



JOINT VISIT BY THE FLHS & FULS

The Irish at War - 1914-1918

Saturday 29 June 2013 Dublin

Islandbridge Irish National War Memorial Gardens – Arbour Hill Cemetery– National Museum Collins Barracks

On this year's joint federation visit we are visiting an area that resonates with memories of the Irish involvement in the First World War as well as the Easter Rising of 1916 and touches on the earlier 1798 Rebellion. Almost 50,000 Irish soldiers died fighting with the Allies on the battle fields of Europe "in the defence of small nations". During this same period, in 1916, Irish men and women took up arms against one of those allies with whom their fellow countrymen were fighting alongside on the fields of the Somme and Flanders. There are poignant reminders of these events in the War Memorial at Islandbridge dedicated to the Irish soldiers who died in the First World War and the Arbour Hill Cemetery containing the graves of the leaders of 1916. Arbour Hill also reminds us of the earlier rebellion of 1798. We can reflect on the role of the British Army which is exemplified in the unique buildings of Collins Barracks (Royal Barracks), the oldest purpose built barracks in the world. This is now the National Museum of Ireland and houses many interesting exhibitions including Decorative Arts, Military History, Asian Art, Fashion, Irish Silver Soldiers & Chiefs and many more. It also has on exhibit the beautifully restored gun running boat- *The Asgard*. This visit offers the opportunity to reflect on these events which greatly influenced the course of Irish history.

PROGRAMME

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| 11.00 – 12.15 | Meet at Islandbridge Memorial car park for conducted tour of t Memorial gardens. |
| 12.30 - 14.00 | Dinner in Hilton Hotel – Kilmainham. Short after dinner talk reflecting on the significance of the day's visits. |
| 14.15 - 15.00 | Visit Arbour Hill Cemetery - 1798 and the 1916 Rising |
| 15.00 - 17.00 | Visit National Museum of Ireland exhibitions in Collins Barracks including a history of the barracks. |

The cost of the day including coach travel to and from Dublin* and a 3 course lunch at the Hilton Hotel is just £25 to Federation members.

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Booking Form

Name: _____

Society: _____

Please indicate your preferred Coach pick-up point.

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| Castledawson | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Antrim | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Belfast | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sprucefield | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Banbridge | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newry | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please indicate any special dietary requirements:

Booking form and cheque for £25, made out to the *Federation for Ulster Local Studies* should be sent to Johnny Dooher, 3 Greenlaw Park, Ballymagorry, Strabane, Co Tyrone BT82 0BH no later than Wed. 19th June 2013.

Email: Johndooher@btinternet.com tel:07713636362

*Coach pick-up from Castledawson roundabout, Dunsilly Roundabout M2/Antrim, Glengall Street in Belfast city centre Sprucefield, Banbridge and Newry