



**Waterford City and County Council  
launches extensive programme of events  
as part of Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme**

An interesting programme of events outlined in Waterford City & County's Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme will be launched at 4pm in Central Library, Lady Lane, Waterford on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 by Mayor of Waterford City and County, Cllr. John Cummins.

Waterford's programme is the outcome of consultations with interested local groups, organisations and individuals who were invited to participate in the planning and implementation of the events that will mark the 2016 Commemoration in Waterford City and County. Led by Waterford City and County Council, under the guidance of the local 1916 Co-ordinator and the Ireland 2016 Commemoration Steering Committee, the programme contains events and initiatives ranging across all seven strands of the Ireland 2016 programme including: Ceremonial events, historical reflection, *an teanga beó*, youth and imagination, cultural expression, community participation and the global diaspora.

The 31 Local Authority Programmes for Ireland 2016 represent the outcome of many hundreds of hours of reflection, consultation and discussion involving thousands of people all over Ireland.

Chair of the Waterford Commemoration Steering Committee, Mr Ger Crotty commented *"We are particularly pleased with the input from the wider community to the Waterford Commemoration Programme which includes a full calendar of events from a range of groups including community, tidy towns and local history groups as well as the artistic and Irish language communities. Ideas include film, theatre, writing, music, drama and memorial gardens as well*

*as a number of ceremonial events that will provide a lasting contribution to cultural expression of the 2016 Commemoration in Waterford."*

An open invitation is extended to the general public to the launch of the City and County Programme on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The launch in Central Library, Lady Lane, Waterford will include music, re-enactment, photos, images and an exhibition from the Military Archives.

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Event specific Press Release will issue on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016