

**Minutes of Meeting of All Party Consultation Group on Commemorations
Department of the Taoiseach –Sycamore Room -Tuesday 3rd February 2015 -15.30-17.00**

<p>Attendance:</p> <p>Members</p> <p>Minister Heather Humphreys (chair)</p> <p>Minister Aodhan O’Riordain (vice chair)</p> <p>Deputy Dinny McGinley</p> <p>Senator Jim D’Arcy</p> <p>Deputy Maureen O’Sullivan</p> <p>Senator Mark Daly</p> <p>Senator Mary White</p> <p>Mr PJ Bradley</p> <p>Dr Martin Mansergh</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Deputy Catherine Murphy</p> <p>Dr Maurice Manning</p>	<p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <p>Mr Martin Fraser, Sec Gen, D/Taoiseach</p> <p>Ms. Sharon Finnegan , D/Taoiseach</p> <p>Mr Jerry Kelleher, D/Taoiseach</p> <p>Mr Joe Hamill, Sec Gen, DAHG</p> <p>Mr Feargal O’Coighligh, Asst Sec DAHG</p> <p>Mr John Concannon DAHG</p> <p>Mr Terry Allen DAHG</p> <p>Ms Sinead Copeland, DAHG</p> <p>Ms Sabina O'Donnell DAHG</p> <p>Ms Sorcha DeBruch, DAHG</p> <p>Mr Martin O’Prey, DAHG</p> <p>Ms Caitlín Higgins Ní Chinnéide, DFAT</p> <p>Mr George Moir OPW</p> <p>Mr Brendan Kenny, Dublin City Council</p> <p>Mr Donal Byrne, RTE</p> <p>Mr George McCullough, Glasnevin Trust</p>
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1. Minutes and matters arising

- Minutes of the 10th December 2014 meeting approved.
- Format of future minutes agreed.
- OPW indicated presentation would be made to Group on the Kilmainham Courthouse project at a future date. Request for the business plan for the Kilmainham development forwarded to the Commissioner for OPW.
- Group agreed if members had specific concerns they should be taken up with the relevant agency outside of the Group.
- RTE official indicated while that some information discussed at the Group could be commercially sensitive, they would pass on-going requests for information to RTE management.

2. Ireland 2016

Update provided on work of the 2016 project office and the 1916 commemorative programme to date i.e. strands being developed relating to Education, engagement with local authorities & cultural institutions, Irish language interests and civil society groups.

- The continuing engagement by 2016 Project team with relatives' groups;
- The structure to address proposals from interested parties / public was outlined;
- The Glasnevin Trust to announce their 2016 programme in June 2015 and the Trust would interact with relevant organisations to achieve an inclusive programme;
- That North-South engagement would be undertaken through appropriate channels.

It was agreed that the 1916 centenary event should be inclusive and the need to reflect the inclusive nature of the Proclamation was acknowledged.

Capital Projects

The status of 2016 Capital Projects was outlined and it was noted that projects are progressing on schedule.

It was suggested that some remedial works be implemented on National Monument at Moore Street in advance of the major conservation project.

3. Update on events

Recent Commemorations events, including 2 events at Glasnevin Trust (Christmas Day Truce & Victory Cross commemorations).

Upcoming launch at the National Museum Collins Barracks of new exhibition, along with a new 'immersive production' by ANU productions "PALS" relating to the Gallipoli campaign.

4. 2015 Programme

The 2015 commemorative programme (Gallipoli, Lusitania & O'Donovan Rossa among other events) and other related centenaries were noted.

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The major Louth County museum commemorative exhibition (officially opened by the Taoiseach on 26 February).

That the Woodlands Trust (NI) intended to plant 50,000 trees to remember Irish people killed in WW1 wished to be associated with commemorations groups in the Republic.