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Press Release

Mayor of Waterford City and County Council commends L.E. James Joyce's 2016 humanitarian mission in Mediterranean Sea

On Wednesday 22nd March 2017 the Mayor of Waterford City & County Cllr Adam Wyse extended a Mayoral Reception to the Captain & Crew of the LE James Joyce, twinned with Waterford, for saving 2,594 lives in a humanitarian mission in the Mediterranean in 2016. The reception coincided with the visit by the L.E. James Joyce to Waterford on March 21st – 23rd 2017.

Cllr Wyse commended the captain and crew on their efforts and reminded people of the ongoing situation in the Mediterranean Sea.

Lieutenant Commander Manning gave a compelling account of the horrific stories of recovering 21 bodies during their humanitarian mission as well as the rewarding accounts of the 2,594 lives which they assisted in rescuing.

Lt Cdr Manning recalled “seeing the relief on the individuals’ faces as they realised they were safe and could rest and relax under the protection of the Irish Tricolour which was first flown here in Waterford”.

The Reception was also attended by the Metropolitan Mayor, Cllr John Hearne, who added “The ship & crew did Ireland & Waterford proud.”



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