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Tours

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Spring 2016  
Edition

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# 1916 easter rising special



In this exciting series of walks we will visit the main areas and principal places of action which featured in the preparations for the 1916 rebellion, both in the city centre and in the suburbs, including rebel strongpoints and British Army positions. The plight of ordinary citizens and tenement dwellers as well as the stories of the main figures and ordinary combatants, both men and women, will be explored. The main points of interest are listed in the details on pages 2 and 3, but many other associated places and stories will be encountered along the way



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### **Tour 1: Easter Rising 1916: From Dublin Castle via St Stephen's Green to Trinity**

The first casualties of the Rising itself occurred during the futile attempts to take Dublin Castle. The unfolding stories from that point onwards are fascinating as you will discover on your way past some of the principal rebel strongholds including City Hall, Royal College of Surgeons and St Stephen's Green. We will end the tour inside Trinity College which became the main assembly point for the British counterattacks later in Easter Week.

**Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February Time: 11.00am**

**Start:** Outside the main entrance to Dublin Castle at the junction of Cork Hill and Castle Street

**Finish:** Trinity College **Duration:** Approx. 2 hours

### **Tour 2: Easter Rising 1916: Liberty Hall to Garden of Remembrance**

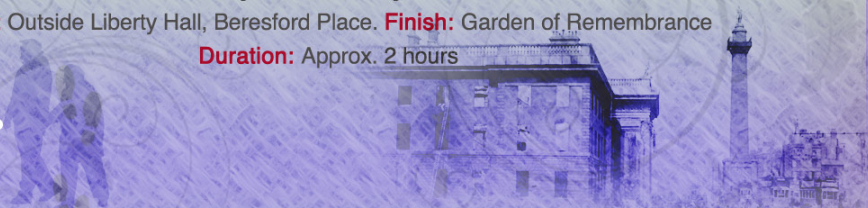
This tour might be the most evocative in the whole series. From the site of the old Liberty Hall, literally the birthplace of the Rising, we will follow the insurgents' route to the General Post Office, rebel headquarters from Monday until Friday. Then we will shadow the desperate flight to Moore Street, their eventual surrender and their pitiful overnight as prisoners in the front garden of the Rotunda Hospital. We will finish inside the Garden of Remembrance.

**Date: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February Time: 11.00am**

**Start:** Outside Liberty Hall, Beresford Place. **Finish:** Garden of Remembrance

**Duration:** Approx. 2 hours

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### **Tour 3: Easter Rising 1916: From the Four Courts via Church Street and Collins Barracks to Arbour Hill**

Some of the most effective but bitterest fighting took place along the quays and around the back streets behind the Four Courts. After exploring this area, the tour will visit the grounds of the Royal (now Collins) Barracks (and the Asgard exhibition) before ending in the sombre peace of Arbour Hill, last resting place of the executed leaders

**Date: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February Time: 11.00am**

**Start:** Outside the Four Courts main entrance, Inns Quay. **Finish:** Arbour Hill Cemetery

**Duration:** Approx. 2 hours

### **Tour 4: Easter Rising 1916: Royal Hospital Kilmainham, via Kilmainham Gaol to Richmond Barracks**

At the beginning of the Rising the Royal Hospital was the headquarters of the British army where much of the early planning to suppress the rebellion took place. A walk through the grounds will take us to the dreaded Kilmainham Gaol where 14 of the leaders were cruelly executed after the surrender. The last part of the walk will visit the site of the former Richmond Barracks to see the building where all those arrested after the rebellion were incarcerated and from whose numbers the leaders were picked out by police detectives for court martial. The existing buildings are being turned into a 1916 museum.

**Date: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Time: 11.00am**

**Start:** Courtyard, Royal Hospital, Kilmainham. **Finish:** Richmond Barracks

**Duration:** Approx. 1½ hours



### **Tour 5: Easter Rising 1916: The Surprising Role of Fairview**

Fairview saw its fair share of action from a confrontation during the march into town following the Howth gun-running in 1914 through to the clandestine meetings of the Irish Republican Brotherhood in nearby Clontarf and from providing the training grounds of the Irish Citizen Army to being the scene of actual fighting during Easter Week.

**Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March Time: 11.00am**

**Start:** Inside Bram Stoker Park (junction of Malahide Road, Marino Crescent and Clontarf Road)

**Finish:** Tom Clarke's House, Richmond Ave.

**Duration:** Approx. 1½ hours

### **Tour 6: Easter Rising 1916: Beggars' Bush**

The occupation of Boland's Mills and the surrounding area by de Valera and his battalion has entered deeply into the folklore of the Rising. Ironically the British forces suffered their greatest casualties in a suburb predominantly friendly towards British troops, along Northumberland Road where a tragic and unnecessary loss of life took place in an attack now known as the Battle of Mount Street Bridge.

**Date: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April Time: 11.00am**

**Start:** Outside the National Treasury Management Agency Offices, Grand Canal Street Lower (opposite to the former Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital now housing the Dublin Registry Office).

**Finish:** Mount Street Lower

**Duration:** Approx. 1½ hours

### **Tour 7: Easter Rising 1916: Phibsborough**

Some notable figures connected to the Rising lived in or near to Phibsborough and an important but short-lived skirmish took place here. A number of memorials are in evidence. There is more to the story of Phibsborough and 1916 than is widely known.

**Date: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April Time: 11.00am**

**Start:** St Peter's Church, corner of the North Circular Road and Cabra Road.

**Finish:** Outside Mountjoy Prison, Royal Canal Bank

**Duration:** Approx. 1½ hours



# WEEKLY WALKING GROUPS

## SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2016 to APRIL 2016

Day	Time	Meeting Point	Details	Other Information
Saturdays	2pm	The Dropping Well Pub Car Park, Milltown Road, Dublin 6	A walk along the River Dodder and environs	Milltown Luas stop nearby
Sundays	2pm	Parkgate St. entrance to Phoenix Park, Dublin 7	A walk in the park and/or surrounding areas. Visitors to Dublin welcome	Buses 26,66,66A,66B,67 and Museum Luas stop nearby
Mondays	11am	Outside the Halfway House Pub, Ashtown, Navan Road,Dublin 7	Walks along the Royal Canal,in the Phoenix Park & many other places	Ashtown Train Station & Buses 37,38,39 & 70 stop nearby
Tuesdays	2pm	Outside The Barge Pub, Charlemont St.,Dublin 2	Walks along the Grand Canal & within Dublin 2/4/6 areas	Bus 44 & Charlemont Luas stop nearby
Wednesdays	2pm	Outside Raheny DART Station,Raheny Village,Dublin 5	A walk to Dollymount Strand,through St. Anne's Park and/or beyond	Raheny DART Station & Buses 29A,31,31B,32A & 32B stop nearby
Wednesdays	2pm	Plaza opposite entrance to Kilmainham Goal, Inchicore Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8	A walk along the Grand Canal or around this historic area	Buses 79 & 79A stop nearby
Wednesdays	2pm	Monument to William Conyngham,Kildare Place,Kildare St.Dublin 2	A stroll through the city whilst talking <b>In Spanish!</b>	Meeting point in the city centre
Thursdays	2pm	Sandymount Green, Sandymount Village, Dublin 4	A walk along Sandymount Strand or to neighbouring suburbs	Bus 1 stops nearby
Fridays	11am	Meeting House Square, Temple Bar, Dublin 2	'Bímis ag Siúl agus ag Caint'-A walk in the city whilst talking <b>In Irish!</b>	Meeting point in the city centre
Fridays	2pm	Monument to William Conyngham,Kildare Place,Kildare St.Dublin 2	A stroll through the city whilst talking <b>In French!</b>	Meeting point in the city centre

All of our Weekly Walking Groups are led by a dedicated team of volunteers from the community and demonstrate how collaboration between the community and Dublin City Council can produce such positive results. All walks are **FREE** and last about 90 minutes and no advance booking is necessary.

**Note:** Neither Dublin City Council or any of the Walk Leaders / Volunteers can be held responsible for any injury or loss caused to participants on any of the walks. In the interest of your own safety, please exercise vigilance and care when crossing roads and junctions. It is advised that you first consult with your doctor if you have any medical condition or are not used to regular exercise. The walks do not take place on bank holidays / public holidays or during times of ice / snow / dangerous weather conditions.

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