



# Deaf Heritage Centre Christmas Newsletter 2016



**2016 HAS BEEN A REMARKABLE YEAR FOR DEAF HERITAGE CENTRE, IT INCLUDED A LOT OF ORGANIZING AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE CENTENARY COMMEMORATION OF 1916 EASTER RISING WHICH WAS HELD DURING THE EASTER WEEK. THE UNFORGETTABLE EVENT INCLUDED THE EXCELLENT DRAMA-PLAY BY DEAF ACTORS AND INTERESTING EXHIBITION OF 1916 HISTORIC EVENT CALENDAR**

**The Committee and Staff of Deaf Heritage Centre would like to wish all members and friends**

**Happy Christmas & Peaceful New Year.**

In February 2016, the DHC organised the Old Photographic Slide-Show, which was well attended by many people. The DHC continued to develop its library and archives-facility including new partitions which give increased protection. We wish to thank John Duggan for his great joinery-tasks.

In August 2016, the DHC Chairperson, Liam Breen, was invited to give the presentation on the history of Deaf Culture at the National Library of Ireland.

The DHC received a grant of €2,000 from 2016 Project Office/ Oifig Thionscadal Cuimhneacháin to support the Deaf Heritage Centre's programmer of activities to commemorate the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising. We thank Senator Mark Daly and Kevin Stanley for great assistance with the application. As a result of this funding, the DHC showed a short film-show called "Irish War Echo" telling about Deaf Experiences during the Irish War of Independence Years (1913 -1923), last November 2016.



The DHC was Honoured to facilitate two Irish Deaf historical milestones:



In May 2016 Claremont Institution organized 200th anniversary celebration with its historical exhibition which was held in DHC Hall. The DHC would like to thank Rachel and Henry Pollard for organizing the event and their generous donation to DHC. Photos show Rachel & Henry Pollard with Caroline McGrotty (whose grandmother was former pupil of Claremont Institute) and a plaque commemorating the founder of Claremont Institution, Dr. Charles Orpen..



**In September 2016, St. Mary's Deaf Heritage Conference was held in DHC hall as part of its 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of St. Mary's School for Deaf Girls. The DHC would like to thank St. Mary's Deaf Heritage Committee for their kind donation to DHC.**



DHC wishes to thank the teaching staff and pupils of Holy Family School for Deaf Children who contributed excellent drawings/ paintings for the exhibition which was held during the Easter Rising commemoration week.





**On 20<sup>th</sup> November DHC organised Annual Mass for deceased Past-Pupils in DHC (old chapel) which drew a good number of members and visitors from several parts of Ireland. At this time of year we would like to remember those persons who passed away during the year 2016....**

## *In Memoriam*

Terry Kelly	Drogheda
Maurice Conroy	Dublin/Carlow
Des O'Callaghan	Dublin
Liam Doyle	Wicklow
Anthony Padden	Mayo/London
Gerry Lee	Longford
William McCarthy	Kerry/Dublin
Daniel McCarthy	Kerry/Dublin
Michael McGonagle	Donegal
Brian Flaherty	Galway/Dublin

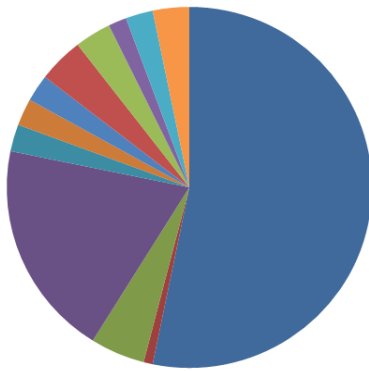
Ellen O'Sullivan	Kerry
Dympna Cummins	Belfast
Angela Cafolla	Dublin
Ann Fitzpatrick	Dublin
John Stuart	Manchester/Wexford
Patricia Cooney	Dublin
Ursula Redmond	Kilkenny/Wexford
Anna Murray	Louth
Sheila Walker	Kilkenny/Wicklow
Jacinta Nolan	Dublin
Peggy Foran	Galway/Dublin
Ann Lanigan	Kilkenny/London
Maureen Ryan	Teacher- St Mary's
Gerry McCarthy	Teacher- St.Joseph's



In October 2016 the DHC organised a special Cabra concert to raise funds for the DHC. DHC committee would like to thank Seamus Clandillon and his fund-raising committee for their long and tiring work in organising this wonderful event. Photo on left shows members of Mater Hospital Drama Group

**This year was a busy year with big number of visitors, including good number of foreign visitors. The number of visitors has increased up to present.**

Number of Visitors 2016



- Ireland 66
- Italy 1
- U.K. 6
- USA 24
- Canada 3
- Poland 3
- Spain 3
- N.Ireland 5
- Holland 4
- Belgium 2
- Australia 3
- France 4

Date 2016	Event	Time
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass at Emmaus	7.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Families in Need Raffle in DVI Atrium	9.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass at St Joseph's House, Stillorgan	11.00am
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Penitential Service- Confessions	7.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service Vigil Mass at Emmaus	6.30pm 7.30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass at St Joseph's House	11.00am

National Chaplaincy for Deaf People

**Late Maurice Conroy had kindly donated his collection of hand-crafted Model Trains & Trams to Deaf Heritage Centre. DHC will organise an exhibition sometimes in 2017**



**Happy & Peaceful New Year 2017**