



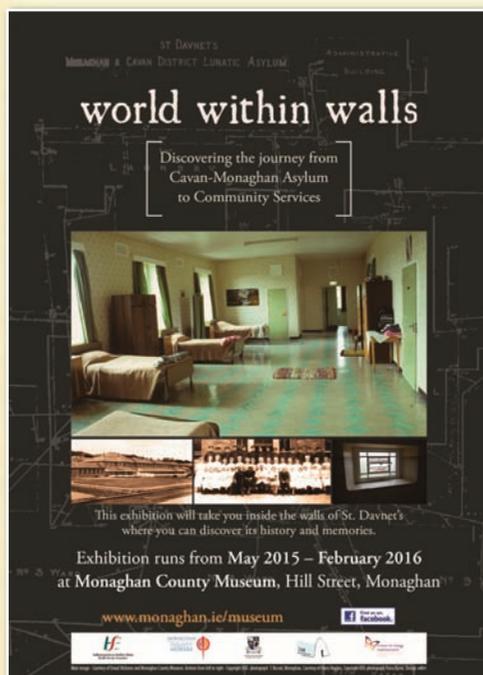
Monaghan County Museum In partnership with HSE Cavan Monaghan

Presents *World Within Walls*

An exhibition exploring the journey from District Lunatic Asylum to Community Services

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This ground breaking exhibition provides a fascinating insight into the history of St. Davnet's, County Monaghan. The site has gone by a number of names over its lifetime and has evolved from Cavan Monaghan District Lunatic Asylum, to the Monaghan Mental hospital, then St. Davnet's hospital and finally a multi-purpose campus. In more recent years the campus has begun to close its wards as mental health care changes in nature and becomes increasing focused on providing care in the community. It is in this context that this exhibition aims to recall the histories of the institution, charting its evolution from 1869 to the modern day.

For generations the buildings which make up St Davnet's has been a silent witness to the changing history of county Monaghan. Thousands of people have passed through its halls, some spending the majority of life there either as staff or as service users. Yet for the majority of the population of Monaghan and indeed Cavan, St Davnet's own

story has remained largely untold. This pioneering exhibition will present a poignant and challenging display of the history of an institution's evolution from a district lunatic asylum to a community service. The story will be told through original artefacts, archives, images, audio visual displays, catalogue and a dedicated website with additional information on all of the themes explored in the exhibition. The display forms a key part of a larger project which was enacted by HSE Cavan Monaghan to conduct a thorough investigation of the archives which date back to the opening of the Asylum in 1869.

The exhibition was launched in May 2015 and will run until February 2016.



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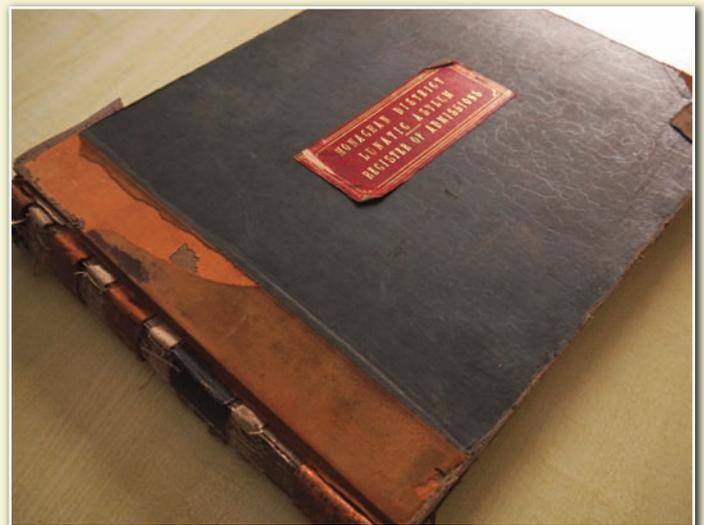


The Project

The *World within Walls* project aims to remember the histories of St. Davnet's former psychiatric hospital in Monaghan town. St. Davnet's was founded in 1869 to cater for Cavan and Monaghan counties. The site itself, which was in many ways a world within walls, has had a significant impact on the social and economic development of the town. The history of St. Davnet's was engaged with in a number of ways: an archival project documented the records of the hospital, oral histories have been gathered, community projects completed, a history book written and the exhibition.

Through these various means *World within Walls* paints a multi-layered picture of an institution which formed a key element in the history of Cavan and Monaghan and helps to raise awareness of the changes which have occurred in our provision of mental health care over the last 145 years.

The project is funded by the HSE and is being delivered by Stair: An Irish Public History under the guidance of the HSE reference group. The committee is comprised of former senior staff, representatives from the local historical society, mental health practitioners and representation from the National Archives of Ireland.



World Mental Health Day

Our event to mark this important international day 'A life remembered' saw us asking all participants to take a white rose, write the name on a label of someone who struggles or struggled with mental illness, in particular anyone who had once been a service user in St Davnets and place them on the table used in the Asylum's laundry (as it was then known) for over a century.

This beautiful and very poignant scene is what was left at the end of today.



Archaeology Summer Camps



We've enjoyed another very successful series of Archaeology Summer Camps in the Museum. Another generation of budding archaeologists are ready to look after our heritage or at the very least, invade somewhere!

Bealtaine Festival

Some of the many participants who are involved in our month long workshop to produce their very own mosaics as part of Bealtaine, celebrating creativity as we age, at the museum.



Behind The Scenes

A picture from our 'Behind the Scenes' workshops which took place at Easter and again during Heritage Week. The participants were able to take part in some of the jobs that normally aren't seen by the visiting public but are key to ensuring we continue to provide a quality and professional service to all. We plan to develop this programme in the coming years to include visiting conservation specialists who can give the participants an overview of how to care for specific types of material such as paper, photographs and textiles.



Castle Leslie Exhibition Launches in Armagh County Museum



We were delighted to see the exhibition that we developed in partnership with Castle Leslie in 2013 go on display in Armagh County Museum. The exhibition runs until February 2016, make sure you get over to Armagh to see it.



Heritage Bus Tours



We worked with our neighbours in Armagh County Museum to bring you not one but two heritage bus tours free of charge during August. There was a bus tour of heritage sites in South Armagh on August 15th and another through North Monaghan on August 22nd.

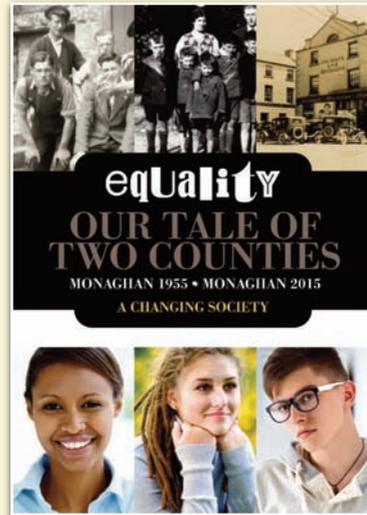


Monaghan Social Inclusion Week 2015

Monaghan Social Inclusion Week 2015 has a very special message **“it’s okay to be different”**



Many people experience social exclusion every day. Regardless of age, gender, race, religion, (or none), sexuality or ability everyone is a part of society and has a part to play. There are many explanations as to what social exclusion is, many debates about who does and doesn’t experience social exclusion. The Monaghan Social Inclusion Measures Group has put together a programme of events to demonstrate that “It’s okay to be different”. People who experience social exclusion don’t get the same opportunities to participate in society and community as others. They are often treated differently because they are different, but here in Monaghan we are saying “it’s okay to be different” and we are asking everyone to celebrate being different because we are all



unique. Just because someone is different to you doesn’t mean they should be treated differently to you.

The launch of Monaghan Social Inclusion week took place on Tuesday 9th June, 2015, at the opening of “Here I am” photo exhibition from Down Syndrome Ireland on the Diamond in Monaghan. Its aim is to promote awareness and

compliments a Down Syndrome Ireland publication marking World Down Syndrome Day in March and was on display in the Diamond Monaghan from 8th June to 14th June, 2015.



The launch of a Monaghan County Council booklet, “A tale of two counties”, charting the progress achieved in social inclusion in the 60 years between 1995 and 2015 by Minister of State with responsibility for New Communities, Culture and Equality Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD in the Museum.

Largy College Transition Year Students re-enacting their mock wedding and National award winning Young Social Innovators presentation “Let’s Get By together (LGBT)” in the Museum and afterwards in the Westenra Hotel.



Blues came to town at the Museum



Our first year as a venue for the Harvest Times Blues Festival was a great experience for all involved. We hosted two incredible acts in Davis Rogan and Kris Dollimore and we look forward to a long association with the festival in the years to come.

National Drawing Day



National drawing day took place on the 16th May. Participants had the opportunity to release their creativity with innovative and unusual art activities.



Summer Fun at the Museum



Our Saturday workshops which are run throughout the month of June started with Clayotic workshop where the children and their parents got a chance to get creative and have a laugh in the museum. There were also workshops on glass painting, printing and mosaic.

Monaghan Museum Goes Country



Our 'Lunchtime with the Ladies' event in partnership with Monaghan Town Country Music Festival was a huge success.

Thank you to all involved especially Julie Brannigan, Secretary of the Organising Committee and our singers on the day, Patricia, Kerry, Seana and of course the wonderful Gloria!

Museum on Street Exhibition

Museum staff were busy mounting our new exhibition on the streets of Monaghan. The display is a collection of images from the museum's archive which depict how Monaghan looked over a century ago. The 20 images are mounted near or in the areas that they depict.

Local people and visitors to the town can now be transported back in time as they stroll around Monaghan before making their way to the museum to discover the rest of the Monaghan story.

Monaghan County Museum would like to acknowledge the Heritage Council for the funding they contributed towards this project.



A Museum Treasure Online



Monaghan County Museum has recently launched a new service on its website showcasing a selection of video footage from its archive. Included on the site are a collection of original cinereels showing life in Monaghan during the late 1950s and early 1960s. The collection has become an incredible insight into the social culture of Monaghan during this time. These cinereels were captured by two pioneers Canons Bernard Maguire and Terence Kirke.

Another important video that is available to download and enjoy is a recording of Sir Jack Leslie recounting his experiences of fighting and becoming a prisoner of war during World War II.

To view this remarkable collection go to our website www.monaghan.ie/museum

Culture Night at the Museum



The Armagh Rhymers helped us celebrate Culture Night with a wonderfully colourful and exciting show of music, poetry and dance. They also entertained hundreds of school children throughout the day.



Museums Network Strategy

The Minister for Arts, Heritage & the Gaeltacht, Heather Humphreys, recently launched the new Local Authority Museums Network Strategy 2016 -2019 Preserving the Past – Shaping the Future. The Local Authority Museums Network (LAMN) represents the 12 Local Authority Museums across Ireland, which play a vital role in the social, cultural and economic life of regions around Ireland.



EVENTS FOR JANUARY – MAY 2016

January

Launch of 'A Fist to the Black Blooded' by Hugh MacMahon – Friday 29th 7pm

This wonderful new book tells the story of three members of a County Monaghan family who were drawn into the 1916 Rising.

February

Last chance to see our fascinating exhibition 'World Within Walls' – Tuesday 16th

This exhibition explores the history of St Davnet's Mental Hospital, formerly known as the Cavan & Monaghan Lunatic Asylum

March

Launch of "From a Whisper to a Roar – Exploring the Untold Story of Monaghan 1916" Exhibition

Thursday 10th 7:30pm

Using rare imagery, objects and film, our 1916 commemorative exhibition brings you back in time to a County Monaghan under British rule where the whisper of an Irish Republic exploded into a roar after the 1916 Rising. Developed in partnership with Professor Terence Dooley, NUI Maynooth.

Monaghan Comhaltas - Friday March 11th 7:30pm

Come and join Monaghan Comhaltas for a great night of craic agus ceoil to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Easter at the Museum

Conservation Techniques

Tuesday 22nd 11am – 5pm

A paper conservation specialist will give a presentation showing how museum objects such as estate maps are restored and stabilised for posterity. This will include examples of items from the museum collection.

Booking Essential

Easter Arts & Crafts – Wednesday 23rd 10am – 12pm & 1.30pm – 3.30pm

These fun workshops will give everyone the chance to make their own Easter artwork. **Booking Essential**

Easter Treasure Hunt – Thursday 24th 11.30am – 12.30pm & 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Bring the family along to enjoy this fun treasure hunt around the museum displays in search of those elusive Easter Eggs. **Booking Essential**

April

"Women of 1916" by Dr Mary McAuliffe

Thursday 21st 8pm

Dr Mary McAuliffe is a Teaching and Research Fellow in Women's Studies at the UCD School of Social Justice. She will be taking us through the turbulent and fascinating story of the many women who helped shape recent Irish history during the Easter Rising.

The Era of Revolution Fashion Show

Tuesday 26th 7pm

A Glimpse into the Past presents a historic fashion show, which showcases styles from 1840 – 1919. With over 20 costumes, funny sketches and entertaining historical insights this outstanding show is a hit wherever it appears! More than just a fashion show, it's a glimpse into the lives and times of men and women from that era. Using an unmatched collection of period costumes, the players bring a colourful cast of characters to life.

"The 1916 All Ireland Semi-Final and the Role of the GAA in Monaghan" by Dr Dónal McAnallen

Thursday 28th 8pm

Dr Dónal McAnallen has been published widely on various aspects of the history of the GAA. He'll be exploring the intriguing story of the GAA, the 1916 All Ireland Semi Final between Monaghan and Wexford, and the Rising.

Monaghan 16 Official 1916 Rising Commemoration Event by Monaghan County Council

Saturday 30th 1pm – 5pm

This unique event, which has been planned in collaboration with various sections of Monaghan County Council including the Museum, Library, Arts and Heritage, will be held in front of the Courthouse in Monaghan Town. The day will include re-enactments with actors in Volunteer, Irish Citizen Army and British Army uniforms hosting interactive workshops where all visitors to the event will be able to interact with their history in a very real way. There will also be displays, workshops, short lectures, history tours, and a historic trail of Monaghan 1916. Music from the era and events will take place in the Museum, Library and the Market House. The event will be officially marked with a raising of the national flag by the Irish Army and a reading of the proclamation by an actor portraying Padraig Pearse on the steps of the Courthouse.

May

"Flying Columns: the Revolutionary Years as Seen in the Monaghan Press" by Frank McNally

Thursday 5th 8pm

Frank McNally is a journalist with the Irish Times, an author and Monaghan native. He has covered a wide range of subjects for the Irish Times, including politics, sport, and literature. A former National Media Awards winner for his Dail and tribunal sketches, he is now chief writer of the daily *Irishman's Diary* column.

"Rebels, Priests and Politicians: the Men and Women of 1916 in County Monaghan" by Professor Terence Dooley – Thursday 12th 8pm

Professor Terence Dooley is also a native of County Monaghan and lectures at NUI Maynooth where he specialises in Irish social and political history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Music of 1916 by Eimear Quinn – Tuesday 10th 8pm

Eimear Quinn first achieved fame when she won the Eurovision Song Contest for Ireland in 1996 with her haunting rendition of *The Voice*. Since this remarkable international success, she has gone on to thrill and enthral audiences throughout the world. Now resident in County Monaghan, the museum has invited her to deliver a night of music from this historic period in Monaghan and the nation's history. This once off concert will be a highlight of our programme of events commemorating the 1916 Rising.

Bealtaine Festival 2016, celebrating creativity as we age - Wood Burning Workshop

Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th 11am – 1pm

Wood burning is the craft of touching wood or leather with a heated poker to produce decorative burn marks, achieving a large range of decorative effects. Over four weeks participants will practice and gain familiarity with various wood burning techniques, design and plan a piece of pyrography art and use their new skills to create their final piece of work. This unique and highly enjoyable course will be led by local art tutor Samantha Hawe. **Booking Essential**

National Drawing Day – Saturday 21st 12.30pm – 2pm & 2.45pm – 4.15pm

Participants will have an opportunity to release their creativity with innovative and unusual art activities.

All will be revealed on the day..... **Booking Essential**