

PRESS RELEASE

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National Library of Ireland to hold special event on Easter Monday

The [National Library of Ireland](#) (NLI) has today (21.03.16) announced that it will offer a free programme of exhibitions, readings, talks and music, revolving around the year of 1916, on Easter Monday, 28th March 2016. The event will take place as part of RTE's citywide event '[Reflecting the Rising](#)', held in partnership with Ireland 2016.

The NLI's programme comprises readings throughout the day of WB Yeats' 'Easter 1916' in the Library's domed Reading Room, together with an afternoon of period music performed by harpist Denise Kelly in the Front Hall. The Library will also host a number of talks as part of the RTE citywide programme, which are booked out.

The Library's free exhibitions, including 'Rising' at the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar and 'Signatories' in the NLI's main building on Kildare Street, will also be open to visitors throughout the Easter weekend. The manuscript of WB Yeats' "Easter 1916" will also be on display, as part of a multimedia installation in the exhibition "The Life and Works of WB Yeats."

Opening hours are from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday and Easter Sunday, and from 10am to 7pm on Easter Monday.

Dr Sandra Collins, Director of the National Library of Ireland, said: "The National Library was at the heart of Irish life in 1916 – a welcoming place of intellectual excitement, lively debate and social encounters – and in 2016 we are delighted to participate in this exciting, citywide programme of events to mark the centenary of the Easter Rising.

"We want to give visitors to our building a unique insight into the events of 100 years ago. We welcome visitors to the Library's exhibitions, including the flagship photographic exhibition 'Rising' and 'Signatories', which presents selected documents related to the seven signatories of the Proclamation, from Saturday to Easter Monday."

'Reflecting the Rising' at the NLI will take place from 10am to 7pm on Easter Monday, 28th March 2016. The drop-in music and readings are free to attend; talks are booked out. For further information visit: 1916.rte.ie/event/national-library-of-ireland.

Details of the NLI's full 2016 programme of events, from exhibitions and public events to major digitisation projects, are available on the NLI's website www.nli.ie/1916.

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Note to Editors

- Interviews available on request.
- The dedicated hashtag for the NLI's programme of events to mark 1916 is #MyNLI1916
- The mission of the National Library of Ireland is to collect, preserve, promote and make accessible the documentary and intellectual record of the life of Ireland and to contribute to the provision of access to the larger universe of recorded knowledge. It is open, free of charge, to all those who wish to consult the collections. The Office of the Chief Herald in Kildare Street and the National Photographic Archive in Temple Bar are both part of the National Library. Further information is available at www.nli.ie, @NLIreland.