

MONAGHAN COUNTY MUSEUM

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CULTURE NIGHT

JANUARY

Launch of 'A Fist to the Black Blooded' by Hugh MacMahon

Friday 29th 7pm

This wonderful new book tells the story of three members of a County Monaghan family who were drawn into the 1916 Rising.



FEBRUARY

Last chance to see our fascinating exhibition 'World Within Walls'

Tuesday 16th

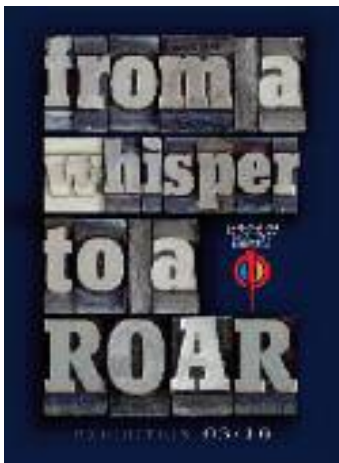
This exhibition explores the history of St Davnet's Mental Hospital, formerly known as the Cavan & Monaghan Lunatic Asylum.



MARCH

Launch of "From a Whisper to a Roar – Exploring the Untold Story of Monaghan 1916" Exhibition – Thursday 10th 7:30pm

Using rare imagery, objects and film, our 1916 commemorative exhibition brings you back in time to a County Monaghan under British rule where the whisper of an Irish Republic exploded into a roar after the 1916 Rising. Developed in partnership with Professor Terence Dooley, NUI Maynooth, who has written and researched the story for the exhibition.



Monaghan Comhaltas

Friday March 11th 7:30pm



Come and join Monaghan Comhaltas for a great night of craic agus ceoil to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Conservation Techniques

Tuesday 22nd 11am – 5pm

A paper conservation specialist will give a presentation showing how museum objects such as estate maps are restored and stabilised for posterity. This will include examples of items from the museum collection.

Booking Essential

Easter Arts & Crafts

Wednesday 23rd 10am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

These fun workshops will give everyone the chance to make their own Easter artwork. **Booking Essential**

Easter Treasure Hunt

Thursday 24th 11.30am – 12.30pm & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Bring the family along to enjoy this fun treasure hunt around the museum displays in search of those elusive Easter Eggs. **Booking Essential**

APRIL

"Women of 1916" by Dr Mary McAuliffe

Thursday 21st 8pm

Dr Mary McAuliffe is a Teaching and Research Fellow in Women's Studies at the UCD School of Social Justice. She will be taking us through the turbulent and fascinating story of the many women who helped shape recent Irish history during the Easter Rising.



The Era of Revolution Fashion Show

Tuesday 26th 7pm



A Glimpse into the Past presents a historic fashion show, which showcases styles from 1840 – 1919. With over 20 costumes, funny sketches and entertaining historical insights this outstanding show is a hit wherever it appears! More than just a fashion show, it's a glimpse into the lives and times of men and women from that era. Using an unmatched collection of period costumes, the players bring a colourful cast of characters to life.

“The 1916 All Ireland Semi-Final and the Role of the GAA in Monaghan”

by Dr Dónal McAnallen

Thursday 28th 8pm

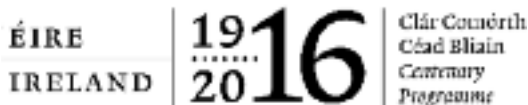
Dr Dónal McAnallen has been published widely on various aspects of the history of the GAA. He'll be exploring the intriguing story of the GAA, the 1916 All Ireland Semi Final between Monaghan and Wexford, and the Rising.



Monaghan 1916 - 2016.

Official 1916 Rising Commemoration Event by Monaghan County Council

Saturday 30th 1pm – 5pm



This unique event, which has been planned in collaboration with various sections of Monaghan County Council including the Museum, Library, Arts and Heritage, will be held in front of the Courthouse in Monaghan Town. The day will include re-enactments with actors in Volunteer, Irish Citizen Army and British Army uniforms hosting interactive workshops where all visitors to the event will be able to interact with their history in a very real way. There will also be displays, workshops, short lectures, history tours, and a historic trail of Monaghan 1916. Music from the era and events will take place in the Museum, Library and the Market House. The event will be officially marked with a raising of the national flag by the Irish Army and a reading of the proclamation by an actor portraying Pádraig Pearse on the steps of the Courthouse.

MAY

“Flying Columns: the Revolutionary Years as Seen in the Monaghan Press” by Frank McNally – Thursday 5th 8pm



Frank McNally is a journalist with the Irish Times, an author and Monaghan native. He has covered a wide range of subjects for the Irish Times, including politics, sport, and literature. A former National Media Awards winner for his Dail and tribunal sketches, he is now chief writer of the daily *Irishman's Diary* column.

“Rebels, Priests and Politicians: the Men and Women of 1916 in County Monaghan” by Professor Terence Dooley

Thursday 12th 8pm

Professor Terence Dooley is also a native of County Monaghan and lectures at NUI Maynooth where he specialises in Irish social and political history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.



Music of 1916 by Eimear Quinn

Tuesday 10th 8pm



Eimear Quinn first achieved fame when she won the Eurovision Song Contest for Ireland in 1996 with her haunting rendition of *The Voice*. Since this remarkable international success, she has gone on to thrill and enthral audiences throughout the world.

Now resident in County Monaghan, the museum has invited her to deliver a night of music from this historic period in Monaghan and the nation's history. This once off concert will be a highlight of our programme of events commemorating the 1916 Rising.

Bealtaine Festival 2016, celebrating creativity as we age - Wood Burning Workshop

Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th 11am – 1pm



Wood burning is the craft of touching wood or leather with a heated poker to produce decorative burn marks, achieving a large range of decorative effects. Over four weeks participants will practice and gain familiarity with various wood burning techniques, design and plan a piece of pyrography art and use their new skills to create their final piece of work. This unique and highly enjoyable course will be led by local art tutor Samantha Hawe. **Booking Essential**

National Drawing Day

Saturday 21st 12.30pm – 2pm & 2.45pm – 4.15pm

Participants will have an opportunity to release their creativity with innovative and unusual art activities. All will be revealed on the day..... **Booking Essential**



JUNE

Social Inclusion Week

Monday 6th – Friday 12th
(Dates TBC)

Monaghan County Museum will once again play a central role in promoting social inclusion in County Monaghan through a dedicated programme of events that will run throughout the week.



Ceramic Painting

Saturday 4th 12.30pm – 1.30pm & 2pm – 3pm

Colour Crazy Ceramics will encourage participants to express their ideas in a creative and fun way as they paint their ceramic piece.

Booking Essential & Parental Supervision Required

Wet Felt Making

Saturday 11th 2pm – 4pm

Design, pat, roll and squish! Discover the magic of wet-felting as participants guided by local art tutor Samantha Hawe, turn soft, fluffy wool into an amazing felted picture. All materials supplied - just add imagination! The completed felted pictures are the perfect size to be framed or used as a coaster.

Booking Essential & Parental Supervision Required

Mask Making

Saturday 18th 12.30pm – 2pm & 2.45pm – 4.15pm

This workshop will provide an opportunity to create a personal Venetian carnival mask using a variety of mixed media and learn about the history of these beautiful masks.

Booking Essential & Parental Supervision Required

Creative Beading - Jewellery Making Class

Saturday 25th 12.30pm – 2pm & 2.45pm – 4.15pm

Lets get creative with beads and bling! Local jewellery designer Joy Hastings will guide participants in creating their very own piece of beaded jewellery. The class will cover basic jewellery making techniques and a guide to matching colours. Each child will make something to take home and be proud of - Suitable for boys and girls of any age.

Booking Essential & Parental Supervision Required

JULY

Country Music Festival

Saturday 16th (Times TBC)

Following on from our hugely successful debut in the Monaghan Town Country Music festival in 2015, the museum staff are looking forward to going country once again in 2016 with a range of up and coming new singers performing in the Museum gallery throughout the day.



Summer Camp Battlefield Archaeology

Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th & Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th



This summer camp is suitable for children from 6 – 12 years old. All budding archaeologists will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty while having fun learning about the archaeology of County Monaghan.

Booking Essential

AUGUST

Heritage Week

Tuesday 23rd Monaghan County Museum Friends Tour



As part of Heritage Week, the Friends of Monaghan County Museum will be hosting a tour of some of the main sites of the 1916 Rising in Dublin. To find out more and join the Friends, contact the museum.

SEPTEMBER

The Museum gets the Blues!

Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd



Building on the great response the Museum received as a new venue in the annual Harvest Times Blues Festival, we'll see more musicians from around the world performing in the Museum gallery throughout this fantastic weekend for Monaghan.

Culture Night

Friday 16th at 8pm

An evening of traditional song and storytelling by two of Ireland's finest story tellers, Len Graham and Jack Lynch.



OCTOBER

Monaghan Positive Mental Health Week

October 10th – 15th Dates TBC

Monaghan County Museum as a high profile community service has an important role to play in promoting positive mental health in the county and we continue that commitment in connection with the Monaghan Positive Mental Health Committee in 2016.



“Mental Health in Time of War”

by Dr Lisa Butterly – Tuesday 11th 8pm

Dr Lisa Butterly has carried out extensive research into the effects of war on the mind. In her presentation she will use the backdrop of the First World War and discuss how many who survived the horror of battle had an entirely different and even more terrifying war to fight for their mental health when they came home.

The Psychology of Bouncibility – How to build resilience within ourselves

Thursday 13th 7.30pm

As part of Monaghan Positive Mental Health Week **Shane Martin Registered Psychologist PSI** will be delivering a talk called “The Psychology of Bouncibility – How to build resilience within ourselves”. This talk will explore the science of resilience and highlight ten-evidence-based strategies linked to better outcomes during changes and challenges.

“Monaghan and the Somme”

by Dr David Murphy – Wednesday 19th 8pm

Dr David Murphy is a lecturer in Military History at NUI Maynooth and specialises in the history of the Irish regiments who fought in the world wars. As part of our programme of events commemorating those people from Monaghan who fought at the Somme, David will take us on a march through the trenches and bloody battles that were fought there.



Spooky Halloween Arts & Crafts

Saturday 22nd 1pm – 3pm

Brenda O'Reilly Hughes will facilitate Halloween arts & crafts where participants can make something truly terrifying to take home.

Booking Essential

Pumpkin Carving/Painting

Saturday 29th 1pm – 2pm & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Learn how to carve your very own pumpkin with various designs.

Booking Essential & Parental Supervision Required

NOVEMBER

Walking Tour of Monaghan Town

Tuesday 1st 10.30am – 12pm & 2pm – 3.30pm

This is a unique opportunity to bring the family along and enjoy a walking tour of the town learning about some of the town's buildings and monuments. **Booking Essential**

Drama Workshops – Wednesday 2nd 11.30 – 12.30

(5-8 year olds) & 2pm – 3.30pm (9-12 year olds)

These interactive classes will give participants a fun introduction to drama. With games, improvisation and confidence building, lots of fun is guaranteed!

Booking Essential

Art & Craft

Thursday 3rd 10am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

This fun workshop will give everyone the chance to make a unique piece of art to bring home with them.

Booking Essential

Movie Day – Friday 4th 10.30am – 12pm

(5-8 year olds) & 2pm – 3.30pm (9-12 year olds)

Come along and watch a movie in the comfort of our gallery.

Booking Essential

The Battle of the Somme – Wednesday 16th 8pm



To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, Carol Walker, Director

of the Somme Association will give a presentation on the battle and its aftermath. Other topics that will be covered in the presentation will include Home Rule and the formation of the UVF, formation of the Ulster Division, training and recruiting.

DECEMBER

Christmas with Sir Jack at 100

Date to be confirmed.



There could be no more fitting way to end our historic programme of events commemorating the last century of Ireland's history than to have an evening with a man who has lived through it all. Sir John Leslie was born on December 6th 1916 and has lived through a century of momentous change in his country. We are honoured to host this Monaghan living legend, war hero and truly incredible human being as he celebrates his 100th birthday.



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