

Echoes of Erin, WEDO 810AM

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28th Anniversary

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Notice #1

Ireland in Rebellion – Trinity College Dublin (TCD) has begun a **free** online history course to explain the Easter Rising and its origins. The 14-week course is available on **YouTube** and **iTunes**, is hosted by Prof. Patrick Geoghegan and involves experts within the college on the various strands of Irish history. ***This history is still online.*** Follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL55XqDjybyL_HtaZQSfy0ljqYL3iR7YGS

Notice #2

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hunger Project meets the first Saturday of the month to distribute food in conjunction with the Food Bank. “Produce to the People” volunteers meet from 8:30am at the Braddock Fire Dept.’s Blazing Bingo Hall, 845 Talbot Ave., in Braddock, Pa. Anyone can volunteer. Contact Allegheny Co. Hibernian Hunger Project Chairman J.J. Gallagher by email: johnjgallagher@verizon.net. Or call AOH Division 17 at 412.829.2399.

Notice #3

Mullaney’s Harp & Fiddle – promotes the facilities for special events with groups of 50 to 150 persons. Available are creative menus, live music, and excellent ambience for your guests. **Contact David Regan at 412.642.6622.** Many Special Events take place here. **Mullaney’s celebrated 24 years serving the Pittsburgh Irish Community on Friday, February 5th. Congratulations David and many more years to you!**

Notice #4

Riley’s Pour House – Riley’s Garden’ outdoor seating area was covered by a tent. The tent is now down for the season. Parking for RPH is available to patrons behind the pub, and in the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox parking lot (during non-church events) in the evenings. And parking is also available at the Family Dollar lot, and in the large center lot across from the Carnegie Coffee House. **Information: 412.279.0770. Every Tuesday through Thursday @ 5:30pm features Jazzy Happy Hour, and Thursday Lunch with Ballad Singer Mike Gallagher! Breakfast on Saturday’s has now been extended until 2pm.**

Notice #5

The Pittsburgh 1916 Easter Rising Committee has formed to conduct the region’s commemoration activities of the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland. Check out the website for updates @ www.PittsburghRemembers1916.com. **Irish History, Art, & Writing Contest for Middle and High School students. Theme is “Easter 1916: Pittsburgh Remembers. Students, research, explore and express the roots of Irish history. Deadline for entries has been extended to March 1, 2016.** Information: Macattack1916@yahoo.com. 412.951.7068.

Notice #6

An Inspirational Moment has been changed for 2016 to reflect the 1916 Easter Rising and is now called "A 1916 Easter Rising Moment". Many events and programs will take place through the world commemorating the 100th Centenary. Information <http://www.pittsburghremembers1916.com>. If you are interested in sponsoring this segment, contact Diane Byrnes at diane.byrnes@verizon.net or 412.781.6368.

Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle is celebrating its 24th Anniversary this weekend.

Sunday, February 7 – 28th Anniversary broadcasting on WEDO 810AM

- **Echoes of Erin on WEDO 810AM @ 12:30pm.** The Ireland Report comes to us from Donegal w/ Patricia Sharkey, Editor of the Donegal Newsletter, www.dun-na-ngall.com. **The internet service is still temporarily suspended.**

Tuesday, February 9, 16, 23

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm** followed by Riley's Piano Night.
- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 –is open for lunch and this evening features **Ceili Dancing from 7pm.**

Wednesday, February 10 -- 4th Anniversary Celebration

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **ALL DAY CELEBRATION w/ Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by **Open Mic Night @ 8pm Hosted by Jimmy Pi!**
- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary "1916 Easter Rising" **@ 7:30pm.** This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Thursday, February 11 –

- [Riley's Pour House](#) – 215 East Main Street, Carnegie Pa. 412-279-0770 features Ballad Singer Mike Gallagher doing lunch from Noon till 1pm every Thursday. **Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by the Lucarelli Brothers w/Jazz @ 8pm.
- **The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee** will sponsor their first Fundraiser of the season at [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622. Beginning at 6pm, there is FREE admission; however there will be raffles, 50/50, entertainment with **Terry Griffith and Guaranteed Irish**, cash bar, and lots of fun. The evening is hosted by Patrick Connelly and Sean O'Connell.

Friday, February 12

- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **Happy Hour w/The Professor & Mary Fran @ 5:30pm** followed by **Mark Guiser on vocals & guitar @ 9pm.**
 - [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Happy Hour w/ Tom & Erich @ 5:30pm**, followed by **Jim Lamb on vocal & guitar @ 8pm.**
- Friday, February 12 - Saturday, February 13 Valentine's Day Special! Enjoy our annual Heart Shaped Shepherd's Pie for two which includes a free dessert.**

Saturday, February 13

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – In addition to our extended breakfast hours on Saturdays from 8am to 2pm, we'll offer a [limited lunch menu](#) from Noon to 3:00 p.m. And, then we'll offer our "super delicious" menu from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.! **Music w/ Mark Guiser on vocals & guitar @ 8pm.**

- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **Celtic Rock at its best with Red Hand Paddy @ 9pm.**

Sunday, February 14 – **Valentine's Day**

- **Echoes of Erin on WEDO 810AM @ 12:30pm.** The Ireland Report comes to us from Galway w/ Brian Nolan, website: www.galwaywalks.com.

Wednesday, February 17

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by **Open Mic Night @ 8pm Hosted by Jimmy Pi!**
- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **Ballad Singer Mike Gallagher @ 7pm.**
- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary “1916 Easter Rising” @ 7:30pm. This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Thursday, February 18

- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **Trivia Night @ 6:30pm.**
- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by **Mark Shuttleworth @ 8pm.**

Friday, February 19

- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **Happy Hour w/ John Wiatrak @ 5:30pm** followed by **The Great Guinness Toast** beginning about 8:00pm. This event originated out of the Harp & Fiddle. Featured entertainment with **Corned Beef & Curry @ 9pm.**
- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by **John Gallagher @ 8pm and Toastmaster for The Great Guinness Toast @ 11pm.**

Saturday, February 20

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – In addition to our extended breakfast hours on **Saturdays from 8am to 2pm**, we'll offer a **limited lunch menu** from Noon to 3:00 p.m. And, then we'll offer our "super delicious" menu from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.! Music w/ **Rick Revetta @ 8pm.**
- **AOH Division 4** will sponsor their **Annual 250 Club Dinner** at the West View Firemen's Hall. Doors open up at 6 pm. Information: Bob Parry 724-933-0427 and parryr@consolidated.net.
- A **Memorial for Andy M. Stewart** will take place at [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in the Strip, beginning @ 7pm. Music will be provided by **Bruce Foley, Mike Gallagher, Dave Hanner (of Corbin Hanner), and many others.**

Sunday, February 21

- **Echoes of Erin on WEDO 810AM @ 12:30pm.** The Ireland Report comes to us from **Dublin with Davy Kettyles.** Guest in studio is **Mary McIntyre, Chairperson of Pittsburgh Ceili Club's Kick-Off Ceili on March 5.**

Tuesday, February 23

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by Late Night Story Telling hosted by “**The Owen Kilbane Show**” @ 9pm. **Riley's Piano Night follows.**

Wednesday, February 24

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by **Open Mic Night w/ Jimmy Pi @ 8pm.**
- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **Ballad Singer Terry Griffith @ 7pm.**
- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary “**1916 Easter Rising**” @ 7:30pm. This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Thursday, February 25

- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **A Special w/ Gerry Timlin** hosting a ‘**Live Irish Music Session**’ @ 7pm.
- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Jazzy Happy Hour @ 5:30pm**, followed by **Jim Lamb on vocals & guitar @ 8pm.** This is a “**Guinness Glass Engraving Event!**”

Friday, February 26

- [Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle](#), 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 features **Happy Hour w/ Andy and Brian** followed by **Gerry Timlin @ 9pm.**
- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – features **Happy Hour w/ Tom & Erich @ 5:30pm**, followed **Mike Gallagher Himself @ 8pm.**
- **New Date for Andy Cooney** – The All Ireland Athletic Club presents “**Frost on the Shamrock**” **Dance w/ Andy Cooney and his Band, featuring All Ireland Accordion Champion, Buddy Connolly** at the **ACME CLUB, 230 Herron Avenue, Cheswick, PA 15024**, from 7pm to 11pm, Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at door, available w/ Joanne Fitzgerald at 724-715-7023 or Tuesday nights at Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle at the Ceili. Also available with Chuck McHugh, Carmel Mulkerrin, **Jim Guay @ 412.367.0696**, Nellie Mannion. If you purchased your ticket for the dance scheduled in January it is still valid.

Saturday, February 27

- [Riley's Pour House](#), 215 East Main St. in Carnegie, 412.279.0770 – In addition to our extended breakfast hours on **Saturdays from 8am to 2pm**, we'll offer a **limited lunch menu** from Noon to 3:00 p.m. And, then we'll offer our "super delicious" menu from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.! Music w/ **Ricky Manning & The Donny Irish Band @ 8pm.**
- **Calliope Folk Music Society** welcomes **De Temps Antan** to Carnegie Lecture Hall in Oakland @ 7:30pm. Tickets & Information @ www.calliopehouse.org or 412.361.1915. (\$42 / \$23 (w/full-time student ID). All three musicians have been a part of **La Bottine Souriante**, a fantastic group out of Quebec.

Since 2003, **Éric Beaudry, André Brunet and Pierre-Luc Dupuis** have been exploring and performing time-honoured melodies from the stomping grounds of Quebec's musical past. Using fiddle, accordion, harmonica, guitar, bouzouki and a number of other instruments, these three virtuosos blend boundless energy with the unmistakable joie de vivre found only in traditional Quebec music.

Sunday, February 28

- **Gaelic Arts Society of Pittsburgh** presents **Lecture-Program #4 - “Ireland From the Air”** w/ a Tour Guide @ McDowell Hall at Epiphany Church. 2:00pm, Free Admission, open to the public, Tea Social. Information: John F. Webber 412.758.5446.
- **Echoes of Erin on WEDO 810AM @ 12:30pm, Program #1458. The Ireland Report** comes to us from **Belfast w/ Mairtin O’Muilleoir**, Managing Director, Belfast Media Group and Publisher of Irish Echo Newspaper out of NY. www.irishecho.com.
Telephone Interview with Emma Kelly in Australia on the death of her brother John Kelly in Ireland.

Wednesday, March 2

- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary “1916 Easter Rising” @ 7:30pm. This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Friday, March 4

- **St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee** hosts the **Annual Button Party** at **Mitchell’s Restaurant**, 304 Ross St., downtown Pittsburgh @ 5:30pm. Buttons available for purchase from the committee or at first fundraiser on February 11 at Mullaney’s Harp & Fiddle.
- **Kevin Burke in Concert**, one of today’s greatest fiddler’s @ the Aspinwall Presbyterian Church, 229 Center Ave. in Aspinwall @ 8pm. Tickets \$20, purchase and information available @ Email: smokycitypress@earthlink.net. Other information: <http://danpossumato.com/kevin-burke-concert-pittsburgh-4-march-2016>.

Saturday, March 5

- **The 20th Annual Wheeling Celtic Celebration** at the Wheeling Artisan Center, doors open at 11am. Entertainment includes: **new entertainment w/ international renowned fiddler, Kevin Burke and the Bearded B. Irishmen**. Other entertainment includes Druid Song, Pittsburgh Scottish Country Dancers, MacDonald Pipe Band of Pittsburgh, Burke Conroy School of Irish Dance, Celtic Shores, Gallowglass, Terry Griffith, and Brigid’s Cross. There will be food, children’s activity center, vendors for shopping; the Wheeling Celtic Society will provide educational on Celtic culture, musical presentations on various Celtic instruments and practices. Admission \$6 adult, children 12 and under are free. Wheeling Artisan Center is located at the intersection of 14th and Main Streets in downtown Wheeling WV, five blocks from Exit 1A on Interstate 70. **Information 1.800.828.3097 and www.artisancenter.com.**
- **Pittsburgh Ceili Club** presents the “**Kick-Off Ceili**” at the Teamsters Temple, 4701 Butler Street in Lawrenceville, (Pgh 15201). Dinner by **The Cooked Goose and cocktails @ 7pm**. Dancing and Karaoke @ **8pm till 11pm**. Liquid refreshments included, bring a dessert to share. Tickets in advance \$25 for members, \$30 non-members, \$30 at door. Door prizes, silent auction, 50/50 raffle. Free Parking. Information: Mary McIntyre 412.835.8214.

Sunday, March 6

- **Westmoreland Cultural Trust** presents “**Women of Ireland**” at The Palace Theatre @ 7:30pm. www.thepalacetheatre.org or call **724.836.8000**. The performers include singers, **The O’Neill Sisters** (Fiona, Naomi, & Evangeline / **Kelly McDonnell**, Irish Dancer / **Taylor Rowland**, Aerialist / and **Anthony Fallon**, four-time world champion and long-time lead dancer with “Riverdance”. The Palace Theatre, 21 W. Otterman St., Greensburg PA 15601. www.westmorelandculturaltrust.org and www.GCCEvents.org

Wednesday, March 9

- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary “1916 Easter Rising” @ 7:30pm. This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Thursday, March 10

- **River City Brass (RCB)** presents **Celtic Connections @ Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland @ 7:30pm.** Entertainment includes **James Gourley** with the RCB, Irish, Scottish, music & song, Carnegie Mellon University Pipes & Drums, along with Irish Dancing. Tickets: http://purchase.tickets.com/buy/TicketPurchase?organ_val=3299&perfcode=MARCMH&perfsubcode=2015 Schedule for other performances <http://rivercitybrass.org/calendar-of-events/>.
- **Finnegan's Wake** performed at **Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle**, 2329 Penn Ave., in The Strip, 412.642.6622 with **Red Hand Paddy**. About 8:00pm.

Saturday, March 12

- **Pittsburgh's St. Patrick's Day Parade steps off at Liberty & Grant Avenues @ 10:00am.**
- **Riley's Pour House -- entertainment**
- **Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle – entertainment**
- **Knights of Equity & Daughters of Erin celebration**
- **Pittsburgh Ceili Club**
- **Irish Centre of Pittsburgh**

Sunday, March 13 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

- **Gaelic Arts Society of Pittsburgh** presents the annual **St. Patrick's Day Banquet** w/ guest speaker @ Pittsburgh Athletic Association (PAA) in Oakland. Irish style buffet 12:00 Noon, open to the public, Reservations required. Information: John F. Webber 412.758.5446.

Tuesday, March 15

- **Westmoreland Cultural Trust** presents, “**Gaelic Storm**” at The Palace Theatre @ 7:30pm. www.thepalacetheatre.org or call **724.836.8000**. After nearly two decades and more than 3,000 live shows, Gaelic Storm and their latest recording “**Matching Sweaters**”. The Palace Theatre, 21 W. Otterman St., Greensburg PA 15601. www.westmorelandculturaltrust.org and www.GCCEvents.org.

Wednesday, March 16

- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary “1916 Easter Rising” @ 7:30pm. This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Thursday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day

- **Riley's Pour House -- entertainment**
- **Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle – entertainment**
- **All Ireland Social @ Squirrel Hill American Legion.**

Wednesday, March 23

- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary “1916 Easter Rising” @ 7:30pm. This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday

- **Echoes of Erin's 29th Annual Easter Rising Program, (100th Anniversary).** The Ireland Report from Belfast with Mairtin O'Muilleoir, Managing Director of Belfast Media Group and Publisher of Irish Echo Newspaper out of New York. www.newbelfast.com and www.irishecho.com.

Wednesday, March 30

- **AOH Division 17 in Monroeville** presents the Documentary “1916 Easter Rising” @ 7:30pm. This documentary is a 10 part series running through Wednesday, March 30.

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, April 15, 16, & 17

- **Pittsburgh's 1916 Irish Centenary Committee** presents a weekend of various programs commemorating the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland. www.PittsburghRemembers1916.com. Keep watching for details.
 1. **Friday, April 15** – Program featuring **PICT @ The Priory**, 614 Pressley St., North Side. Appetizers and cash bar.
 2. **Saturday, April 16** – **Pittsburgh Gaelic Sports, venue to be determined.** **Pittsburgh Ceili Club** presents the “**2016 Centenary Ceili**” at the Teamsters Temple, 4701 Butler St., in Lawrenceville. Details TBA. Information Mary Anne McGill 412.363.8686. Activity to include céilí, step dance performers, and ballad singer.
 3. **Sunday, April 17** – **Awards Program** for Middle & High School students @ **The Priory**, 614 Pressley St., North Side followed by Author **Tim Pat Coogan** giving a talk on the 1916 Easter Rising. Lunch w/ cash bar

Sunday, April 24

- **Gaelic Arts Society of Pittsburgh** presents **Lecture-Program #5 - Celebration** Party of the 100th Anniversary of Easter Monday @ McDowell Hall at Epiphany Church. 2:00pm, Free Admission, open to the public, Tea Social. Information: John F. Webber 412.758.5446.

Saturday, April 30

- **Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 1, South Hills** presents “**A Night of Irish Music**”, 7pm, at Castle Shannon Fire Hall, 3600 Library Road. **Music** from 7pm to 9pm followed by **Corned Beef & Curry** from 9pm to 11pm. Irish Auction & Door Prizes. Refreshments, set-ups & snacks provided, BYOB. Reservations: **Rich O'Malley 412.401.3945**, Email: pghsaintpat@verizon.net. Sponsored by Clearview Federal Credit Union. Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$25 at Door.

Friday, May 6

- **Pittsburgh Ceili Club** presents the “**Spring Ceili**” at the Morningside VFW, 1820 Morningside Ave., in Morningside. Workshop @ 7:00 pm & Dancing @ 8:00 pm; Tickets at the Door - \$5 members, \$8 non-members, \$3 workshop for all. Details TBA. Information Mary Anne McGill 412.363.8686.

May 29 – June 4, 2016

- **Joanie Madden's “Folk ‘n Irish Cruise”** onboard Norwegian Gem sailing from New York to ports Halifax, Nova Scotia, Saint John, Bay of Fundy, and Portland Maine. Information www.joaniemaddencruise.com **Prices starting at \$959 per person sharing, plus port charges & taxes. Agent: Kevin Donovan @ 1-855-474-7427 or 1/800427/8473 x 7853. When calling tell them you heard about it from Echoes of Erin out of Pittsburgh.** Entertainment includes: Joanie Madden & Cherish The Ladies, The Black Family, Maura O'Connell, Dougie Maclean, Tommy Sands, Dermot Henry, Don Stiffe, P.J. Murrhly & Seamus Shannon, Padriag Allen & The McLean Avenue Band, Bruce Foley, Mairtin De Cogan, Cormac D4e Barra, Pat Kane & West O'Clare, and many more. Dancing, concerts, sessions, workshops and good wholesome fun!!

Sunday, June 5

- **Gaelic Arts Society of Pittsburgh** presents ‘**Irish High Tea**’ a catered event @ Saint Maximillian Hall in Munhall, open to the public, Reservations Information: John F. Webber 412.758.5446.

July 1 to 12

- **An Ireland Tour “Faith’n History Tour” of Ireland with CIE Tours and Fr. Jeremiah O’Shea, Chaplain** and the **AOH William G. Connare Division 1 out of Greensburg.** Tour includes sites in Belfast to Derry in the North of Ireland and to Donegal, Sligo, Galway, Kerry, Waterford, and Dublin. Includes all Breakfasts, Dinners, Hotels, Round Trip Air Fare. Price \$3,295 per person/ double occupancy. Details: Fr. O’Shea at 724.832.0482 or Email: rorrunito@yahoo.com.

Saturday, August 13

- **The Music For MS 2016** is going to be another full day of wonderful music, friends and family on the lawn at Hartwood Acres. Music For MS is pleased to announce that the 2016 Roots Music Festival will feature: The Black Lillies, Driftwood, River Whyless, Tullycavy, plus more. Information: <http://musicforms.org/>

Sunday, September 25

- **Pittsburgh Ceili Club** sponsors their **Annual Picnic @ Rose Barn, North Park. Details TBA.** Information Mary Anne McGill 412.363.8686.

Wednesday, October 12 through Friday, October 14

- **Belfast International Homecoming Business & Investment Conference** will be hosted by **Máirtín Ó Muilleoir**. Belfast has forged new ground with its inspirational Homecoming gatherings which have brought 'home' diaspora leaders of commerce, community and culture united in their desire to build the peace by fostering mutually beneficial international partnerships.

From 12-14 October 2016, that work will move up a gear as we work in tandem with the American Ireland Fund and our influential Honorary Chairs to showcase the many business opportunities Belfast offers. We promise to astonish and inspire you at every turn by introducing you to the dynamic entrepreneurs, bridge-builders and civic champions who are transforming Belfast into a beacon of peace, prosperity and diversity. The work of attracting business titans to the Homecoming is being spearheaded by a Homecoming Action Group made up of business leaders keen to show off Belfast's exciting proposition:

Áine Brolly, CEO [cpl Northern Ireland](#); Colin Anderson, CEO [ASG Ireland](#); Dan McGinn, Corporate Affairs and Communications Manager [Ulster Bank](#); [David Gavaghan](#), CEO Aurora Prime Real Estate (Chair CBI Northern Ireland) Dónal Durkan, Director of Development, [Belfast City Council](#); Jack Butler, COO [Market Resource Partners](#) Jackie Henry, Senior Partner [Deloitte](#) Belfast; Jayne Brady, Partner, [Kernel Capital](#); John McGrillen, CEO [Tourism NI](#) Judith Totten, Founder and CEO [Upstream](#) (Board Member Invest NI); Philip Cassidy, CEO [Concentrix](#).

Traveling in Ireland in 2016

Festivals, Tours and 1916 Easter Rising Commemorations to consider attending!!

Ardara, County Donegal, information on the town

- Information: Patrick McGill 011-353-74-953.7949 or call Eileen 011 – 353 – 86 – 239-1441.
<http://www.ardara.ie>

Irish Festivals in Ireland & Beyond

- **February 17 – 21, 2016 – The 17th Gathering Traditional Festival, INEC, The Glenagle Hotel Killarney.** Ceili's w/ James Kelliher, Niely O'Connor, the Abbey Ceili Band, The Striolan Ceili Band, Johnny Reidy Ceili Band. Sean Nos Call w/ Gearoid O'Dubhain, Storytelling w/ Eddie Lenihan & Ray O'Sullivan. Concerts with Ushers Island (Andy Irvine, Donal Lunny, Paddy Glackin, John Doyle, & Mike McGoldrick), Danu, Moya Brennan & Cormac DeBarra, We Banjo 3, the Tin Sandwich Band, The Tri Tones and many more. Advanced Set Dancing Class w/ Tony Ryan. Master Classes and Schools Outreach Music Programme. Facebook / The Gathering Killarney. www.thegathering.ie.

- **February 25 – 28, 2016 – The Russell Memorial Weekend, Doolin, County Clare.** The festival began in 1995 as a remembrance ceremony to Micho Russell, the world-famous traditional musician, who died in 1994. In 2006, and at the request of the Russell family, the festival was renamed the Russell Memorial Weekend in memory of the three Russell brothers and two sisters; [Micho](#) (1915-1994), [Gussie](#) (1917-2004), Brigid, [Packie](#) (1920-1977), and Mary Kate (1921-2007). Concerts, workshops, dancing, featuring Frankie Gavin & De Dannan, plus more. Email: info@michorussellweekend.ie or Telephone +353 (0)65-7074168.
- **March 4 – 7 – Inishowen International Folk Song & Ballad Seminar** in Clonmany/Ballyliffin, Inishowen Peninsula, Co. Donegal. ITMA is planning to record songs relating to the 1916 period. Information: www.inishowensinging.ie and **ITSC Facebook page**.
- **Tuesday, March 8, 1:30 pm – Irish Museum of Modern Art**, at Royal Hospital, Kilmainham – Women in the 1916 Rising Commemoration event to highlight the significant role played by women in the 1916 Rising. This important event will take place on International Women's day; the State will commemorate the role of women in 1916 with a keynote address by President Higgins and a special performance of music and song on the theme of 'Women in 1916'. http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Historical_Information/1916_Commemorations/
- **Saturday, March 26, Noon – Garden of Remembrance, Parnell Square** – A remembrance ceremony for all those who died during the events of 1916. The ceremony will open with a cultural piece, which will include readings, music and poetry. A plaque will be unveiled, which will be inscribed with a specially commissioned poem to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising. The second half of the ceremony comprises the formal State Commemoration of the Irish Volunteers, who gave their lives during the Rising. It will include a solemn wreath-laying ceremony followed by a minute of silent reflection and a piper's lament, and the raising of the National Flag to full mast. http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Historical_Information/1916_Commemorations/
- **Saturday, March 26, 4:30pm – Royal Dublin Society (RDS) in Ballsbridge.** State Event for 1916 Relatives of those who took part in the events of 1916 will be led by the relatives and will be a respectful evening for families to reflect on the involvement of their ancestors and to mark the events of 1916. The event will have a cultural and historical element. http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Historical_Information/1916_Commemorations/
- **March 26, 27, 28, 2016 – 1916 Commemoration Weekend w/ the Wolfe Tones** at City West Hotel, Dublin. Information: www.wolfetonesofficialsite.com. Saturday is “The Wolfe Tones – A 1916 Symphony w/full orchestra. Easter Sunday is “The Wolfe Tones ‘Special Request’ Concert (song requests from 52 legendary years). Easter Monday is “The Wolfe Tones ‘At Their Very Best’”, a closing concert celebrating the historic events of 1916. More info: www.wolfetonesfest.com.
- **Sunday, March 27, 9:00am – Easter Sunday Wreath Laying Ceremony**, Glasnevin Cemetery.
- **Sunday, March 27, 10:30am – Easter Sunday Wreath Laying Ceremony**, Stone Breakers Yard, Kilmainham Goal.
- **Sunday, March 27, 11:30am – Easter Sunday Commemoration Ceremony and Parade** at the GPO – The ceremony will begin with the reading of the 1916 proclamation, under the GPO Portico, by a Defense Forces officer. The President will lay a wreath on behalf of the people of Ireland, followed by a minute's silence for all those who died. The National Flag on top of the GPO will then

be raised to full mast and the ceremony will conclude with the playing of the National Anthem. The parade which will be led by the Defense Forces will follow the ceremony and commence at St. Stephen's Green.

http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Historical_Information/1916_Commemorations/

- **Monday, March 28, 9:45am – Easter Monday Regional Synchronized Wreath-laying Ceremony.** Venue TBD.
- **Monday, March 28, 10:45am – Easter Monday Regional Synchronized Wreath-laying Ceremony @ The Monument, Rathcross, Ashbourne, Co. Meath.**
- **Monday, March 28, 11:00am – Easter Monday Regional Synchronized Wreath-laying Ceremony @ Abbey Square, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.**
- **Monday, March 28, 11:45am – Easter Monday Regional Synchronized Wreath-laying Ceremony @ Athenry Town Park, Athenry, Co. Galway.**
- **Monday, March 28, 12:30am – Easter Monday Regional Synchronized Wreath-laying Ceremony @ Boland's Mill; Jacob's Factory (National Archives) Dublin Castle/City Hall, The Four Courts, Royal College of Surgeons, and Moore Street.**
- **Tuesday, March 29, 10:00am – State Ceremonial Event to commemorate the role of the Irish Citizen Army and James Connolly in the events of the 1916 Rising @ Liberty Hall in Dublin.**
- **April 8 – 10, -- Ballydehob Traditional Music Festival, West Cork.** Entertainment with **Four Men and a Dog, Donal Murphy, Cathal Hayden**, plus more. Info: E-Mail: info@ballydehobtradfestival.com. All-Ireland Senior Céilí Band Champions [The Awbeg/Five Counties Ceili Band](#) at the Festival Céilí on Sunday, April 10th. For details: www.ballydehobtradfestival.com.
- **April 21, 8:00am and 11:30am – State Commemoration for Sir Roger Casement @ Ballykissane Pier at 8:00am and @ Banna Strand @ Noon.**
- **April 24, 10:00pm – Arbour Hill Commemoration Ceremony @ Arbour Hill.**
- **May 3 to 12, 9am to 1pm – Ceremonies to Commemorate the 15 Executions @ Stone Breakers Yard, Kilmainham Goal, Dublin.**
- **May 13 to 15 – FÉILE CHNOC NA GAOITHE, Tulla Traditional Music Festival in Tulla, Co. Clare.** Music, song, dance and Gaeilge. Features fiddle music. Details: www.cnocnagaoithe.com or Facebook www.facebook.com/cnoc.gaoithe.
- **Monday, August 1, 2016 – State Commemoration of O'Donovan Rossa Funeral at Glasnevin Cemetery, to include a piper's lament and wreath-laying ceremony.**
http://www.taoiseach.gov.ie/eng/Historical_Information/1916_Commemorations/

Guests and Interviews coming in 2016

Jan 24	Sarah McAuliffe Bellin, 1916 Commemoration Committee
Jan 31	Professor, Juilene Osborne-McKnight, Author, "The Story We Carry in Our Bones" Irish History for Americans.
Feb 7	Echoes of Erin's 28 th Anniversary broadcasting on WEDO
Feb 21	Mary McIntyre, Pgh Ceili Club
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