

## **Monaghan County Council - Decade of Commemorations Programme 2019**

For 2019, the Library and Museum services of Monaghan County Council will deliver a programme relating to the Decade of Commemorations Programme, as follows:

### **Monaghan County Library Services:**

#### **One Book One County Initiative**

This is a reading initiative, coordinated by Monaghan County Library Services where everyone in the county is invited to read the same book and join the community conversations. As part of the Decade of Commemorations, we will be reading a series of books which deals with Irish history in the early 1900's up to 1923.

We began the programme with the series of books by Irish Author Gerald Whelan, whose books deals with the period 1916-1922. For 2019, we will be reading 'War Children' which is collection of six stories, one set in Dublin, the others in the country, about children who get caught up in the War of Independence and suffer dire consequences.

All primary and secondary schools, book clubs and individuals are invited to participate in the programme each year.

A series of workshops including book discussions, art and historical re-enactments will take place.

#### **Ireland's Poetic Strive to Independence – Poets of the Rising and the Revolutionary Period Project**

For 2019, a new programme 'Ireland's Poetic Strive to Independence' will include the establishing of a monthly gathering for interested people to read and discuss a series of Irish poets and their poetry relating to Ireland during the period 1913-2022, with the associated other activities being delivered as the programme develops. This will be initially aimed at adults, but young adults are invited to attend too.

### **Monaghan County Museum:**

#### **War of Independence Research:**

Throughout 2019, the museum will be working with Professor Terence Dooley of Maynooth University to investigate and explore the story of Monaghan during the War of Independence. Prof Dooley will work with Monaghan County Museum to aid them in the research of this important period in the county's history. This research will be used in the museum's planned exhibition on the War of the Independence, which is scheduled to be launched early in 2020.