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## Global and Diaspora Programme

Ireland's Embassies and Consulates together with the Irish diaspora, international friends and partners and local communities across the world are engaging in a range of commemorative, community and creative activities to mark the centenary of the Easter Rising, including its international dimensions. The **Ireland 2016 Global and Diaspora Programme** is a once-in-a-century opportunity at home and overseas to explore, present, debate and reflect on Ireland then, now and to imagine the next 100 years. As part of **Ireland 2016**, Ireland's Embassies and Consulates, together with Culture Ireland, will also be promoting the best of Irish arts and culture worldwide. The following are events that are currently being planned with the support of our Embassies and Consulates around the world.

## Argentina

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### Buenos Aires

#### Irish Cultural Calendar

Exciting cultural events will take place across the city and province of Buenos Aires, from March to July 2016. The events will celebrate the strong ties of kinship between Ireland and Argentina through music, literature and art.

#### Contemporary Political and Economic Symposium

An international symposium will focus on contemporary links between Ireland and Argentina, and the regional role played by both countries – and potential for future cooperation – on the occasion of the centenary of 1916 and bicentenary of Argentinean independence. There will also be an event to explore synergies in technological cooperation between the cities of Dublin and Buenos Aires.

#### International Conference on Ireland-Argentine Relations and on Ireland Latin America

This conference, which will take place in mid-2016, will bring together historians and academics from Ireland, Argentina, the United States and elsewhere. It will explore themes such as the historical and contemporary links between the people and culture of Ireland and Argentina, and the role of the Irish in the liberation of Latin America. There will be a particular focus on 1916 and the revolutionary period.

### **Irish-Argentine Youth and Sport Celebration**

From March to July 2016, the Irish Embassy, in conjunction with local Irish-linked schools, will hold essay and art competitions that will encourage participants to reflect on themes such as the centenary of the 1916 Rising and Irish-Argentine relations. Separately, a schools 'Gaelic Football Blitz' in Buenos Aires will take place immediately prior to the World GAA Games in Dublin in 2016, in which Argentina will compete.

## **Australia**

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### **Sydney**

#### ***The Plough and the Stars***

A series of performances of *The Plough and the Stars* will take place during Sydney's annual St Patrick's Day Festival, which will also include a parade and Family day. The play presents the Rising through the experiences of those who suffered most during Easter Week: the Dublin tenement dwellers that were caught up in the commotion and violence. The performances will start on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

#### **Academic Conference**

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Sydney is planning to hold a conference on the 1916 Rising, which will include a focus on the international dimensions of the Rising.

### **Canberra**

#### **Academic Conference**

A conference on the 1916 Rising is planned in cooperation with the Australian Centre for the Study of Armed Conflict and Society of UNSW.

## **Austria**

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### **Vienna**

#### **1916 International Lecture Series**

The Irish Embassy in Vienna will team up with the Centre for Irish Studies at the University of Vienna to host a series of eight lectures, entitled 'Ireland 1916: Historical, Literary, Cultural, and Media Studies Perspectives,' from April to June 2016.

# Belgium

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## Brussels

### Lecture on Pádraig Pearse

As part of the 1916 commemorations, the Irish Embassy will host a lecture event to commemorate Pádraig Pearse's visit to Belgium in June 1905, when he came to Flanders to research linguistic diversity and language policy there. This was to significantly influence his thoughts on the revival of the Irish language and Pearse went on to publish a large number of papers and editorials on the subject.

# Brazil

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## Brasilia

### Irish Film Festival

In November 2015 an Irish Film Festival will take place in Santa Catarina in Brazil, which will celebrate the work of director Alan Gilson, particularly his films on Pádraig Pearse, W. B. Yeats and Roger Casement.

### Seminar and Exhibition on Roger Casement

As part of the 1916 commemorations, the Irish Embassy plans to hold a seminar and exhibition on Roger Casement in Brasilia. The seminar will begin in the week beginning 14 March 2016 and the exhibition will continue until the Easter period. The seminar and exhibition will showcase the pioneering humanitarian work carried out by Roger Casement during his time in South America.

# Britain

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Events in Britain, taking the Rising as a starting point, will explore Irish history, culture and heritage as well as celebrating the important role of the Irish diaspora in Britain. The contributions of James Connolly and Margaret Skinnider, both born in Scotland will be remembered and highlighted, as will the story of Roger Casement, a British diplomat, humanitarian and leader of the 1916 Rising.

## **Edinburgh**

### **1916/2016 Global, National and Local Perspectives**

The University of Edinburgh will explore the global significance of the 1916 Rising through a varied programme of activities, while also incorporating a high-profile event on the life and legacy of the Edinburgh-born leader of the Easter Rising, James Connolly. These will take place from January to June 2016.

### **1916 Rising Centenary Committee (Scotland)**

From May 2015 to March 2016, this Committee of local volunteers will raise awareness of the key role of Irish and Scottish revolutionaries in the Clydeside region in the lead up to and during the Easter Rising. The leading role of James Connolly, and the key contribution of women such as Coatbridge-born Margaret Skinnider, will be highlighted.

## **London**

### **Ireland 2016 Cultural Event, Wigmore Hall**

A concert featuring Irish classical musicians and singers will take place at the renowned London venue, the Wigmore Hall, in April 2016. Led by the Wigmore Hall's Irish Director, John Gilhooly, this major concert will showcase the Irish contribution to classical music as part of the 2016 commemorations.

### **Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann concert at the Barbican**

The Embassy is working to support Comhaltas na Breataine's 1916 Commemoration Committee as they present a major concert of Irish traditional music at the Barbican Centre in London on 4 March 2016.

### **Screening of Notre Dame 1916 film in London**

In March 2016, the Embassy, together with the London Irish Film Festival, will screen the Notre Dame documentary, *1916: The Irish Rebellion*, at a venue in London.

### **University of Cambridge Conference**

A three-day conference on the 1916 Easter Rising at the University of Cambridge, organised by Professor Eugenio F. Biagini, will see a range of academics and high profile speakers examine the Rising in its global context.

### **Conference on Irish Revolutions**

The theme of the 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of Irish Historians in Britain will be 'Irish Revolutions'. This event, which will take place at the University of Liverpool in 2016, will feature a range of speakers from the United States, Ireland and Britain. It will include a public outreach event, which will be addressed by Ambassador Dan Mulhall and Professor Joe Lee (New York University).

### **Liverpool 1916 Commemoration Committee**

The Committee will organise a lecture series in Liverpool, on themes such as the Home Rule Act and the role of women in the Easter Rising. A commemorative pamphlet on Liverpool volunteer participants in the Rising will be printed and distributed. These events will take place throughout 2016.

### **Abbey rehearsed reading of *Of This Brave Time***

A production of *Of This Brave Time*, a play by Jimmy Murphy that was performed on the Peacock stage in Dublin in April 2015, will tour Irish community organisations and venues across Britain in early 2016. The play is based on 1916 witness accounts from the book *Rebels: Voices from the Easter Rising* by Fearghal McGarry.

### **Bodleian 1916 Study and Symposium**

The Bodleian Libraries of the University of Oxford will record the anniversary of the Easter Rising in 2016 through online exhibitions and displays.

### **Irish Cultural Centre & St Mary's University**

The Irish Cultural Centre in Hammersmith will present a series of plays on aspects of the Irish Revolution in 2016 and will also work in partnership with St Mary's University to present a series of lectures on 1916 in its historical context.

### **Embassy Lecture Series**

The Embassy is organising a lecture series with high-profile speakers looking at the significance of 1916, the last 100 years, Irish culture and the Irish economy.

### **Commemorating the internment of Irish prisoners at Frongoch, North Wales**

The Embassy is developing a programme with the Welsh Government which will tell the story of Frongoch for both Irish and Welsh audiences. It will include the production of digital educational resources and an academic event to debate its significance in contemporary events and subsequent history

## **China**

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### **Hong Kong**

#### **Screening of *A Terrible Beauty***

In May 2015, the Irish Consulate General in Hong Kong organised a screening of *A Terrible Beauty*, a feature docudrama set during the Easter Rising of 1916, at Wah Yan College, a local secondary school. Q&A with the film's production team followed the screening. The event was particularly special due to the presence of Fr Joseph Mallin, who taught at the school. Fr Mallin is the son of Michael Mallin, who was executed in May 1916, and is the last surviving child of any of the leaders of the Easter Rising.

# France

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## Paris

### **International Beckett Festival, Paris**

This literary festival will run for the entire month of March 2016, with later weeks focusing on the 1916 Rising. The Sixteen16 centennial programme will involve performances that respond to Samuel Beckett's work by sixteen Irish artists or artistic groups from Ireland's theatre, dance, literature, visual arts, music and film sectors.

### **Twin conferences to commemorate Franco-Irish links as the backdrop to the 1916 Rising**

Academic conferences on the theme 'Paris: Capital of Irish Culture' will explore the longer-term influence of Paris on the evolution of Irish political and cultural thought. They will take place from May to July 2016.

### **Lectures and cultural performances**

The Embassy will partner with local academic and cultural contacts to host two lectures and two cultural performances to mark the commemoration of the Easter Rising and Ireland's experience of the First World War, in particular the involvement of soldiers from the island of Ireland in the Battle of the Somme. The events will take place in March, June and July 2016.

# Finland

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## Helsinki

A programme of events to mark the centenary of the Rising is being planned by the Irish Embassy in Helsinki. One event which has already taken place in May 2015 saw a group of Finnish primary school students translate the Proclamation of the Irish Republic into Finnish.

# Italy

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## Rome

### **Irish Film Festa**

In March 2016, Rome will host the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the Irish Film Festa, the theme of which will be the Easter Rising of 1916. The programme will include screenings and discussions of films that were either made or set in the years before and after 1916. The Festa will also link up with the University of Notre Dame campus in Rome, which will be the location for the screening of the Notre Dame documentary, *1916: The Irish Rebellion*.

### **Writing the Rising Conference**

The conference 'Writing the Rising' will be an international, interdisciplinary conference focused on the revolutionary period of Irish history, from 1913 to 1923. The conference, which will take place in January 2016, will examine the central importance of the written word both in the context of the 1916 Rising and in its aftermath. The event will be hosted at Roma Tre University in Rome.

## Japan

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### **Tokyo**

#### **Commemoration of 1916 in East Asian perspectives**

Next year's annual Conference on Irish Studies by the Japan Ireland Society (JIS), 'The 1916 Rising with an Asian Perspective,' will take place in November/December 2016. JIS will invite five Japanese panellists and one Belfast-based speaker, China-colonial era specialist, Dr Aglaia de Angeli, to address the conference.

## Poland

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### **Warsaw**

#### **Ireland and Poland: Historical Connections**

A conference co-hosted by Warsaw University and the Embassy of Ireland in June 2016 will look at the historical parallels and contemporary connections between Ireland and Poland in the century 1916-2016.

## Saudi Arabia

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### **Riyadh**

#### **Yeats Exhibition and Cultural Programme**

An exhibition on W.B. Yeats will be mounted at the King Faisal Centre in Riyadh in spring 2016. The Embassy is also planning a varied programme of events, which will include cultural and economic dimensions.

# United Arab Emirates

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## Dubai

### Cultural Programme of Events

The Embassy, in partnership with the Dubai-based theatre group Danú, will host a series of cultural events to mark the 1916 Rising at The Madinat Theatre, in Dubai, on 22-23 April 2016. The programme will consist of a Seán O' Casey play along with Irish dancing, traditional Irish music and singing centred on the poetry and last letters of the leaders of the 1916 Rising.

# United States

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The centenary of the 1916 Rising will have particular resonance in the United States of America. Five of the seven signatories to the Proclamation of Independence spent periods of time in the U.S. that influenced their thinking and actions; America is specifically mentioned in the Proclamation; it has the greatest concentration of our diaspora; and contemporary ties are of extraordinary depth and breadth. Over the coming months, communities across the U.S. will engage in a range of events to commemorate the Rising and celebrate the enduring relationship between the U.S. and Ireland.

## Atlanta

### 1916 Academic Seminar

An academic symposium, hosted by the Irish Consulate General in Atlanta in conjunction with the American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS) will take place in April 2016.

### Screening of 1916 Film in Atlanta

In April 2016, the Consulate will screen the Notre Dame documentary, *1916: The Irish Rebellion*, in a venue in Atlanta. The audience will be welcomed by the Consul General.

### Irish Cultural Celebration

The Consulate will round off Atlanta's April 2016 commemorations with a concert that will celebrate the vibrancy of Irish art and culture through music, dance and theatre.

## Austin

### Reading and Lecture by Professor Roy Foster and Sebastian Barry

Writer Sebastian Barry and Professor Roy Foster will attend an Easter Rising Centenary Symposium at Baylor University, in Texas on 21-22 March 2016. Professor Foster will give a lecture and Sebastian Barry will read from a selection of writings on the Easter Rising and from his own novel, *A Long Long Way*. A public event, which will feature discussion on the impact of the Rising, will take place the following day.



### **Commemoration Concert**

In April 2016, the Irish Consulate General in Austin will host a concert featuring traditional and contemporary Irish music, dance and literature. The event is being developed in conjunction with local community groups, to create a vibrant and celebratory atmosphere.

### **Screening of Notre Dame 1916 film in Austin**

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## **Boston**

### **Conference on the Irish Language**

Glór na nGael and the Consulate General in Boston will hold a special conference in July 2016, which will bring together Irish language groups from across the United States.

### **Lecture Series with American Conference of Irish Studies (ACIS)**

Throughout 2016, the Consulate General in Boston will partner with several universities and colleges affiliated with the American Conference of Irish Studies in organising series of 1916-themed lectures and seminars.

## **Chicago**

### **Chicago Screening: Notre Dame 1916 Documentary**

The Consulate will host a screening of the Notre Dame documentary, *1916: The Irish Rebellion*, in a venue in Chicago.

### **Midwest Regional American Conference for Irish Studies: Exhibition and Lecture**

The University of Kansas is hosting 2016's Midwest Regional American Conference for Irish Studies, an annual conference of academics from third-level Irish Studies centers and faculties across the US Midwest. Among other themes, the conference will consider the impact of the 1916 Rising and the issue of commemorations today.

## **New York**

### **O'Donovan Rossa Commemoration**

Over the course of the weekend of 27 – 29 June 2015, a range of events took place to commemorate the life and death of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa. These included a GAA tournament at Gaelic Park in the Bronx; a community and cultural celebration in Queens; and a mass and wreath laying ceremony at the O'Donovan Rossa memorial at St. Peter's Church in Staten Island. These events were led by the Cork Association in New York, New York GAA, the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) and the Ladies AOH, with the support of the Irish Consulate General in New York.

### **Lecture series at the Consulate General**

The Consulate launched an historical lecture series in May 2015, in conjunction with New York GAA and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The inaugural lecture was delivered by Professor Mary Daly, President of the Royal Irish Academy. This lecture series, which is open to all, will continue on a bi-monthly basis until summer 2016.

### **NYU Glucksman Ireland House**

Glucksman Ireland House at New York University (NYU) will present a series of public events commencing in autumn 2015 focusing on music, film, poetry, and prose. This series will culminate in a major academic conference on April 21-23 2016, which will explore the relationship between America and 1916, and will involve over twenty academic speakers from Ireland and across the United States.

### **Ancient Order of Hibernians U.S. National Commemoration**

While the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will run commemorative events throughout the US during 2016, the focus of commemorations for the national board of the AOH will be on New York on 23 April. These commemorations will include a mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, a public event involving a solemn commemorative moment and a reading of the Proclamation, to be followed by a gala celebration. The Irish Consulate is working with the AOH to support them in their planning.

### **Event on the Centenary of the Easter Rising**

There will be a significant, high level, inclusive commemorative programme on Sunday 24 April 2016 in New York, to mark the centenary of the 1916 Rising. The Irish and Irish American communities in New York, and the civic authorities in the city will be asked to participate in the event. The Irish Consulate is working with the community to plan this programme.

### **American Irish Historical Society**

The American Irish Historical Society (AIHS) are planning a series of exhibitions featuring holdings from their rich collection of Irish and Irish American historical papers and artefacts from the period. These exhibitions will commence in late 2015 and will run throughout 2016. The AIHS are also planning a significant commemorative event for Sunday 24 April 2016.

### **Other New York Events**

Many other community groups, academic and cultural institutions in New York are planning events to commemorate 2016. These include the Institute for Irish American Studies at Lehman College, City University of New York, who will commission an original play about New York in 1916, among other projects. Watson House (Battery Heritage Foundation), will also host a one-day symposium in May 2016 on the contribution of the women of Irish New York to Irish national aspirations.

## **Phoenix, Arizona**

### **Irish Cultural and Literary Programme, Phoenix**

A ten-month series of presentations, lectures, exhibitions, films and book discussions will take place at the Irish Cultural Centre in Phoenix, Arizona, throughout 2016 with the support of the Irish Consulate in San Francisco. The events will engage public consideration on the causes and the aftermath of the Rising, and its role in the development of modern Ireland. Among the many themes that will be explored are the US connections with the Easter Rising of 1916.

## **Washington D.C.**

### **Ireland 100: Celebrating a Century of Irish Arts and Culture**

The centrepiece of the commemorative events in the USA will be a three-week Irish arts festival from 16 May to 5 June 2016 at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC. 'Ireland 100: Celebrating a Century of Irish Arts and Culture' will showcase the best of traditional and contemporary Ireland across the full range of the arts, including theatre, literature, music and dance. The festival programme was launched by the Taoiseach, Enda Kenny TD, during his St Patrick's Day visit to Washington D.C in March 2015.

### **Solas Nua Irish Arts Fringe Festival**

Solas Nua is a contemporary Irish Arts Group based in Washington D.C. and Boston. It will lead a variety of events in the Spring of 2016, promoting up-and-coming contemporary Irish artists to complement the Kennedy Center festival.

### **Washington D.C. 2016 Lecture Series**

The Embassy is working with a variety of partner organisations to stage a series of lectures and debates that will address different aspects of the Rising, the 100 year journey from 1916 to today and the next 100 years.

*New events and cities are being added regularly so please check back for further updates*