

BIRTH OF A NATION

CAVAN REMEMBERS

1916



SATURDAY 23rd APRIL 2016

CAVAN TOWN

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Clár Comórtha
Céad Bliain
Centenary
Programme

RE-IMAGINE CAVAN IN 1916

12 - 4pm

TOWNHALL STREET

Step back to a typical 1916-style time in an interactive, fun-filled day for all the family. Children can dress up in costumes, play games of the period and eat sweets from the 'old sweet shop' with **Irish History Live**. Take a stroll down the street with Lord and Lady Farnham, members of Cumann na mBan and the Irish Volunteers. Enjoy the wares of the street vendors. Learn traditional skills with **County Cavan's ICA** such as spinning yarn, churning butter and knitting. Listen to the town crier as he tolls the original Cavan town bell. Enjoy the spectacle of the **High Nellie bicycle** and appreciate a range of vintage cars! Be inspired by the '**Disclaimer of Independence**' a performance in the Townhall, which explores pivotal moments in Ireland since 1916. Participate in history through walking tours which will take place in the afternoon with visits to key buildings and areas in the town.

MARKET SQUARE

A range of talented Cavan musicians and dancers will perform throughout the afternoon with traditional and contemporary airs and compositions. Be entertained by the **Castletown Accordion Band, Cavan Town CCE, Mad4Trad, Milltown CCE, NYAH CCE, Celtic Cord and the Webber School of Irish Dancing**.

FARNHAM STREET

Experience '**1916 around the World**' at the Civic Space in front of Johnston Central Library! Explore the history, culture and heritage from Cavan's new communities through song, dance, craft, costume and food.



An afternoon of events for all the family is guaranteed. Why not join in and dress in the costume of the time!

COMMEMORATIVE PARADE

4 - 5pm

Commencing from the Cathedral, there will be a formal parade around Cavan town with music from local Marching Bands. Participants in the parade will include the Reserve Defence Forces, Retired Irish UN Veterans, the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen, the ICA, Cavan Sporting and GAA Clubs, Multicultural Communities, the High Nellie Society and many more.

FORMAL CEREMONY

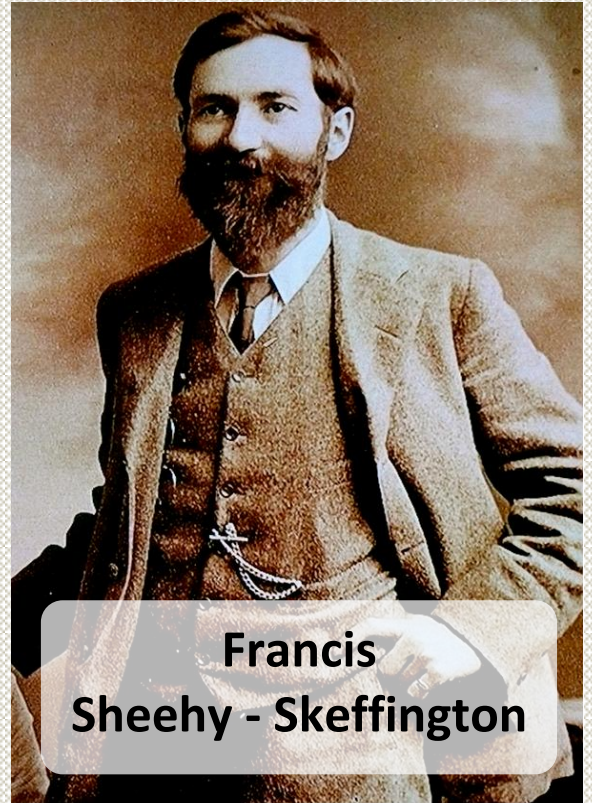
5.30 - 7pm

THE COURTHOUSE, FARNHAM STREET

A formal and solemn marking of the 100th Anniversary of 1916 will take place at the Courthouse to include an Ecumenical Ceremony, Reading of the Proclamation, the Raising of the Flag to full mast and a wreath-laying service in remembrance of 1916 and those who lost their lives including Cavan man **Francis Sheehy-Skeffington**.

Acclaimed poet **Noel Monahan** will read a selection of poetry in commemoration of the 1916 Rising. Poet **Heather Brett** will introduce poetry written by local school children inspired by the Proclamation. **The Cavan Singers**, who are performing '*One Hundred Years a Nation*', a major new choral work commissioned by RTÉ from composer Shaun Davey in Dublin on Easter Sunday, will form part of the programme.

The family members of Cavan people involved in the 1916 Rising, elected members, the Reserve Defence Forces, Retired Irish UN Veterans and the Organisation of National Ex-Servicemen will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome to come and be part of County Cavan's Commemoration of the 1916 Rising.



**Francis
Sheehy - Skeffington**

AN EVENING OF MUSIC

8pm - 12am

MARKET SQUARE

CAVAN SINFONIA ORCHESTRA

Cavan Sinfonia is a vibrant amateur orchestra of adults and children who will entertain with a combination of popular, classical and traditional music.

THE SONG SISTERS

The Song Sisters will present a lively session of music. They comprise local talents Eileen Tackney, Geraldine McGrath, Carmel O'Donoghue, Paula Gormley and Geraldine McDonnell.

DISCOVER THE CULTURE

From the heart of County Cavan **Martin Donohoe** will present a cross border musical event featuring **Willie Drennan** with his band, **Colum Sands**, the **Mullaghboy Orange Lodge Accordion Band** and traditional singer **Cathal Lynch** from Tyrone. This collaborative performance includes a commemoration of the effects of conflict on both sides of the border. They have regularly performed at events together both North and South.





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CAVAN!**

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