



**To  
BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT, PRINCIPAL TEACHERS AND  
TEACHING STAFF OF PRIMARY AND POST-PRIMARY  
SCHOOLS AND CEOs OF ETBs**

**IRELAND 2016 CENTENARY PROGRAMME  
for the  
EDUCATION SECTOR**

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**1. 'Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme'**

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) is coordinating the education sector input into the 'Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme', the Government's programme to commemorate the centenary of 1916.

A number of initiatives and programmes are planned to commemorate 1916, celebrate Ireland in 2016, and imagine Ireland in the future. Primary and post-primary schools are invited to participate in the programme of initiatives detailed below that appeal to them, and to the greatest extent possible.

Participation in 'Ireland 2016' initiatives is entirely voluntary. However, given the national and international nature of the programme, we would strongly encourage schools to consult with their students, through student councils or other means, and parents when planning their activities for 2016, and try to get as many young people involved as possible.

Full details of these initiatives and additional information will be contained on [www.scoilnet.ie/ireland2016](http://www.scoilnet.ie/ireland2016) and similar pages on the PDST and PDST Technology in Education websites.

Local Authorities are also playing a central role in the Centenary programme. Local Authority 2016 coordinators have been appointed in every county (see Appendix A) to support local 2016 activities including, in some instances, local schools' initiatives beyond those described here.

## **2. 'Ireland 2016' - summer and local courses**

In mid 2015, the Education Centre Network delivered a summer course for primary school teachers on 1916. This course is designed to ensure that primary school teachers have relevant knowledge of current historical thinking and research on the events of 1916 and the revolutionary era.

This course will also be available as a local course during autumn of 2015 in each of the six Education Centre regions. It will be available again as a summer course in July 2016. Details of how primary school teachers can participate in this course are available on [www.ateci.ie](http://www.ateci.ie).

The Education Centre Network will also be offering workshops for teachers in each Centre in the autumn of 2015. These workshops are intended to:

- support, complement and promote the 1916/2016 Centenary Programme.
- complement and extend the summer course programme which has been organised in Education Centres over the summer of 2015.
- localise the knowledge of participating teachers and enthuse and equip them to get involved with the Ireland 2016 national projects.
- enable teachers to develop and share resources and expertise relating to the centenary period.
- encourage engagement with local historical/heritage societies and local authorities.

There will be 84 two-hour workshops delivered through the Education Centre Network. Full details of these workshops are available at [www.ateci.ie](http://www.ateci.ie). (A full list of the 21 Full-Time Education Centres and their contact details is provided in Appendix B).

## **3. National Flag for each school**

One of the first '2016' initiatives of the 2015/2016 school year will be the presentation to each primary and post-primary school of the national Flag. This will happen between mid-September 2015 and early March 2016.

Schools will also receive, with their Flag, a copy of the 1916 Proclamation in Irish and English, and a booklet detailing the protocols for respecting the Flag. It is intended that schools will retain their flag and display it prominently on 'Proclamation day', 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (see sections 4 and 7 below).

Arrangements for primary and post-primary sectors are summarised below.

### **3.1 *Primary schools and special schools***

A National Flag will be presented by a member of the Defence Forces to every primary school and special school in the country. The delivery of the National Flag to these schools begins in the second week of September 2015.

The official presentation of the flag by a member of the Defence Forces will take a maximum of 20 minutes in each school. It will consist of the following elements:

- A reading of the Proclamation by a member of the Defence Forces, which will commence with brief background information on the Proclamation. If desired, schools may nominate a pupil to read Paragraph 4 of the Proclamation, beginning with 'The Irish Republic...'
- An outline of the history of the National Flag and an outline of the correct protocol to be observed in relation to the National Flag.
- The presentation of the National Flag to an agreed personage, as identified by the school.

It will be a matter for schools to determine who should receive the Flag on behalf of the school. This could be the principal, a teacher, a pupil or any member of the school or local community. Principals and Boards of Management are encouraged to consult with pupils where possible, to agree on who should receive the Flag. It is also a matter for schools to determine where on the school campus they will receive the Flag. Ideally, schools should try to facilitate all pupils to attend the ceremony. Joint ceremonies between schools are also possible, but must retain the core elements of the Defence Forces programme, and link to their time schedule.

The Ireland 2016 Co-ordinators in each Local Authority will be working closely with the Ireland 2016 Project Team in the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on this initiative. Schools will be contacted by a member of the Ireland 2016 Project Team, who will liaise with the Defence Forces to identify the time and date on which the Flag will be delivered. Due to the number of schools involved, it will not be possible to reschedule the proposed delivery time. Any schools who are not in a position to receive their Flag should contact [2016projectoffice@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:2016projectoffice@ahg.gov.ie). Arrangements can be made for those schools to collect their Flags from their local Education Centres.

### **3.2. *Post-Primary schools***

The Department of Education and Skills, and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht are working in partnership with the Thomas Francis Meagher Foundation to present a National Flag to each post-primary school in the country. The Thomas Francis Meagher Foundation aims to promote pride in and respect for the Irish Flag and its meaning for peace on this island. It is named after Thomas Francis Meagher, Irish patriot, US army general and Governor of Montana who flew the first Tricolour flag on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1848 from 33 The Mall, Waterford at the Wolfe Tone Club.

Almost half of post-primary schools have already received their Flag from the Thomas Meagher Foundation. Representatives from the remaining schools will be invited to receive their Flag at a State ceremonial event, organised by the Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht, in Waterford in March 2016. Schools will be contacted by the Ireland 2016 Project Office with the details of the ceremonial event in March 2016. Schools that have already received their

flags from the Foundation will also be invited to receive a copy of the Proclamation and be part of the special ceremony.

### **3.3 Teaching resource on the National Flag**

The Department of Education and Skills, through the Professional Development Support Service for Teachers (PDST) Technology in Education, is developing a teaching resource on the National Flag. This new resource will be hosted online on Scoilnet, the national portal for Irish education ([www.scoilnet.irishflag](http://www.scoilnet.irishflag)). The resource will be aimed at primary and post-primary levels. It will provide information on the Flag, including its historical evolution and contemporary significance.

Other symbols of the state and of Irish national identity will also be covered by the site. Supporting curriculum strands in History, SPHE (primary) and CSPE (post-primary), the site will, in addition to basic information, contain worksheets, lesson plans (activities) and interactive quizzes. The flag resource will be available from late September 2015.

## **4. Proclamation for a New Generation.**

The 1916 Proclamation underpins the State's commemoration of 1916. A copy of the Proclamation in Gaeilge and in English will be provided to all schools in the 2015/2016 school year. A digital version of the Proclamation, in each language, will also be available on [www.scoilnet.ie/1916proclamation](http://www.scoilnet.ie/1916proclamation).

Using the 1916 Proclamation as a foundation, primary and post-primary schools are invited to write a new Proclamation for 2016. The intention is that the new Proclamation will reflect the values, ideals and aspirations of the generation of 2016. Schools may choose to write one proclamation for the whole school or have each class create its own proclamation. A template for the Proclamation will be available to download from Scoilnet ([www.scoilnet.ie/proclamationtemplate](http://www.scoilnet.ie/proclamationtemplate)). Each new Proclamation should be of a maximum length of 600 words. Proclamations can be written in Gaeilge, in English, or in any other language spoken in the school.

Each primary school is invited to upload **one** 2016 Proclamation to a specially created area of Scoilnet ([www.scoilnet/1916proclamation/primary](http://www.scoilnet/1916proclamation/primary)). Each post-primary school is invited to upload **one** 2016 Proclamation to a specially created area of Scoilnet ([www.scoilnet/1916proclamation/postprimary](http://www.scoilnet/1916proclamation/postprimary)). Uploading will be facilitated between **16th November 2015** and **13th February 2016**.

Each participating school will unveil its proclamation or proclamations to parents, pupils and teachers on '**Proclamation day**' on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 (see section 7 below). Local Authorities will arrange for a selection of proclamations to be displayed in local public buildings in 2016.

## 5. 1916 ancestry project

Primary and post-primary schools are invited to engage in a project that traces a family tree back to 1916. This is intended to give students a real experience of researching archival material and to afford them an opportunity to find out more about the conditions in which people lived in 1916. This project has links to a number of curricular areas, including SPHE, History and Geography.

Schools are invited to trace a family tree back to 1916. This can be a family tree of a student, group of students, past student, teacher, principal, a local community figure or anyone else considered appropriate. It is a matter for schools and teachers to determine which figures are appropriate for selection.

Students whose families originally came from outside of Ireland may wish to trace their family's roots back to where they were living in 1916. Many important historical events were happening in 1916 in Europe and around the world. This project has the potential to highlight the importance of those wider historical events outside of Ireland that may have affected students' families.

The National Archives has developed a resource for schools that will provide information on how to engage in ancestral research and how to use the many public resources that are available to support this research. This resource will be hosted on [www.Irishgenealogy.ie](http://www.Irishgenealogy.ie) and will go live later this year.

Schools are invited to upload the results of their ancestry project to the Scoilnet website, in a special area ([www.scoilnet.ie/duchas](http://www.scoilnet.ie/duchas)) **between 16<sup>th</sup> November and 13<sup>th</sup> February 2016**. Each school is invited to unveil the results of its 1916 ancestry project in the school on 'Proclamation day', on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Schools are encouraged to make links to local historical societies, active retirement groups, relatives of people who lived during 1916 and other local groups to help inform their research. A list of local historical societies, under the Federation of Local History Societies, can be accessed at [www.localhistory.ie](http://www.localhistory.ie) and a list of active retirement groups at [www.activeirl.ie](http://www.activeirl.ie).

## 6. Schools' Collection 2016

Primary school students will be invited to gather local and family history/folklore from their community. Projects can be presented in a wide variety of formats, including written essays (images of handwritten work or word processed), artwork, video or audio files. The initiative is a digital age follow up to the Irish Folklore Commission's Schools' Collection, which collected material from 50,000 primary school children in the 1930s – see <http://www.duchas.ie>. The Schools' Collection 2016 is supported by the Department of Education and Skills through PDST Technology in Education, the Irish Independent, UCD Decade of Centenaries and the Irish National Teachers Organisation. The submissions will be uploaded on [www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie) and a selection will feature in the Irish Independent and

on [www.independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie). Naturally, schools may include material which has been gathered under the 1916 ancestry project (see Section 5 above) or under another competition, although the core aim of this collection is to gather local historical material in digital format, and thus to support future generations in studying local history.

## **7. Proclamation day 2016**

All educational institutions – pre-schools, primary schools, post-primary schools, Further Education and Training institutions, and Higher Education institutions – are encouraged to put significant time aside on ‘Proclamation day’, on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016, for activities to commemorate 1916, celebrate the present, and imagine the future.

It is entirely a matter for each school to determine the type of programme they wish to implement on Proclamation day. In doing so, Principals and Boards of Management are encouraged to consult with students through student councils or other means. The following are suggestions regarding the type of activities that schools and their students may wish to consider:

- Starting the day by raising the National Flag (which will have been presented to each school by the Defence Forces or Thomas Francis Meagher Foundation) or mounting the flag inside the school
- A reading of the 1916 Proclamation by the principal, a teacher, group of students, a student or anyone else that is considered appropriate
- Inviting parents and local community into the school to witness the unveiling of the school’s ‘Proclamation for a new Generation’ project and the ‘1916 Ancestry Project’, or the results of schools’ efforts in relation to the many competitions that will be coordinated by the Department of Education and Skills in 2016 (drama, art, music and poetry – see section 8 below)
- A celebration of historical or contemporary music, through student performances, invitations to local musicians, or links with networks such as Music Generation ([www.musicgeneration.ie](http://www.musicgeneration.ie)), Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann ([www.comhaltas.ie](http://www.comhaltas.ie)) and others.
- Schools are encouraged to partake in Féile na Físe on Proclamation Day; a celebration of the vision the leaders of the Rising had for Ireland and the role of the Irish language and culture in the events of 1916. This is an official event of Seachtain na Gaeilge, organised by Conradh na Gaeilge from 1<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Seachtain na Gaeilge will provide song lyrics, dance steps, drama, music and other resources in hard and soft copy - contact [www.snag.ie](http://www.snag.ie) or [snag@cnag.ie](mailto:snag@cnag.ie).

## **8. ‘Me, Mollser’ tour for primary schools**

The DES is supporting the Abbey Theatre to provide performances of ‘Me, Mollser’ to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes in primary schools across the country. Visits will take place either directly in schools or in local arts venues. ‘Me, Mollser’ will retell ‘The Plough and the Stars’ by Sean O’Casey, through the eyes of its youngest character, Mollser, as she guides us through her overcrowded



Dublin tenement during the 1916 Rising. Part of the Abbey Theatre's Community and Education Programme, the performance is accompanied by curriculum linked resources and workshops. Further information is available via email to [memollser@abbeytheatre.ie](mailto:memollser@abbeytheatre.ie).

## **9. School Competitions**

The Department of Education and Skills is partnering with a number of institutions to organise competitions for primary and post-primary students in a variety of different areas.

### **9.1 *Decade of Centenaries all-island schools' history competition***

This competition is co-sponsored by the DES, the Department of Education in Northern Ireland (DENI), the School of History at UCC and Mercier Press, and is also supported by 'History Ireland'. It will be organised for the third year in 2015/2016. This year, there will be a specific category for projects on the 1916 Rising, as well other categories on Ireland and the First World War, women's history in Ireland in the revolutionary period, and a local/regional studies option.

The competition is open to all primary and post-primary schools across the island. A formal letter to schools will issue at the commencement of the competition in autumn 2015. Full details, and the template cover sheet for projects, will then be available to download at [www.education.ie/historycompetition](http://www.education.ie/historycompetition) while further queries should be sent to [historyaward@mercierpress.ie](mailto:historyaward@mercierpress.ie). The closing date will be 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016, and prizes will be awarded in May 2016.

### **9.2 *Ireland 2016 all-island schools' drama competition***

From September 2015, a partnership between DES, RTÉ and the Abbey Theatre, invites primary schools to write a short drama (up to 10 minutes) based on the events of 1916, and to submit a 60 second filmed extract and a synopsis of their play to a judging panel. A shortlist of entries will be made available via RTÉ Swipe TV, with an online public vote to decide the winners.

The drama can be based on any of the social, cultural, military or political dimensions of 1916, including the Easter Rising or an event from World War I during 1916. It can be written and performed in Gaeilge or English. RTÉ and the Abbey Theatre will provide resource packs for teachers and children, including video and PDF tutorials online at [www.abbeytheatre.ie](http://www.abbeytheatre.ie), [www.rte.ie/swipetv](http://www.rte.ie/swipetv), and on Scoilnet. The winning play will be performed to students' family and friends at the Abbey, and will be filmed by RTÉ for broadcast on Swipe TV.

### **9.3 Ireland 2016 all-island song competition**

Through this partnership between DES and the National Concert Hall, primary and post primary students are invited to write a song celebrating the modern, multi-cultural Ireland of 2016. Songs will explore, in a contemporary context, themes like equality of opportunity, liberty, and the equal cherishing of all of the island's children; themes as relevant today as they were in 1916. The finalists will perform in the National Concert Hall in May 2016. Two overall winners will be selected, one at primary and one at post primary level.

Entries will be submitted in the form of audio / video upload, accompanied by the electronic application form (available with full details from the National Concert hall website [www.nch.ie/online/education](http://www.nch.ie/online/education)).

### **9.4 Ireland 2016 all-island art competition**

This partnership between the DES, DENI, the National Gallery of Ireland and the Education Centre Network invites early years settings, primary and post-primary schools across the island to create a picture based on **imagining the Ireland of 2116**. Each early years setting and school is invited to submit a small number of entries to this competition. It is a matter for the early years setting or school to select their own entries. Full details of this competition are available on the Education Centre Network site, [www.ateci.ie](http://www.ateci.ie).

Each early years setting or school wishing to enter will be required to submit an electronic image of the entry and email it to their Local Education Centre (See Appendix B) by **4pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2015**. The email should also provide the early years setting / school name or roll number, address and phone number, the name of the person who drew / painted the picture, their age and a title for the artwork. An all-island judging panel will select overall winners, and the works of regional winners will be professionally displayed in the National Gallery of Ireland in Autumn 2016.

### **9.5 Libraries and Post-Primary Schools 1916 Poetry Competition**

This competition is a partnership between the DES, the Local Authority Library Service and Libraries Development, Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). It invites post-primary students to submit a poem on the wide-ranging topic 'Your Ireland'. There will be county competitions and a national final. Poems will be submitted in the first instance to the school, adjudicated on at class level and class winners will be sent from the school to the local library branch (for details of branch libraries, see [www.librariesireland.ie/services-to-schools](http://www.librariesireland.ie/services-to-schools)).

The competitions will be launched in January 2016 and the closing date for entries will be Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2016. A judging panel will adjudicate on the competition entries in March and will award a county winner. County winners will be reviewed by a national panel of judges set up by Libraries Development and the LGMA. A national final will be held in April 2016.



## **9.6 Ireland 2016 all-island poetry competition Poetry Aloud**

The 'Poetry Aloud' all-island poetry speaking competition for post-primary schools organised jointly by the National Library of Ireland and Poetry Ireland will encourage poems that relate to 1916 themes. Full details are available at: [www.nli.ie/en/udlist/programme-and-events-education-post-primary](http://www.nli.ie/en/udlist/programme-and-events-education-post-primary).

## **9.7 Ireland 2016 film award**

This partnership between the DES through PDST Technology in Education and the Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT) will invite primary schools to submit a short film based on any aspect of 1916. Prizes will be awarded to two winning primary schools in November 2015 based on the current decade of centenaries (entries for this competition have now closed). There will be two prizes for 1916 based films in the 2016 Fís Film Festival competition. Full details will be on [www.fisfilmproject.ie](http://www.fisfilmproject.ie)

## **9.8 Ireland 2016 award for achievement in Junior Certificate History**

There will be seven prizes, with one for each of the 1916 signatories, for seven students who perform exceptionally well in History in the Junior Certificate in 2016. The prizes will be awarded on a geographical basis.

## **9.9 Local Education Centres history projects**

Local education centres, in autumn 2015, are organising a range of history competitions, focused on local history and aimed at supporting schools in their preparation for the *Proclamation Day* on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Work done on these local projects, which have a deadline for submission of **November 27<sup>th</sup> 2015**, may contribute to subsequent projects submitted to later national competitions and initiatives detailed in this circular. Full details are available at [www.ateci.ie](http://www.ateci.ie).

## **10. New resources and programmes for schools**

In addition to the National Flag resource (section 3.3 above), the Department of Education and Skills is partnering with a number of institutions to produce new resources for schools.

### **10.1. Ireland 2016 History Lesson Plans**

The DES has supported the Royal Irish Academy to develop post-primary history lesson plans focussed on objects from the 'Ireland in 100 objects' series. These lesson plans complement primary level lesson plans that were published in 2013 and are available at <http://www.100objects.ie/portfolio-items/post-primary-lesson-plans>.

## **10.2. 1916 digital resource for schools**

The aim of the project is to develop a website that shows the history of the 1916 Rising through a number of cultural objects. The DES is partnering with the National Gallery of Ireland, National Library of Ireland, National Archives, National Museum, and the Abbey Theatre and will, by the end of 2015, produce lesson plans for schools that tell the story of 1916 through these cultural objects. The project is also supported by PDST Technology in Education and Century Ireland. Note also that Century Ireland will have a dedicated 1916 website, [www.rte.ie/centuryireland](http://www.rte.ie/centuryireland), giving day-by-day accounts of events of 1916 as they happened in real time.

## **10.3. *An Claidheamh Soluis***

Conradh na Gaeilge will be digitising *An Claidheamh Soluis*, the newspaper founded by Eoin Mac Neill in 1899 and operated by Conradh na Gaeilge from 1900 to 1932. The paper played a prominent role in the Irish Literary Revival, publishing original literary works in both Irish and English and devoting considerable space to commentary on cultural matters. The digital copies will be categorised according to county so schools will have the opportunity to research articles from their area. The copies will be available on [www.cnag.ie](http://www.cnag.ie).

## **10.4 Ireland 2016 Transition Year module**

The DES is supporting the National Military Archives and NUI Maynooth to develop a Transition Year Unit and resource for post-primary schools, based on primary source material held in the Military Archives and in the Letters of 1916 project. A number of post-primary teachers and other experts are joining to create flexible lesson plans that can be used as a series, or individually. Lesson plans will explore the historical context by delving deeply into a wealth of online primary sources, and will provide opportunities for students to develop digital literary skills while exploring material of historical significance. Material can be accessed at <http://dh.tcd.ie/letters1916> and at <http://www.militaryarchives.ie>.

## **10.5 ‘Politics and Society’**

In order to ensure that 2016 promotes a legacy of encouraging an interest in politics and active citizenship among our young people, a new subject entitled ‘Politics and Society’ will be introduced. This subject will be a full Leaving Certificate subject and will be offered for examination purposes. It is intended that Politics and Society will be introduced initially in approximately 25 post-primary schools from September 2016. The feedback from these schools will inform the national roll out of the new subject. Further details can be had at [www.ncca.ie](http://www.ncca.ie) in due course.

## **10.6 *Seó Bóthair 1916***

Conradh na Gaeilge will provide a dedicated Seó Bóthair/Road Show in 2015-16 aimed at Transition Year students. Seó Bóthair 2016 will incorporate three

core elements: The traditional Conradh na Gaeilge Seó Bóthair including games, discussions, debates and role-play showcasing Gaeilge as a living community language; focused workshops with questions based on 1916; and a presentation on the development of the language 1916-2016. More information is available at [www.cnag.ie](http://www.cnag.ie) or by emailing [scoil@cnag.ie](mailto:scoil@cnag.ie).

### **10.7 1916 Portraits and Lives**

Through a selection of 40 biographies from the Dictionary of Irish Biography, this publication tells the story of the Rising and its impact. Each biography is illustrated with an original drawing by David Rooney. The DES is supporting the Royal Irish Academy to make it available free of charge as an ebook to schools during the Easter period in 2016 (17 March-30 March). The Dictionary of Irish Biography online, comprising over 10,000 lives, is available to all pupils and teachers in every school in Ireland, via the 'Dictionary of Irish Biography' icon on Scoilnet.

### **10.8 RTÉ Young People's programmes**

Thirty short films made specifically for RTÉjr and 7-11 year-olds will look at life in the early 1900s from the audience's perspective. The films will be historically accurate, visually engaging and filmed in locations which evoke the period such as No 14 Henrietta Street, Dublin City and Pearse Museum in St. Enda's Park, Rathfarnham among others.

A reality documentary will be produced where a group of children forego facets of modern life to live as the offspring of poor family struggling to survive in 1916 tenement conditions. This will air around Children's Day, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. Also, a major crowd-sourcing documentary will record the personal responses of post-primary students to Proclamation Day, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2016. For broadcast in early summer, 2016, the documentary will capture teenagers' views of the past and record their hopes and ambitions for the future.

In addition to broadcast on RTÉ2 and RTÉjr, these programmes will be available across RTÉ's range of apps and websites for young people.

### **10.9 Newspaper supplements**

The Irish Independent, in partnership with UCD Decade of Centenaries, will produce a unique series of 10 supplements on the 1916 Rising. In addition to the hard copies distributed to schools, content can be accessed on [www.independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie)

The Irish Times supplements will appear in September 2015 and January 2016. Published content is available on [www.irishtimes.com](http://www.irishtimes.com) with more to come throughout 2016.

These supplements are produced in partnership with Ireland 2016 and are written and designed to be particularly engaging for school students. They will be delivered to every primary and post-primary school. Further information

on the supplements as well as additional online resources are available at [www.scoilnet.ie](http://www.scoilnet.ie) with full details of the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme at [www.ireland.ie](http://www.ireland.ie)

#### ***10.10 Education for Sustainable Development ‘portal’***

Education for Sustainable Development is about the future sustainability of Ireland’s environment and society. It involves a focus on human rights, citizenship, equality and social justice. These were central themes to those behind the 1916 proclamation. In order to ensure that there is a positive legacy from Ireland 2016, and in line with the National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development, the Department of Education and Skills is developing a new portal on the Scoilnet website.

Full details of all of the activities summarised above will be found on [www.scoilnet.ie/ireland2016](http://www.scoilnet.ie/ireland2016). More events, projects and resources which are relevant to schools can be explored at the Ireland 2016 site, [www.ireland.ie](http://www.ireland.ie).

#### ***11. Ireland 2016 Initiative with Google and You Tube***

As a unique part of the overall Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme, young people are invited to record a video of their Proclamation, which will be showcased on the Ireland 2016 You Tube channel.

Children will also have the opportunity to showcase their creative talents by designing a special Doodle 4 Google to mark the centenary of 1916, on the theme of “Ireland is ....”. The winning Doodle, which will be selected by a special guest judge, will be showcased on the Google home page on Easter Monday 28 March, 2016.

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## Appendix A: List of Local Authority 2016 coordinators

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## Appendix B: List of Education Centres and contact details

### FULL-TIME EDUCATION CENTRES

Centre	Director	Address	Contact Telephone Number	Email
Athlone Education Centre	Mr Frank Walsh	Moydrum Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.	(0906) 420400	<a href="mailto:director@athloneeducationcentre.com">director@athloneeducationcentre.com</a>
Blackrock Education Centre	Pat Seaver	Kill Avenue, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin.	(01) 2365000	<a href="mailto:pseaver@gmail.com">pseaver@gmail.com</a>
Carrick-on-Shannon Education Centre	Ms Catherine Martin	Marymount, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim.	(071) 9620383	<a href="mailto:director@carrickedcentre.ie">director@carrickedcentre.ie</a>
Clare Education Centre	Pat Hanrahan	Government Offices, Kilrush Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.	(065) 6845500	<a href="mailto:pat@clareed.ie">pat@clareed.ie</a>
Cork Education Support Centre	Niamh Ni Mhaolain	The Rectory, Western Road, Cork.	(021) 4255600	<a href="mailto:office@cesc.ie">office@cesc.ie</a>
Donegal Education Centre	Ms Jacqui Dillon	Floor 2/3, Pier 1, Quay Street, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal.	(074) 9723487	<a href="mailto:director@donegaledcentre.ie">director@donegaledcentre.ie</a>
Drumcondra Education Centre	Ms Catherine Shanahan	Drumcondra, Dublin 9.	(01) 8576400	<a href="mailto:director@ecdumcondra.ie">director@ecdumcondra.ie</a>
Dublin West Education Centre	Mr. Gerard McHugh	Old Blessington Road, Tallaght Village, Dublin 24.	(01) 4528000	<a href="mailto:director@dwec.ie">director@dwec.ie</a>
Galway Education Centre	Mr. Bernard Kirk	Cluain Mhuire, Monivea Road, Galway.	(091) 745600	<a href="mailto:info@galwayec.ie">info@galwayec.ie</a>
Kildare Education Centre	Mr Dominic McEvoy	Friary Road, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare.	(045) 530200	<a href="mailto:director@eckildare.ie">director@eckildare.ie</a>
Kilkenny Education	Mr. Paul Field	Seville Lodge, Callan Road,	(056) 7760200	<a href="mailto:paul@eckilkenny.ie">paul@eckilkenny.ie</a>



Centre		Kilkenny.		
<b>Centre</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Telephone Number</b>	<b>Email</b>
Laois Education Centre	Mr. Jim Enright	Block Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.	(057) 8672400	<a href="mailto:director@laoisedcentre.ie">director@laoisedcentre.ie</a>
Limerick Education Centre	Mr. Joe O'Connell	1 <sup>st</sup> Floor, Marshal House, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick.	(061) 585060	<a href="mailto:Joe@lec.ie">Joe@lec.ie</a>
Mayo Education Centre	Paul Butler	Westport Road, Castlebar, Co. Mayo.	(094) 9020700	<a href="mailto:director@mayoeducationcentre.ie">director@mayoeducationcentre.i e</a>
Monaghan Education Centre	Jimmy McGeough	Knockaconny, Armagh Road, Monaghan, Co. Monaghan.	(047) 74000	<a href="mailto:jimmy@metc.ie">jimmy@metc.ie</a>
Navan Education Centre	Ms. Bernadette McHugh	Athlumney, Navan, Co. Meath.	(046) 9067040	<a href="mailto:director@ecnavan.ie">director@ecnavan.ie</a>
Sligo Education Centre	Mary Hough	Ballinode, Sligo.	(071) 9138700	<a href="mailto:maryhough@ecsligo.ie">maryhough@ecsligo.ie</a>
Tralee Education Centre	Caitriona Ní Chullota Uasal.	Dromtacker, Tralee, Co. Kerry.	(066) 7195000	<a href="mailto:cnichullota@eircom.net">cnichullota@eircom.net</a>
Waterford Teachers' Centre	Mr. Harry Knox	Newtown Road, Waterford.	(051) 311000	<a href="mailto:harryknox@eircom.net">harryknox@eircom.net</a>
Wexford Education Centre	Mr. Sean O'Leary	Milehouse Road, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.	(053) 9239100	<a href="mailto:Wexfordecdirector@gmail.com">Wexfordecdirector@gmail.com</a>
West Cork Education Centre	Ms Mary O'Donovan	Units 17/18/19, The Square Shopping Centre, Dunmanway, Co. Cork.	(023) 8856756	<a href="mailto:Directorwcec@eircom.net">Directorwcec@eircom.net</a>

## PART-TIME EDUCATION CENTRES

<b>Centre</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Contact Telephone Number</b>	<b>Email</b>
Carlow Education Centre	Mr. Seamus Walshe	Kilkenny Road, Carlow.	(059) 9135404	cec@iol.ie
Cavan Education Centre	Mr. Sean Hanley	Cavan Education Centre, Co Cavan ETB Administrative Offices, Church View Square, Cavan.	(049) 4332259	info@cavanec.ie
Dingle Education Centre	Eilín Uí Lúing Uasal	Ionad Oideachais Chorca Dhuibhne, An Chúilín, An Daingean, Co. Chiarraí.	(066) 9151866	iocdad@eircom.net
Dundalk Education Centre	Ms.Ciara McGinnity	1 Brickfield Gardens, Newry Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth.	(086) 7707400	infodundalk@gmail.com
Thurles/Co. Tipperary Education Centre	Ms Michelle Percy	St Patricks College Thurles, Co. Tipperary.	086-6008860	info@tippec.ie
Tuam Education Centre	Mr. Aidan Burke	St. Patrick's Primary School, Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.	(093) 25877 (E)	tuamedcentre@eircom.net
Tarbert Education Centre	Ms. Catherine Ferris	Comprehensive School, Tarbert, Co. Kerry.	(068) 36105	tarbertec.ias@eircom.net
Ionad Muinteoirí Conamara & Arainn	Caroline Ní Chonghaile	Na Dhioreadh, Baile na hAbhann, Co. na Gaillimhe.	(087) 7916876	imchonamara@hotmail.com
Ionad Oideachais Ghoirt a Choirce	Bernadette Ní Dhuibhir	Ionad na Múinteoirí, Ionad Oideachais Ghoirt a Choirce, Gort a' Choirce, Co. Dhún na nGall.	(074)9165556	inmr@eircom.net