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Centenary Programme

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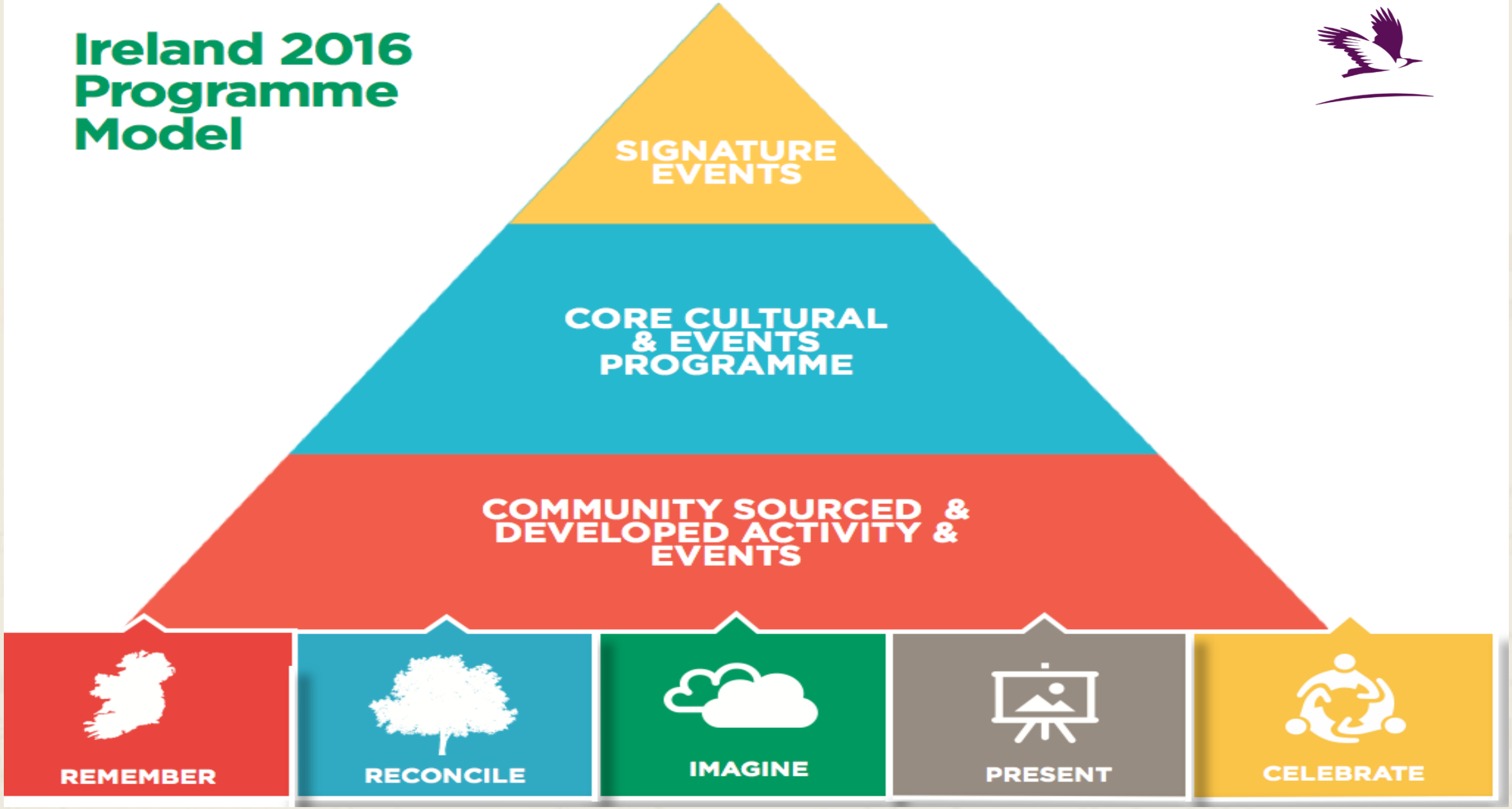
Fingal Commemoration Programme for ‘Ireland 2016’

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Ireland 2016

- Local, National and International events
- Based on 5 intersecting themes
  - Remember - Commemorate the historic events of 1916
  - Reconcile - Reflect on how the ideals of the Proclamation were rekindled and contributed to reconciliation
  - Imagine - Re-imagine our legacy for future generations
  - Present – Show how we as a Republic we took our place 'among the nations'
  - Celebrate - The idealism of the Proclamation

Ireland 2016 Programme Model



The 7 Programme Strands

- Historical Reflection: State Ceremonial
- An Teanga Bheo: The Living Language (Rave-Lóid 2016)
- Youth and Imagination: Proclamation for a New Generation
- Intergenerational Learning: Tracing Your Roots
- Cultural Expression – with Arts Council Leading
- Community Participation – Local Authority leadership
- Global and Diaspora - Irish Embassy Network

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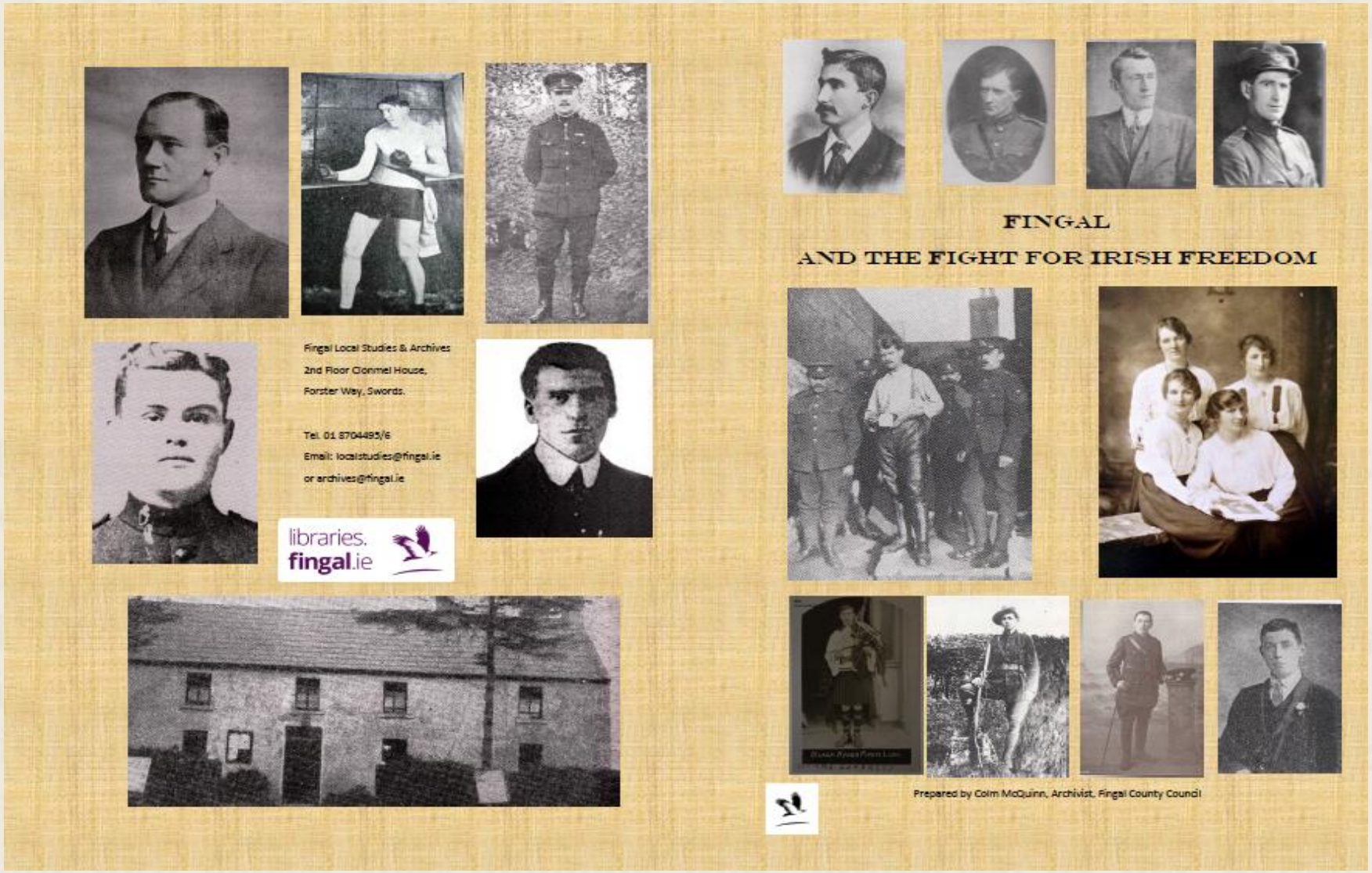
Actions

- Cross Departmental Working Group established
- Co-ordinator appointed
- Presentation to SPC in February 2015
- Steering group established
- Steering group approves draft programme

Scope and brief

- Proposals split between
  - Corporate Actions (Mainly organised and funded by the FCC)
  - Community based initiatives (Grant assisted under Centenary Grants Scheme)
- Specific aim of leaving a legacy
- Concentrating on Fingal's role
- Marking the contribution of women
- Raising awareness and knowledge about Fingal's contribution
- Some actions in 2015 and some in 2016 with some covering both years and beyond

The Fingal Connections



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Fingal & The Fight for Irish Freedom

- Fingal Brigade/5th Battalion
  - *Lusk*
  - *Skerries*
  - *St Margaret's*
  - *Swords*
  - *Turvey*
- Thomas Ashe
- Cumann na mBan



Fingal and the Fight for Irish Freedom

FINGAL AND THE FIGHT FOR IRISH FREEDOM

By early 1916 the Fingal Brigade/5th Battalion numbered no more than 100, known as Sinn Fein Volunteers, made up of small companies in Lusk, Skerries, St. Margaret's, Swords, and Turvey. In command at Easter were: Thomas Ashe, Brigade Commandant; Dr. Richard Hayes, Battalion Adjutant; and Quartermaster Frank Lawless.
Company Captains included: Swords-Richard Coleman; Lusk-Edward Rooney; Skerries-Joseph Thornton; St. Margaret's-James V. Lawless. The Donabate Volunteers were loosely attached to Swords Company. North County Dublin at this time was described as "quiet" by the RIC County Inspector.

MOBILIZATION

On **Easter Sunday** an estimated 120 5th Battalion members turn out at 4.30 p.m. at Rathbeale Cross, Swords. Joseph Lawless goes to Connolly with a message from Ashe and returns with orders that all is off but be ready. All volunteers return home.

On **Easter Monday** orders from Patrick Pearse reach Ashe "Strike at one o'clock today". Ashe orders a second mobilization at Knocksedan Bridge, Swords. They include many from the same families: the McAllisters of Turvey; Westons, Kellys, Lawless (4), Taylors, Wilsons, Doyles, Staffords, Thomas Rafferty, Jack Crenigan and John Rover McCann. Many have gone to the races at Fairyhouse.

ACTION

On **Tuesday** the 5th Battalion is joined by Patrick Grant, Thomas Maxwell, Richard Mulcahy and Jerry Golden. Mulcahy is appointed second-in-command to Ashe. Their orders are to disrupt the communication and supply lines into the city, including railway lines, and telegraph services in the Post Offices. Attempts are made to damage railway lines and bridges in Blanchardstown and Cabra on Monday night and Tuesday morning. The Great Northern Railway Bridge at Rogerstown is damaged by explosives by a demolition party.

Police receive word that an attack on the Marconi Station, Skerries is planned. The first message about the Rising sent to London went from here. 200 men of the North Staffordshire Regiment are landed at Skerries to protect the station.

James Connolly sends a request that 40 of the Fingal Brigade be sent in to the G.P.O. Ashe can only spare 20, and he sends them under Captain Richard Coleman. They fight at the Mendicity Institute, and one of their number, Peter Wilson of Swords, is killed.
The R.I.C. barracks at Swords and Donabate are attacked on **Wednesday, April 26th**. The Fifth Battalion is based at Kileek. Molly Adrien brings Ashe newspaper reports and a copy of the proclamation, and also news that the rest of the country had not come out.

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Main Initiatives

- Memorabilia Day
  - Sept/Oct 2015
  - Invite people to attend with their memorabilia
  - Scan, photo, record etc
  - Create digitised record
- Arts
  - Commission Proposal
    - *Invite all art forms to compete in open competition*
    - *Unveil, perform at Central Event in 2016*
  - 1916 Song Project
- Exhibition/Legacy
  - Create exhibition for display in Swords Castle iduring Centenary Event in 2016
  - Exhibit in branch libraries

- Lecture Series
  - Covering a number of months in 2016
  - Appropriate historical lectures
- Resource Pack
  - Provide schools with useful resource links e.g. web links etc
- Cultural Events in Draoicht, Seamus Ennis Centre
  - Screenings of “A Terrible Beauty” etc
  - Q & A sessions post screenings
- A Central Event – Centenary Festival in Swords
  - Series of events along Main Street, Castle and Park

Using existing events

- Memory Makers
  - In 2016 this initiative will be themed around the commemoration
  - Publication produced post event
- Heritage Week
  - In 2015/2016 actions will be themed around commemoration
  - Explore the potential for a commemorative trail marking the role of Fingallians in the fight for Irish Freedom
- Flavours of Fingal
  - In 2016 the intention is to have a number of commemorative themed stalls, activities etc.

Community Based Initiatives

Local/ Supported

- Centenary Grant Scheme
  - Publish Criteria
  - Work with groups
  - Make recommendations to
    - *Steering group*
    - *Full Council*



Budgets

- Central Government funding
  - 2015 €30k
  - 2016 €30k with a potential further €30k from other sources

- Own Resources
  - Centenary Fund €60k 2015/16 (€20k per Area Committee)
  - Corporate Events (not exhaustive)
    - *Art Commission €35k*
    - *Memorabilia/Exhibition ?????*
    - *1916 Song Project €3k*
    - *Festival €50k*

Legacy

- Exhibition
  - Will include photos, recordings, items, statements etc.
  - Material gathered at memorabilia day will contribute to the creation of the exhibition
  - Can be presented in branch libraries etc
  - Potential for digitised/electronic version
- Commissioned Art
- Resource Pack for schools
- Memory Makers Publication

Next Steps

- Presentation at Fingal Community Network Plenary on the 25th. April, 2015
- 2 Public information sessions (7.00p.m. – 9.00p.m.)
  - 5th. May, 2015 – Castleknock Hotel, Castleknock
  - 7th. May, 2015 - Carnegie Court, Swords
- Draft Programme to Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht April/May 2015
- Final Programme presented to Full Council Sept/Oct 2015.
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