

FARMING & COUNTRY LIFE

1916

10th | 11th June 2016

Teagasc, Mellows Campus, Athenry, Co. Galway



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An event for all generations

Experience the sounds, smells, textures and tastes of rural Ireland in 1916

Teagasc, in partnership with Galway County Council will host a major national event on Friday, 10 June and Saturday, 11 June 2016 commemorating Farming and Country Life 1916 at Teagasc, Mellows Campus in Athenry.

The venue has particular significance due to the role it played during the Galway Rising in 1916. Liam Mellows (1892 – 1922) and his volunteers camped at the, now Teagasc, Mellows site during the Rising.

The event will seek to recreate Rural Life as it was in 1916 and reflect on developments in farming and country life across Ireland over the last century.

About the Event

This event will form part of the official 1916 Rising Commemorations and will reflect on an important part of life in Ireland at the beginning of the last century. The role of women in the Rising, farming, and rural life in 1916 will be at the forefront of this event.

Visitors will experience high quality and authentic performances and exhibits that will accurately retell the stories of Farming and Country Life and local military events during 1916.

The event will showcase a significant number of interactive exhibits, dramatic re-enactments, lectures, and reconstructions.

There will be a series of highly interactive villages that will explore all aspects of farming and country life in Ireland 100 years ago and will chart the major developments in the first half of the 20th century.

The Time Tunnel

From the very first experience as visitors will experience the sense of arrival and “stepping back in time”. On approach the Time Tunnel, a large Clock will be visible above the entrance, going backwards and an accompanying sound recording “tock, tick” to emphasise that visitors are travelling back in time.

The 1916 Town

The market Square will be the central hub of the event – with regular re-enactments, street performances and speeches. In addition there will be two Streets – Clarke



Donegal Cottage Industries, sprigging and lace making.

Street and Barrack Street opening on to the Square.

The event will provide the perfect learning opportunity for all ages. Information on the Rising and on farming and country life at the time will be presented in a variety of ways – re-enactments, lectures and debates about issues of the time. Visitors will have a memorable experience with a surprise around every corner.

Visitors will experience the traditional Crafts of the era – including Blacksmith, Cooper, wheel right, thatching and many others.

Mellows Campus

The site is located adjacent to Athenry town and is easily accessible from all major routes via car, rail and bus. Extensive car parking will be available and coaches will be encourage.

7 Highly Interactive Villages

Re-live, Reconnect and Remember

THE LAND

- ♦ Landlord & tenant system
- ♦ Goodbody Estate
- ♦ Land Acts
- ♦ Land Agitation
- ♦ Marriage, The Dowry

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION & COOPERATIVES

- ♦ Agricultural education
- ♦ Advisory Service
- ♦ Cooperative movement
- ♦ Farm Organisations

SPORTS & CULTURE

- ♦ Hurling, football & handball
- ♦ Camogie, rounders
- ♦ Athletics
- ♦ Irish language
- ♦ Music & dance

FARM MECHANISATION

- ♦ Horse to tractor
- ♦ Steam threshing
- ♦ Vintage machinery display
- ♦ Traditional crafts:
Blacksmith, cooper, wheel,
building in stone

LIVESTOCK

- ♦ Recreation of 1916 Farm
- ♦ Old breeds
- ♦ Role of the horse
- ♦ The story of wool
- ♦ The Fair Day

IRELAND 1916

- ♦ The Rising in Galway
- ♦ Women in the Rising
- ♦ Liam Mellows
- ♦ World War I
- ♦ Battle of the Somme

FARM FAMILY & RURAL LIFE

- ♦ Society and culture
- ♦ Role of women in farming
- ♦ The family home
- ♦ Rural electrification
- ♦ School life

Experience a Memorable Event

Event Highlights

- ◆ A series of stages will be packed with performances from musicians, actors and various artists from across the country and will also host a number of formal ceremonies during the two days.
- ◆ A life size replica of the GPO will form the backdrop for a major interactive 'Ireland 1916' display.
- ◆ A large equine display will showcase working horses of the 1916 era and include live demonstrations.
- ◆ The craft and artisan producers village will give live demonstrations of the skills that were part of life in 1916.
- ◆ Family activity area including community circus
- ◆ Panel discussions, debates and lectures relating to rural life and farming.
- ◆ Livestock from the 1916 era.
- ◆ Interactive replica of the 1916 farm house.
- ◆ Live hurling and football matches in attire of the day.
- ◆ Agricultural education in 1916.
- ◆ Rural electrification display.



Cattle Fair, Edenderry, Co. Offaly.

- ◆ Farm mechanisation – steam powered tractors, vintage machinery including live demonstrations.
- ◆ Food of 1916 – how did rural Ireland feed itself at the beginning of the century?
- ◆ Ireland 1916 – Live exhibit on the Rising
- ◆ Actors in dress of the day will circulate and entertain the visitors.

Event Collaborators

- ◆ Galway County Council
- ◆ Museum of Country Life
- ◆ Johnstown Castle Agricultural Museum
- ◆ IFA
- ◆ ICA
- ◆ GAA
- ◆ ESB
- ◆ National Ploughing Association
- ◆ University College Dublin
- ◆ NUI Galway
- ◆ Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- ◆ Macra na Feirme
- ◆ ICOS
- ◆ Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht
- ◆ Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine
- ◆ Fáilte Ireland
- ◆ Department of Educations and Skills
- ◆ Heritage Council
- ◆ Irish Folklore Commission
- ◆ Irish Army
- ◆ Garda Síochána
- ◆ Athenry Heritage Centre
- ◆ Amateur Drama Groups

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