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What's on at the National Library of Ireland?

May – August 2016

Unless otherwise indicated, all events are free and no booking is required.

Lectures take place in the Seminar Room in the Main Building, Kildare Street. Guided tours and workshops for groups can be pre-booked. Please contact learning@nli.ie to make a booking, allowing at least two weeks notice.

May

Starting Tuesday 3 May, four Tuesdays from 10am–12.30pm

Adult Education Course in conjunction with UCD: The Drama and Fiction of Samuel Beckett

This four-week course will introduce students to the innovative ways in which the work of Samuel Beckett challenges the traditions of literature and theatre. For information and booking see: www.ucd.ie/adulted.

Wednesday, 4 May, 7pm

Public lecture: The Indignant Muse: Poems and Songs of the Irish Revolution

In conjunction with the 1916 Song Project, author and archivist, Terry Moylan will present a talk based on his most recent book of the same title.

Thursday, 5 May, 2pm

Public Tour: Yeats Exhibition

Join us for a tour of the award-winning exhibition *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*. Listen to a selection of voices speaking some of his best loved poems, including “Easter 1916”.

Monday, 9 May, 2pm

Workshop: Researching the Rising

As part of the Bealtaine 2016 Festival, NLI staff member and historian Dr Emma Edwards will give advice on researching the rich and varied collections of the National Library, with a special focus on sources relating to 1916.

Booking required. Contact: learning@nli.ie

or 01 6030278.

Tuesday, 10 May, 2pm

Workshop: Iconic Citizens from the Collections

Taking this year's Bealtaine festival theme of Iconic Citizens, this interactive workshop examines key figures from the NLI collections and current exhibitions. Booking required. Contact: learning@nli.ie or 01 6030346.

Wednesday, 11 May, 7pm

Atlas of the Irish Revolution Lecture series

Public Lecture: 'Is it a siege, a riot, a revolt or a revolution? Perceptions of the 1916 Rising in the French Press'

Professor Grace Neville examines French press coverage of the 1916 Rising. Hosted by the NLI in partnership with University College Cork, the lecture series takes its name from UCC's forthcoming landmark publication *Atlas of the Irish Revolution*.

Thursday 12 May, 2pm

Public Tour: World War Ireland

Join us for a tour of the exhibition *WWIreland: Exploring the Irish experience*. The tour will showcase material from the Library's collections and will focus on the Irish experience of WWI.

Saturday 14 May, 1pm

Public Tour: The National Library's History and Heritage

Join us to explore the Library's rich architectural history and heritage. The tour begins in the main hall of the Library and includes an introduction to the *Signatories* exhibition and a visit to the Library's iconic reading room.

Tuesday, 17 May, 6.30pm

'The Invention of Italy' – History Lecture series

Pellegrino Artusi and Unification at the table

Artusi's recipe book published in 1891 has characterised the history of Italian cooking and identified the kitchen table with strong national identity. In partnership with the Italian Institute of Culture.

Wednesday, 18 May, 1pm

Lunchtime talk: Conservation treatment of NLI Collections for the 1916 Centenary

Join our conservator to learn how the NLI prepared for the 2016 commemorations.

Wednesday, 18 May, 6.30pm–8.30pm
Words on the Street – European Literature Night

Readings of contemporary European literature in 12 venues in Temple Bar, including the National Photographic Archive, repeated every half hour. Booking is not required. More information at www.dublincityofliterature.ie.

Thursday 19 May, 2pm
Public Tour: Rising Exhibition

‘Walk and talk’ tour through the *Rising* exhibition in the National Photographic Archive.

Tuesday, 24 May, 2pm
Afternoon Tea and Tour: Yeats & the Irish Cultural Revival

Celebrate Bealtaine with a tour of the Yeats exhibition and enjoy ‘mini-afternoon tea’ in Café Joly following the tour (€9.50). Booking required: learning@nli.ie or 01 6030346.

Tuesday, 24 May, 6.30pm
‘The Invention of Italy’ – History Lecture series
1982: Pertini and the world champions

This talk on sporting history will look at the links between Italian national identity and the national soccer team.

Tuesday, 31 May, 6.30pm
‘The Invention of Italy’ – History Lecture series
Garibaldi and the Expedition of the Thousand

Lecture about Garibaldi’s expedition which led to the unification of Italy.

June

Thursday 2 June, 2pm
Public Tour: Rising Exhibition

Special tour of the *Rising* exhibition in the National Photographic Archive focusing on architecture. Part of the ‘Capstones Shift: Architectural Legacies of the Easter Rising’ programme.

Thursday 2 June, 2pm
Public Tour: Yeats Exhibition

Join us for a tour of the award-winning

exhibition *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*.

Tuesday 7 June, 7.30pm
‘The Invention of Italy’ – History Lecture series
1960: The economic miracle and “La dolce vita”

Looks at how Italy was transformed from an agricultural country into an industrial power.

Wednesday 8 June, 7pm
Atlas of the Irish Revolution Lecture series
Public Lecture: ‘Mapping the Rising’

Dr John Borgonovo and Mr Charlie Roche.

Thursday 9 June, 2pm
Public Tour: World War Ireland

Join us for a tour of the exhibition *WWireland: Exploring the Irish experience*.

Thursday 9 June, 7pm
An “Irish Mode”? The Literary Writings and Legacy of Thomas MacDonagh.
A conversation, with selected readings from MacDonagh’s works, performed by the UCD Ad Astra Drama Scholars.

Prof Margaret Kelleher and Prof Danielle Clarke (UCD) will discuss the significance of MacDonagh’s writings on Shakespeare and the early modern period and on the traditions of Irish writing. Booking required: www.ucd.ie/alumni/events.

Friday 10 June, 11am
Workshop: Researching the Rising

NLI staff member and historian Dr Emma Edwards will give advice on researching the rich and varied collections of the National Library, with a special focus on sources relating to 1916. Places limited. Booking required. Contact: learning@nli.ie or 01 6030278.

Saturday 11 June, 1pm
Public Tour: The National Library’s History and Heritage

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Monday 13 June, 7pm
The Joseph Hassett Yeats Lecture

This year's lecture will be given by Paula Meehan, Ireland Professor of Poetry.

Wednesday 15 June, 7pm
Noramollyannalivialucia: The Muse & Mister Joyce
Pre-Bloomsday performance

A one-woman 'play for voices' performed by Curlew Theatre Company. Devised and directed by Eamon Grennan. Set at the Pensione Neptune in Zurich, Nora Barnacle looks back on her life with James Joyce. Admission: €8 payable at the door.

Thursday 16 June, 1pm
Bloomsday: A One Woman Show – JOYCED!

This one-woman show performed by Katie O'Kelly and written by Donal O'Kelly takes us on a whirlwind journey through Joycean Dublin, catapulting the audience through 1904, the year which Joyce would later make famous in *Ulysses*. Admission: €10, payable at the door.

Thursday 16 June, 3pm
Performance: 'Hairy Jaysus'

Award-winning playwright and actor Donal O'Kelly's solo play, 'Hairy Jaysus' is about pacifist, feminist and socialist Francis Sheehy-Skeffington, executed in Portobello Barracks, on the 26th April, 1916. Sheehy-Skeffington was a friend and classmate of James Joyce at UCD and it was Joyce who referred to Skeffington as 'Hairy Jaysus'. Admission: €10, payable at the door.

Thursday 16 June, 2pm
Public Tour: Rising Exhibition

'Walk and talk' tour through the *Rising* exhibition in the National Photographic Archive.

Tuesday 21 June, 2pm
Afternoon Tea and Tour: Yeats & the Irish Cultural Revival

Tour of the Yeats exhibition and enjoy 'mini-afternoon tea' in Café Joly following the tour (€9.50). Booking required. Contact: learning@nli.ie

Tuesday 21 June, 7pm
Readings from the Rising and beyond

Mid-summer evening of poetry and music based on Niall MacMonagle's anthology

Windharp: poems of Ireland since 1916.
 Booking required: learning@nli.ie

Wednesday 22 June, 7pm
Yeats' Women

Tells the story of WB Yeats and the women who supported him. Hear many of his best loved poems, including some with harp accompaniment. Glynis Casson, Daniel Costello and harpist, Claire Roche. Admission: €20, payable at the door.

July

Friday 1 July, 1pm
Lunchtime Tour: A 'regular hell': World War Ireland and the Battle of the Somme

Themed tour of our exhibition World War Ireland which explores the uniquely Irish experience of WWI with a special focus on the Battle of the Somme.

Wednesday 6 July, 8pm
Words and Music from the War

An evening of words and music relating to WWI, including material from the NLI's collections. Booking required: learning@nli.ie.

Thursday 7 July, 2pm
Public Tour: Yeats Exhibition

Join us for a tour of the award-winning exhibition *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*.

Thursday 7 July 2pm–3.30pm
Children's Workshop: Treasures, Trails and Tales

Meet-up in the hall for a fun afternoon exploring the treasures of the National Library. All ages welcome.

Saturday 9 July, 1pm
Public Tour: The National Library's History and Heritage

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11-22 July
Screenings of the film 'Battle of the Somme'

In association with the Imperial War Museum, London.

Check: www.nli.ie for further details.

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Tuesday 19 July, 10am–4pm

Workshop: Hands on History

Aimed at Leaving Certificate history students, this one-day workshop will explore what the NLI collections have to offer and will introduce students to research methods.

Booking required. Contact: learning@nli.ie or 01 6030259/346.

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Afternoon Tea and Tour: Yeats & the Irish Cultural Revival

Tour of the Yeats exhibition and enjoy 'mini-afternoon tea' in Café Joly following the tour (€9.50).
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Tuesday 19 July, 7pm

History Ireland Hedge School: The Somme

Join *History Ireland* editor, Tommy Graham and a panel for a discussion as they mark the anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

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Thursday 28 July, 2pm

Fun Workshop: Once upon a wonder ...

Children's author Debbie Thomas leads children into the wonderful world of stories. Ages 8-11.

Booking required. Contact: learning@nli.ie

August

Thursday 4 August, 2pm

Public Tour: Yeats Exhibition

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Thursday 18 August, 2pm

Public Tour: Rising Exhibition

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Monday 22 August, 1pm

Lunchtime talk: Introducing the Liam O'Leary Archive

Archivist Joanne Carroll introduces the extensive collection of one of the key figures in Irish film archiving.

Tuesday 23 August, 1pm

**Lunchtime talk: Remembering 1916,
Recording 2016: the National Library's
Web Archive**

Web archivist Maria Ryan will outline how the NLI is capturing, preserving and making available the websites that tell the story of the 2016 commemorations for future generations of researchers.

Tuesday 23 August, 2pm

**Afternoon Tea and Tour: Yeats & the
Irish Cultural Revival**

Tour of the Yeats exhibition and enjoy 'mini-afternoon tea' in Café Joly following the tour (€9.50).

Booking required: learning@nli.ie or 01 6030346.

Wednesday 24 August, 1pm

**Lunchtime talk: 'Behind the scenes -
Conservation at the National Library of
Ireland'**

Learn how our conservators care for and treat a wide range of library items from 16th century heraldic manuscripts to 20th century ephemera.

Thursday 25 August, 1pm

**Lunchtime talk: The NLI as the 'memory'
of Ireland**

NLI staff member and historian Maeve Casserly explores how different moments in Irish history have been remembered or forgotten. Key episodes such as the 1798 Rebellion and the Famine will be explored using the rich collections of the NLI.

EXHIBITIONS

The National Library has dedicated exhibition spaces both in its principal buildings on Kildare Street and in the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar. In 2016, the Library will offer a series of curated perspectives on 1916, onsite and online. Further details of these special commemorative exhibitions and other exhibitions on display in Library buildings are given here.

All exhibitions are free and open every day: see the back cover for details of opening hours.

Rising

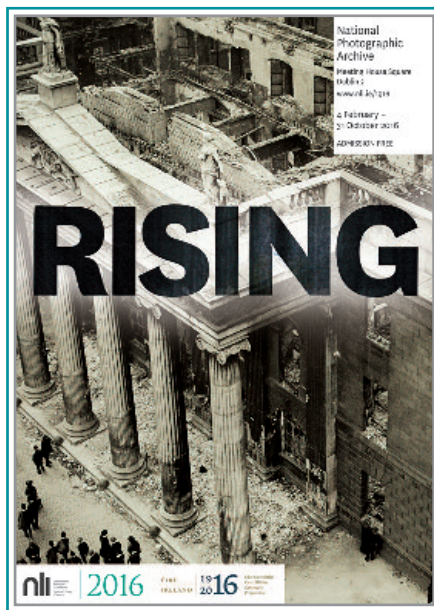
Dates: 4 February – 31 October 2016

The NLI's flagship exhibition for 2016, *Rising*, is at the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar. This major photographic exhibition showcases the NLI's rich imagery of the events and locations of the Easter Rising.

The exhibition also brings visitors into the world of those who experienced the Rising first hand, with short audio pieces featuring witness accounts from the National Library's collections.

For more eye-witness accounts, subscribe to our series of short podcasts, *Voices of the Rising*. Full details on www.nli.ie/1916.

National Photographic Archive, Meeting House Square, Temple Bar, Dublin 2.

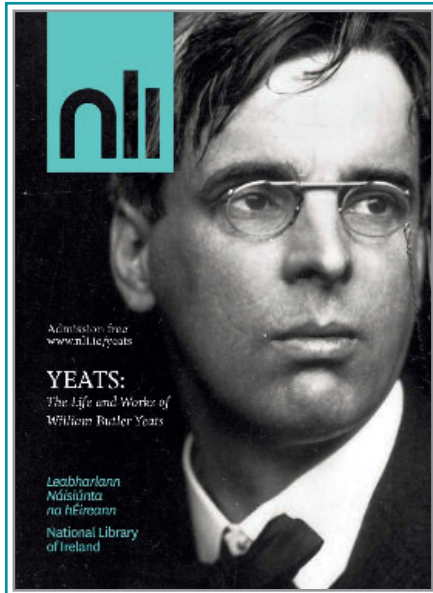
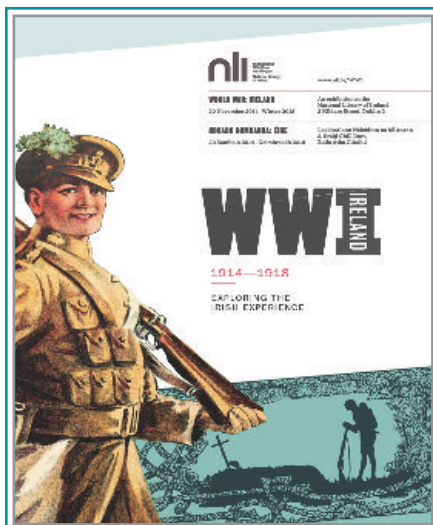


Signatories

Dates: 4 February – December 2016

Visitors to our main library building will be presented with a carefully selected display of key items relating to the seven signatories of the 1916 Proclamation. The exhibition *Signatories* will allow everyone

to experience the power and impact of the original material at first hand. Documents include family photographs and letters, correspondence with comrades and associates, and records of their work and interests. Alongside this display there is a feature on the staff of the NLI in 1916, and how they were caught up in the year's events.



WWIreland: Exploring the Irish Experience

Dates: Continues until 2018

World War Ireland focuses on the unique aspects of the Irish WWI experience. Running from November 2014 through to 2018, the exhibition draws on the NLI's collections of letters, diaries, recruiting posters, newspaper reports, cartoons, handbills and leaflets dating from 1914-1918. In 2016, the exhibition highlights Irish involvement in the Battle of the Somme. Film and graphic panels explore the front line experiences endured by the men of the 16th (Irish) Division and the 36th (Ulster) Division at the Somme, against the context of the Easter Rising and its aftermath. Original collection items demonstrate the complex involvement of individual Irish families.

Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats

Dates: Ongoing

Our award winning exhibition, *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats* explores the life and works of one of Ireland's greatest writers. Visit the exhibition in our main building on Kildare Street or explore the exhibition at your leisure with our interactive online exhibition at www.nli.ie/yeats. A central component of the exhibition is the installation built around Yeats' "Easter 1916", which allows visitors to see the original manuscript and experience that great poem at many levels in this centenary year.

The 1916 Rising: Personalities and Perspectives:

Online Exhibition:
www.nli.ie/1916/exhibition

Our free online exhibition *The 1916 Rising: Personalities and Perspectives* at www.nli.ie/1916/exhibition tells the story of the Rising through hundreds of images from the NLI's collections.

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Opening hours:

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

9.30am to 7.45pm

THURSDAY – FRIDAY

9.30am to 4.45pm

SATURDAY

9.30am to 4.45pm

(Reading Room closes at 12.45pm)

SUNDAY

1.00pm to 4.45pm

(exhibitions only)

BANK HOLIDAYS

12.00pm to 4.45pm

(exhibitions only)

National Photographic Archive

Meeting House Square,

Temple Bar, Dublin 2

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Opening hours:

MONDAY – SATURDAY

10.00am to 4.45pm

(exhibitions only)

SUNDAY

12.00pm to 4.45pm

(exhibitions only)

BANK HOLIDAYS

12.00pm to 4.45pm

(exhibitions only)

The NPA Reading Room is open from

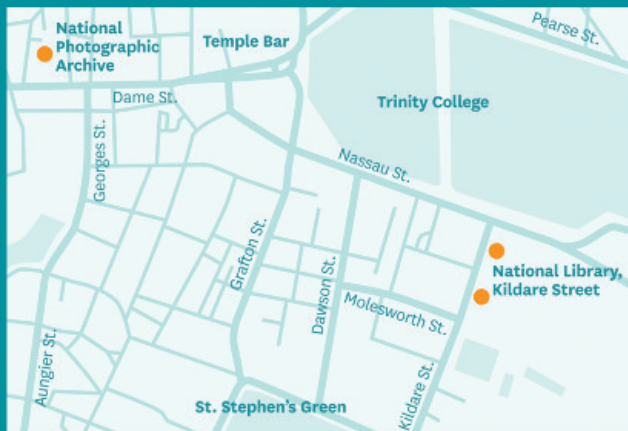
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10.00am and 1.00pm and Wednesday

between 2.30pm and 4.30pm by prior appointment only.

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