

Event collaborators

This event is being run in conjunction with a diverse range of organisations.

- Galway County Council
- Museum of Country Life
- Johnstown Castle Agricultural Museum
- IFA
- ICA
- GAA
- National Ploughing Association
- University College Dublin
- NUI Galway
- Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
- Macra na Feirme
- ICOS
- Department of Arts Heritage and Gaeltacht
- Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine
- Irish Defence Forces
- Department of Educations and Skills
- Heritage Council
- Irish Folklore Commission
- Garda Síochána
- Athenry Heritage Centre
- Amateur Drama Groups
- Conradh na Gaeilge
- Údaras na Gaeltachta
- Local community, heritage, arts and cultural organisations

Parking & facilities

Parking at the event is **FREE**. We encourage large groups to travel by coach and park in designated coach parking areas.

Picnic facilities are available for visitors to bring their own food or on-site catering is available.

Transportation is available for visitors with disabilities.

Event opens from 10am-5pm on both days.

Getting here

The Teagasc Centre at Mellows Campus, Athenry is located on the Galway to Dublin M6 motorway and is easily accessible from all major routes.

From Dublin - Leave M6 motorway at Exit 17 From Galway - Leave M6 motorway at Exit 17

Drive times



- Dublin to Mellows Campus: less than 2 hours
- Limerick to Mellows Campus: 1 hour
- Cork to Mellows Campus: 3 hours
- Belfast to Mellows Campus: 3.5 hours

Train

Mellow Campus is also accessible by train. The campus is 3km from Athenry Train Station, which is on the the Dublin to Galway and Galway to Limerick train line.

More information

For more information, please visit *www.teagasc.ie*/1916 or check us out on Facebook and Twitter.



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FARMING & COUNTRY LIFE 1916

10 & 11 June, 2016 Teagasc, Athenry, Co. Galway









Teagasc invites you to the biggest farming and country life centenary event in Ireland. This interactive, informative and fun event will recreate rural life of 1916 and reflect on developments over the past century. This event has something to entertain and educate young and old, and celebrates rural Ireland from 100 years ago.



This event will form part of the official 1916 Rising Commemorations and will reflect on an important part of life in Ireland at the beginning of the last century. The role of women

in the Rising, farming and rural life in 1916 will be at the forefront of this event.

Visitors will experience high quality, authentic performances and exhibits that will accurately retell the stories of Farming and Country Life and local military events during 1916.

The event will showcase a significant number of interactive exhibits, dramatic re-enactments, lectures and reconstructions.

Seven Highly Interactive Villages

Re-live, Reconnect and Remember

THE LAND	LIVESTOCK
 Landlord & tenant system Goodbody Estate Land Acts Land agitation Marriage & the dowry 	 Recreation of a 1916 farm Old breeds Role of the horse The story of wool The Fair Day
SPORTS & CULTURE	FARM MECHANISATION
 Hurling, football & handball Camogie & rounders Athletics Irish language Music & dance 	 Horse to tractor Steam threshing Vintage machinery Traditional crafts: blacksmith, cooper, wheel & building in stone
FARM FAMILY & RURAL LIFE	IRELAND 1916
 Society and culture Role of women in farming The family home Rural electrification School life 	 The Rising in Galway Women in the Rising Liam Mellows World War I Battle of the Somme
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Agricultural education Advisory service

- Cooperative movement
- Farm organisatio

Entertainment & events

This event will be an unforgettable experience with a surprise around every corner. The atmosphere of 1916 rural Ireland will be brought back to life through music, dance, discussion and drama. This event has something for everyone from children to grandparents, to those living in cities, the countryside and beyond. We look forward to welcoming you to a fun filled interactive day at Farming and Country Life 1916.

- Re-enactment of a 1916 National School.
- Showcase of popular children's games from the era.
- A life size replica of the GPO will form the backdrop for a major interactive 'Ireland 1916' display.
- A large equine display will showcase working horses of 1916, with live demonstrations.
- A town Fair Day.
- Performances from musicians, actors and various artists.
- Demonstrations from craft and artisan producers of production skills from 1916.
- Panel discussions, debates and lectures relating to rural life and farming.
- Farm mechanisation, with live demonstrations of steam powered tractors and vintage machinery.
- Showcase of live farm and farmhouse from the 1916 era.
- Live hurling and football matches in attire of the day.
- Informative sessions on agricultural education in 1916.
- The food and taste of 1916.
- People in 1916 attire to entertain visitors.
- Cinemobile showing a variety of films.