heights on the eve of St Patrick’s Day.

Where is it happening?
The National Concert Hall, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

When?
Wednesday 16th March from 6.30pm, to conclude at approximately 10pm.

Is it open to the public?
No. This is an invitation only event, primarily for people and organisations associated with the Irish Diaspora and other invited guests.

How do I get there?
For invited guests’ guidance on how to get to the location, by public or private transport, visit https://www.nch.ie/Online/Getting-Here

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

What about car parking?
For information on parking visit https://www.nch.ie/Online/Car-Parking
5. The St Patrick’s Festival Parade

17th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

What is it?
The annual St Patrick’s Day Parade which is part of the St Patrick’s Festival. The event will be broadcast live on RTÉ One, RTÉ Player and RTÉ Player International.

Where is it happening?
Over a 2.7km route along O’Connell Street, Dame Street, beside Christ Church Cathedral, ending at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

When?
St Patrick’s Day, 17th March, commencing at 12 noon. It is expected that the parade will take two hours.

Is it open to the public?
Yes.

How do I get there?
Road closures will be in place and traffic and parking delays are likely. Everyone wishing to attend the event is strongly advised to use public transport. Regular updates will be made available on http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie and www.ireland.ie

For information on transport and how to plan your public transport journey please visit http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie/plan/transport and www.TransportforIreland.ie

Is it family friendly?
Yes.

What about car parking?
Use of public transport is advised. A €7 rate is available for St. Patrick's weekend in the Convention Centre car park, the IFSC car park and Smithfield car park.

Is there a charge?
No. Grandstand seats will be available for purchase. Please visit: http://www.stpatricksfestival.ie/events/event/st_patricks_festival_parade2
6. **GPO Witness History**
**Official opening on 25th March, 2016**

**What is it?**
*GPO Witness History* is an immersive, interactive visitor attraction in the heart of the GPO, bringing history to life through technology, video, sound and authentic artefacts.

**Where is it happening?**
At a newly constructed visitor centre within the GPO.

**When?**
The centre will be officially opened on Good Friday, 25th March. The centre will be open to the public from Tuesday, 29th March and then daily from 9am to 5.30pm.

**Is it open to the public?**
Yes, from 29th March. Allow 1 hour for a full tour.

**How do I get there?**
For guidance on how to get to the location, by public or private transport, see [http://www.gpowitnesshistory.ie/visit/](http://www.gpowitnesshistory.ie/visit/)

To plan your public transport journey please visit [www.TransportforIreland.ie](http://www.TransportforIreland.ie)

**Is it family friendly?**
Yes - special effects, soundscapes and heartfelt stories of real people in extraordinary circumstances will captivate all age groups.

**What about car parking?**
Car parking in the area can be found at [http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/dublin/](http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/dublin/)

**Is there a charge?**
Yes. Adult admission is €10, child €5. Family tickets are available from €25 and a range of discounts are available for Groups, Seniors and Students. Tickets can be booked through [www.gpowitnesshistory.ie](http://www.gpowitnesshistory.ie)
7. Ceremony of Remembrance at the Garden of Remembrance

26th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

**What is it?**
A ceremony to remember and honour those who gave their lives for Irish freedom. The ceremony opens with a cultural piece which is then followed by a formal state commemoration of the Irish Volunteers who gave their lives during the Rising.

This event will be broadcast on RTÉ One, RTÉ Player and RTÉ Player International.

**Where is it happening?**
The Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square, Dublin 1.

**When?**
From noon, on Saturday 26th March with an expected duration of not more than 75 minutes.

**Is it open to the public?**
There will be a large number of invited guests – predominantly relatives of the 78 Irish Volunteers who lost their lives in the Rising – who will be seated inside the Garden of Remembrance. Viewing areas with screens are available to members of the public outside the Garden on Parnell Square North.

**How do I get there?**
Please see Map 1.

To plan your public transport journey please visit [www.TransportforIreland.ie](http://www.TransportforIreland.ie)

**Is it family friendly?**
Because it is a formal event with limited mobility for its duration, it may not be suitable for young children.

**What about car parking?**
Public transport is strongly advised.

Car parking in the area may be found at [http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/dublin/](http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/dublin/)

There is limited on-street parking.

**Is there a charge?**
No.
8. The State Event for 1916 Relatives at the RDS
26th March 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

**What is it?**
This is a state event for families to commemorate all of those who participated in the events of the 1916 Rising – the well known and not so well known equally. The President will deliver a keynote address and Comhaltas will perform MACALLA 1916.

**Where is it happening?**
Royal Dublin Society (RDS), Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

**When?**
Saturday, 26th March. There will be a reception for guests from 4.30pm followed with a concert which will start at 6pm with an expected duration of two hours.

**Is it open to the public?**
No. This event is confined to an invited group of approximately 4,000 relatives of those who participated in the events of the 1916 Rising. Places have been allocated based on a registration system operated by the Department of Defence.

**How do I get there?**
For guidance on how to get to the location, by public or private transport, see map and visit http://www.rds.ie/index.jsp?p=104&n=156
To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

**What about car parking?**
There is limited paid parking available at the RDS. Visit http://www.rds.ie/index.jsp?p=104&n=158 for details.
9. Easter Sunday Wreath-laying at Glasnevin Cemetery
27th March, 2016

What is it?
This is a State Ceremonial event in three parts: First, a solemn wreath-laying at the Sigerson Monument for all who served during Easter Week 1916; second, a wreath-laying at the grave of Edward Hollywood, who with Thomas Meagher and others, inspired by the French Tricolour when visiting the Second Republican Government in Paris in 1848, brought the Tricolour to Ireland; third, a wreath-laying at the grave of Peadar Kearney who wrote the lyrics for the National Anthem – Amhrán na bhFiann.

This event will be shown on screens along the Easter Parade route.

Where is it happening?
Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Road, Dublin 11.

When?
9.30am, Easter Sunday 27th March with an expected duration of 1 hour.

Is it open to the public?
Yes, but due to restrictions on space a ticketing system will be in place. In addition to a small number of invited guests, approximately 200 tickets will be made available to the public. These tickets will be issued online by Glasnevin Cemetery on a first-come-first-served basis. Details will be available on www.glasnevintrust.ie

How do I get there?
Use of public transport is advised. Glasnevin cemetery is accessible by car or bus.
To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

Is it family friendly?
Because of the formality of the occasion and restriction on space this event may not be suitable for younger children.

What about car parking?
Details of car parks can be found on the website http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/dublin/

Is there a charge?
No.
10. Easter Sunday Wreath-laying Ceremony in Kilmainham Gaol

27th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

**What is it?**
The ceremony will take place in the Stone Breakers Yard on the site where the 1916 leaders were executed in Kilmainham Gaol. The ceremony will include a solemn wreath-laying by the President. This will be followed by a minute of silent reflection, the sounding of the Last Post, the raising of the National flag to full mast and the playing of the Nation Anthem.

**Where is it happening?**
Stone Breakers Yard, Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin 8.

**When?**
10.30am, Easter Sunday 27th March

**Is it open to the public?**
No. The event is confined to approximately 35 invited guests. It will, however, be broadcast live on RTÉ One, RTÉ Radio 1, RTÉ News Now, RTÉ.ie, RTÉ Player and RTÉ Player International.
11. Easter Sunday State Ceremonial Commemoration at the GPO and Parade in Dublin

27th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

What is it?
This is the principal Easter Sunday State Commemoration Ceremony and Parade to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising. The ceremony begins with a reading of the 1916 Proclamation, under the GPO Portico. The President will then lay a wreath on behalf of the people of Ireland, followed by a minute's silence. The National Flag on top of the GPO is raised and the ceremony concludes with the playing of the National Anthem and an Air Corps flypast (weather permitting).

The Parade will follow the wreath laying ceremony and the participants include the Defence Forces with full military parade, including a UN peace-keeping element as well as representatives of An Garda Síochána and other State Emergency Services.

Where is it happening?
The State Ceremonial event takes place at the GPO on O'Connell Street.

The Parade will commence at St. Stephen's Green, via Cuffe Street, Kevin Street, Patrick Street, Thomas Street, Parliament Street, Dame Street, Westmoreland Street past the GPO on O'Connell Street, North Frederick Street, Dorset Street and finishing on Bolton Street.

When?
On Easter Sunday, March 27th, the Parade begins at St. Stephen's Green at 10.00am, pausing for the wreath-laying Ceremony at the GPO at noon, and concluding at Bolton Street at approximately 3.00pm.

Is it open to the public?
Yes, this is the main public event of Easter Sunday, but certain restrictions will be in place for public safety reasons. Map 3 shows areas that are most suitable for public viewing. See section on General Public Guidance.

There will be full pedestrian access along the Parade route including access to Upper O'Connell Street. Middle and Lower O'Connell Street have been reserved for invited guests (5,000 relatives of 1916 participants and 1,000 dignitaries). All of those relatives registered on the Department of Defence database received invitations to the parade on Easter Sunday.

There will be large public viewing screens placed along the Parade route. The event will be broadcast live on RTÉ One, RTÉ Radio 1, RTÉ News Now, RTÉ.ie and RTÉ Player.
There will be additional public viewing areas at St. Stephen’s Green, Merrion Square, Trinity College, King’s Inns (Broadstone) and Smithfield (see Map 3), with large viewing screens.

**How do I get there?**
For guidance on how to get to the location, see Maps 1 & 3.

**Is it family friendly?**
Yes, but families are advised to consult Map 3 and choose their preferred location for viewing.

**What about car parking?**
Use of public transport is strongly advised. See guidance on page 4. Details of car parks can be found on the website [http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/dublin/](http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/dublin/).
The following car parks, however, will be closed to the public on the day: Arnotts, Q-Park Clerys Marlborough Street, Irish Life Abbey Street, Parkrite IFSC, Euro Car Parks Convention Centre and Euro Car Parks Point Village.
To plan your public transport journey please visit [www.TransportforIreland.ie](http://www.TransportforIreland.ie)

**Is there a charge?**
No.
12. Easter Sunday State Reception at Dublin Castle
27th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

What is it?
A formal State Reception at the Taoiseach’s invitation with approximately 2,000 relatives of those who took part in 1916 being invited and 1,000 other guests to include elected representatives, the judiciary, the diplomatic corps, sport and cultural organisations and others from across the spectrum of Irish life.

Where is it happening?
Dublin Castle Complex, entry via Corke Hill entrance.

When?
Easter Sunday, March 27th from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Is it open to the public?
No. This is an invitation only event. Following consideration and discussions with the Relatives Association it was agreed that the closest relatives of the volunteers would be invited to the Reception. Every effort was made to be as equitable as possible, to ensure a wide spread of representation and also to accommodate those who indicated they needed assistance etc.

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the location, see map 1.

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

What about car parking?
It is strongly advised to use public transport on Easter weekend. There is no parking within the Dublin Castle complex. Limited reserved parking nearby will be available for invited guests.
13. **A Nation’s Voice, at The National Museum, Collins Barracks**

**Easter Sunday, 27th March, 2016**

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

**What is it?**

1,000 voices from all over Ireland will join the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra in presenting a major new orchestral and choral work composed by Shaun Davey and Paul Muldoon. The event – *A Nation’s Voice* – will be presented by the Arts Council and RTÉ, in association with the National Museum of Ireland, the Association of Irish Choirs and Music Generation. The event will be broadcast live on RTÉ One and RTÉ lyric fm.

**Where is it happening?**

The National Museum, Collins Barracks, Dublin.

**When?**

Easter Sunday, March 27th. Doors open at 1.30pm for event at 2.30pm with an expected duration of 1 hour.

**Is it open to the public?**

Yes. Tickets allocated by lottery. The draw took place on Friday, February 19th at 12 noon and winners were informed by email and invited to confirm their tickets by Friday, February 26th.

**How do I get there?**

For guidance on how to get to the location, by public or private transport, see Map 3 and visit http://www.museum.ie/Decorative-Arts-History/Visitor-Information/Find-Us

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

**Is it family friendly?**

Yes – the event is approximately one hour in duration and so is suitable for children, but may not be suitable for very young children. Note that this is an outdoor performance.

**What about car parking?**

It is strongly advised to use public transport on Easter weekend. Public parking will not be available at the venue and there will be many road closures and traffic restrictions on the day. See page 4 for guidance.

**Is there a charge?**

No. This is a free event.
14. Easter Monday Synchronised Wreath-layings in Dublin
28th March, 2016

What is it?
These synchronised Wreath-layings will commemorate the events of the Easter Rising at specific iconic locations around the city.

Where are they happening?
At the following locations (see Map 4):
- Boland's Mill
- Jacob's Factory (Bishop Street)
- Dublin Castle / City Hall
- The Four Courts
- Royal College of Surgeons
- Moore Street
- St. James’ Hospital (South Dublin Union).

When?
The ceremonies commence at approximately 12.45 pm on Easter Monday, 28th March with an expected duration of 40 minutes. The wreath-layings will take place at 1.15 pm, marking the moment when the first shots of the Rising were fired.

Are they open to the public?
Yes. Each location will have a designated public standing area.

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the locations, by public or private transport, see Map 4.

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

Are they family friendly?
These are formal ceremonies but may nonetheless be interesting to young children.

What about car parking?
Use of public transport is strongly advised. See page 4 for guidance.

Is there a charge?
No.
15. Easter Monday Synchronised Wreath-layings around the country

28th March, 2016

What is it?
These synchronised Wreath-layings will commemorate local events directly related to the 1916 Rising around the country.

When?
Easter Monday, 28th March – see below for more details of individual events. The wreath-layings will occur at 1.15pm, marking the moment when the first shots of the Rising were fired.

Are they open to the public?
Yes. Seating will be provided at each location for a number of invited guests. In addition, each location will have a designated public standing area, where people will be able to view proceedings on large screens.

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the locations, by public or private transport, check local maps.

Are they family friendly?
These are formal ceremonies but may nonetheless be interesting to young children.

What about car parking?
Local car parking may be restricted on the day. Please check with the relevant local authority in advance.

Is there a charge?
No.

Where are they happening?
At the following locations:

i. Ashbourne, Co Meath
ii. Athenry, Co Galway
iii. Cork City
iv. Enniscorthy, Co Wexford

i. Ashbourne, Co Meath
The event includes a re-enactment of the Battle of Ashbourne which commences at 10.45am and a State ceremonial event commencing at 12.15pm to commemorate the centenary of the Battle. Two wreaths, presented by the Defence Forces, will be laid at the Monument at Rath Cross at 1.15pm. The event also includes the unveiling of a memorial plaque.

The total expected duration of the event is 3 hours.
ii. Athenry, Co. Galway
The programme for the day begins at 10am with a tree planting – 7 Oak Trees – at Athenry Community Park.

The State Ceremonial event will begin at 12.25pm with a parade of representatives from each of the county’s GAA clubs from Kenny Park to arrive at the Arch.

The formal State ceremony in Athenry Community Park includes music and poetry and culminates in a wreath-laying ceremony at 1.15pm.

The event will close at approximately 1.35pm following a rendition of the National Anthem and a raising of the National Flag.

iii. Cork City
The public are invited to assemble on the Grand Parade at 11.45am. Live music will feature performances by the Defence Forces Band, Peadar Ó Riada and Cór Chúil Aodha.

The State Ceremonial Programme will commence at 12 noon. The Programme will feature speeches by both the Lord Mayor of Cork City and the Mayor of County Cork, the reading of the Proclamation by an Officer of the Defence Forces, a wreath laying ceremony, a Minute of Silence, a Piper’s Lament, the Last Post, the Raising of the National Flag, the Reveille played by a bugler from the Defence Forces and the National Anthem played by the Defence Forces Band.

Following the formal State ceremonial event, which finishes at 1:30pm, Irish musicians will take to the stage for a short performance showcasing some of the best of Irish music.

Proceedings will close at approximately 2.30pm.

iv. Enniscorthy, Co Wexford
The event commences at 11.30am with the 1916 Centenary Parade from St Aidan’s Cathedral to the Seamus Rafter Statue, Abbey Square, Enniscorthy, pausing at The Athenaeum for a raising of the Enniscorthy 1916 Battalion Flag followed by a minute’s silence.

The State Commemoration Ceremony will begin at 12.30pm, with the wreath-laying at 1.15pm. The first part of the Ceremony will close after the playing of the National Anthem with an Air Corps Fly Past (weather permitting) during the closing notes of Reveille. The second part of the Ceremony will feature songs and a poem specially commissioned by Wexford County Council for 2016 and a battle re-enactment.

Proceedings will close at approximately 3.15pm.
16. RTÉ Reflecting the Rising in partnership with Ireland 2016, multiple locations around Dublin
Easter Monday, 28th March, 2016

What is it?
The biggest public history and cultural event that has ever been staged in this country. More than 500 free talks, exhibitions, debates, film, performances and dramatizations. 6 outdoor stages. Lots of activities for children and families. 200 venues spanning both sides of Dublin City Centre. Please go to www.rte.ie/1916 for full details.

Where is it happening?
At multiple locations around Dublin city – see Map 4 and consult www.rte.ie/1916 for details.

When?
Easter Monday 28th March, from 11am to 6pm. RTÉ Radio 1 will be live on air from 10am to 7pm, while RTÉ lyric fm and Raidió na Gaeltachta will also be live from the events throughout the day.

Is it open to the public?
Yes. Indoor events ticketed. To reserve your free tickets, go to www.rte.ie/1916

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the locations by public transport see Map 4. Very large crowds are expected in Dublin for these events.

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

Is it family friendly?
Yes! There will be special family zones at St. Stephen’s Green, Earlsfort Terrace, Merrion Square and Smithfield (Fruitmarket and Square).

What about car parking?
It is strongly advised to use public transport. See page 4 for guidance.

Is there a charge?
All of the events are free of charge.
17. Imagining Home – at the National Concert Hall

From Easter Monday, 28th March, 2016

What is it?
Imagining Home is a series of seven concerts that speaks of Ireland’s cultural journey over the last 100 years, our place in the world today and our shared future, bringing together leading musicians, thinkers and artists.

Where is it happening?
The National Concert Hall, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2.

When?
Nightly at 8pm from Monday 28th March to Sunday 3rd April inclusive. The concerts vary in duration but can be expected to last approximately 2 hours.
The concerts will be broadcast on the John Creedon Show on RTÉ Radio 1, with live broadcasts of concerts on Monday, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday and pre-recorded broadcasts of the Thursday and Friday concerts.

Is it open to the public?
These are public ticketed events. To pre-book tickets and for prices etc. visit www.nch.ie

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the location, by public or private transport, visit https://www.nch.ie/Online/Getting-Here
To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

What about car parking?
For information on parking visit https://www.nch.ie/Online/Car-Parking

Is it family friendly?
Yes – although some of the concerts will be more enjoyable for children than others.

Is there a charge?
Yes – visit www.nch.ie for booking and ticket costs.
18. Centenary – Broadcast event with RTÉ One and RTÉ Player at the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre

Easter Monday, 28th March, 2016

What is it?
This is a major, part-live-part-recorded, multi-location television event, telling stories of Ireland through multiple art forms. The event will be broadcast live on RTÉ One.

Where is it happening?
Bord Gáis Energy Theatre, Dublin 2.

When?
9.30pm, Easter Monday, 28th March with an expected duration of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Is it open to the public?
Yes, a number of tickets will be made available to the public. Please visit http://www.rte.ie/1916 for more information.

How do I get there?
Use of public transport exclusively is strongly advised on Easter Monday. See guidance on page 4. For information on how to get to the location, visit http://www.bordgaisenergytheatre.ie/getting-here

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

What about car parking?
Use of public transport exclusively is strongly advised on Easter Monday. See guidance on page 4.

Is there a charge?
No.
19. Ceremonial Event for the Irish Citizen Army and James Connolly at Liberty Hall

29th March, 2016

This event will be attended by President Michael D. Higgins

What is it?
This is a State Ceremonial event, which takes place in collaboration with SIPTU, to commemorate the significant role of the Irish Citizen Army and James Connolly in the events of the 1916 Rising.

Where is it happening?
Liberty Hall, Dublin 1.

When?
10am, Tuesday 29th March with an expected duration of 3 hours.

Is it open to the public?
Yes, although seating in the auditorium will be restricted to approximately 400 invited guests, drawn from the trade union movement at home and abroad and relatives of ICA members who lost their lives during the Rising and relatives of James Connolly. Large screens will transmit proceedings to members of the public gathered in the grounds of the Custom House and other public areas.

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the location, visit http://libertyhalltheatre.ie

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

Is it family friendly?
This is a formal event but nonetheless may be of interest to children and young people.

What about car parking?
For information on car parking visit http://www.parkopedia.ie/parking/

Is there a charge?
No.
20. Opening of the Kilmainham Gaol Visitor Centre
30th March, 2016

What is it?
Between 3rd and 12th May 1916, fourteen leaders of the Rising were executed by firing squad in what had been the Stone-breakers’ yard. Today the Gaol is open as a Visitor attraction and receives visitors from all over the world.

Major works have been undertaken at the former Kilmainham Courthouse next door to the Gaol to adapt it for visitors and the building will be officially opened on Wednesday, 30th March.

Where is it happening?
Kilmainham Gaol, Dublin 8.

When?
Wednesday, 30th March at 7.30pm; invitation only.

Is it open to the public?
The official opening will be restricted to invited guests. However, following the official opening, the new extended Visitor facilities will be fully open to the public on 31st March.

Kilmainham Gaol Museum is open seven days a week including Bank Holidays from 9.30am to 5.30pm (Last Tour at 4.30pm);

extended opening times will apply during summer months; please check

Average Length of Visit: 45 - 50 mins.
Closed on the 24th, 25th & 26th December.

How do I get there?
For guidance on how to get to the location by public transport visit

To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

Is it family friendly?
Yes. Please note unaccompanied Minors (under 18s) will not be admitted.

What about carparking?
Public carparking is available in the grounds of the Royal Hospital nearby and in the Hilton Hotel directly across from the Gaol. Parking fees apply.

Is there a charge?
Yes. For details of the charges please see
21. Interfaith Service at the Remembrance Wall, Glasnevin Cemetery

3rd April, 2016

**What is it?**
This service will involve participation by all the main faith organisations where all those who died during the 1916 Rising – Irish Volunteers, Irish Citizen Army, British Army, Dublin Metropolitan Police, Royal Irish Constabulary, as well as civilians, including children, will be remembered. The Taoiseach will lay a wreath and local school children will unveil the Remembrance Wall where the names of all those who died are inscribed.

A Glasnevin Trust Initiative the Necrology Wall was inspired by the compelling International Memorial of Notre Dame de Lorette in France. This “Ring of Remembrance”, was inaugurated by the leaders of France, the United Kingdom and Germany. It records in alphabetical order without any distinction of nationality, rank or religion the names of soldiers from all sides who lost their lives in the battlefields of Northern France during World War 1.

**When?**
The Ceremony begins at 11.00am on Sunday 3rd April but those attending should be in position by 10.15am. The expected duration of the ceremony is 1 hour.

**Is it open to the public?**
Yes, but due to restrictions on space a ticketing system will be in place. Members of the public can register for free tickets to the event from 1 March 2016 at www.glasnevincemetery.ie.

A viewing screen will be erected for maximum visibility.
The Ceremony will be broadcast live on RTÉ One.

**How do I get there?**
Use of public transport is advised.
Glasnevin cemetery is accessible by car or bus.
To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

**What about car parking?**
There is limited car parking adjacent on a first come first served basis.

**Where is it happening?**
Glasnevin Cemetery, Finglas Road, Dublin 11.
MAP 1: showing the Garda traffic-free cordon around the city and main public transport points around the periphery on Easter Sunday

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MAP 2: Events map for period 3 March to 3 April

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MAP 3: Guidance Map for Easter Sunday Events

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MAP 4: Guidance Map for Easter Monday Events

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APPENDIX 1:

Questions and Answers – further public information for those wishing to attend events on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.

1. Where will I get information about travelling to Dublin?
   Each of the public transport operators, Iarnród Éireann, Dublin Bus, Luas and Bus Éireann are planning to run significantly enhanced public transport services on Easter Sunday and Easter Monday.
   To plan your public transport journey please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

2. Where can I find out about access from Dublin Airport?
   For details about access to and from Dublin Airport please visit http://www.dublinairport.com/gns/to-from-the-airport/overview.aspx

   To plan your journey by public transport please visit www.TransportforIreland.ie

   Please note there will be traffic restrictions and diversions in Dublin city centre over Easter weekend. You are advised to allow additional time to travel to Dublin Airport.

3. I won’t be in Ireland on Easter Weekend: how can I follow the events?

   Some of the events will be televised and available on RTÉ Player International. You can also see what is happening at the events by following Ireland 2016 on Facebook and Twitter @Ireland 2016.

4. Why do many of the events have limited public access?

   An extensive programme of formal commemorative events has been organised for this centenary year. These events are focussed on remembering and honouring those who took part in the Easter Rising, and especially those who gave their lives. A number of key events take place over the Easter weekend in particular. Due to the nature of the locations of some of these events, capacity is limited and some events are ticket only. However, every opportunity has been made to ensure that members of the public can view the ceremonies either through live broadcast or through the use of public screens at the events where possible. Full details on all state ceremonial events will be updated regularly on www.ireland.ie
5. How were members of the public selected to attend events?

Most of the Easter weekend events are open to the public. Where space is restricted a ticketing system is in place – for further details please refer to the details page on the individual event you are interested in.

The invited guests to many of the events are mainly drawn from the closest relatives of the volunteers of the Rising. Every effort was made to be as equitable as possible, to ensure a wide spread of representation and also to accommodate those who indicated they needed assistance etc.

6. Is it still possible to apply for tickets to events?

Tickets are still available for some of the events. For details please refer to the individual page relating to the event you are interested in.

7. Can I be sure of getting entry to events on Easter Monday?

All of the events, both in Dublin and the synchronised Wreath-layings around the country, will be open to the public. However, the RTÉ Reflecting the Rising indoor events, Centenary Broadcast event with RTÉ at the Bord Gáis Energy Theatre and Imagining Home concert at the National Concert Hall are ticketed events. For further information, please refer to http://www.rte.ie/1916 and www.nch.ie as appropriate.
8. **What is the general advice about coming in to the events – will the crowds be so large as to make the events difficult for families and older people?**

It is expected that there will be large crowds attending these historic events. However, through the extensive collaboration of all those involved in the events every effort is being made to minimise difficulties for those attending.

For further general guidance for those attending the Easter Sunday and Easter Monday events please refer to page 4 of this Guide.

9. **Why is there such a large focus on Dublin?**

While the principal Easter Sunday State Commemoration Ceremony and Parade to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising is taking place in Dublin there are a number of other State Ceremonial events taking place throughout Dublin and around the country over Easter weekend.

In addition, the Local Authorities are organising an extensive programme of local events to commemorate the centenary. For further details of these events please see [http://www.ireland.ie/events/download-your-full-county-plan](http://www.ireland.ie/events/download-your-full-county-plan)
APPENDIX 2

Questions & Answers for 1916 Relatives regarding Easter Sunday Commemorations:

Note: The Department of Defence is custodian of the Register of Relatives of those who participated in the 1916 Rising.

Q. How was the registration process advertised?
A. The registration process was promoted in press releases at the various launches of the Centenary Programme. In addition, the application form was made available on the Department of Defence website and also on the dedicated website for the Centenary programme www.ireland.ie and on the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht website. Details of the registration process were communicated to the 1916 Relatives Association who made it available on their website.

Q. What were the criteria used for inclusion in the Register of Relatives?
A. Relatives of participants involved in the Rising, who had not previously attended annual commemorative events, or expressed their interest in such events, were invited to complete an application form to register their interest in attending a major State ceremony of the Rising at the GPO, O’Connell Street on Easter Sunday 2016.

Q. How was the Register compiled?
A. The register was created from existing records held by the Department and from applications submitted using the Application Form.

Q. When was the registration process initiated?
A. The registration process commenced on 1 April 2015 and closed on 30 September 2015. This closing date was necessary to allow sufficient time required to plan for a State ceremonial event of this scale and to fully consider all of the logistical and operational challenges involved.

Q. Were there any exceptions to these deadline dates?
A. All forms were processed in line with the application dates identified. Exceptions were made when the Department needed to seek further clarification in relation to the information provided. In the circumstances where the Department was unable to confirm the relationship
the applicants were contacted and invited to provide additional information in support of their application.

Q. How was the information submitted to the Department verified?
A. Applicants were required to provide details of their relationship to a participant in the Rising and, where possible, to briefly outline the part played by their Relative in the Rising. Information provided was verified by the Department of Defence, mainly (but not exclusively) by reference to Departmental records held as part of the Military Service Pensions Collection.

Q. Are arrangements in place for those who are not included on the Register?
A. Yes. Public viewing areas are being provided in O’Connell Street and along the route of the Parade. Large screens will be provided to facilitate public viewing. In addition, RTÉ will provide live coverage of the full event to accommodate those who are not in a position to attend.

Q. Will all registered relatives be invited to the 2016 Easter Sunday Commemoration in O’Connell Street?
A. Yes, the Department of the Taoiseach have made provision for all relatives to attend this event in a reserved area in O’Connell Street.

Q. Will all relatives be seated at the Easter Sunday event?
A. The response from Relatives has been extremely positive with a very large number registering their interest in attending. Due to the limited space available on O’Connell street provision has been made for 2,000 relatives to be allocated seating. The remainder of those on the register will be allocated a reserved standing area.

Q. What criteria were used to decide who would be allocated a seat?
A. The following criteria were used to allocate the seating:

- All relatives of the Roll of Honour (the 78 people who fought and died as a result of active service in Easter week 1916)
- All wheelchair users
- All applicants who requested assistance when registering
- All first line descendants (children, nieces, nephews)
• Other relatives who have attended previous annual event.

Q. Who decided these criteria?
A. The Department of the Taoiseach in consultation with the Department of Defence and the 1916 Relatives Association agreed the criteria.

Q. Will families be separated between seating and standing areas?
A. It is possible that some families will be assigned to different seating/standing zones on O’Connell Street. In order to accommodate all of the relatives who expressed an interest and to ensure that Health & Safety measures were addressed a zoning system had to be implemented.