

## **2016 Flag Raising Ceremony, Dublin Castle**

Department of the Taoiseach

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016

This event marked the beginning of the State Commemorative Programme in 2016 and took place outdoors in the Upper Yard of Dublin Castle. It comprised two key elements: the reading, by the Defence Forces, of the Roll of Honour of those volunteers who lost their lives during the 1916 Rising, followed by a Flag Raising Ceremony. This involved the raising of the three flags which were flown on O'Connell Street in Easter 1916 - the Citizens Army flag which was flown from the Imperial Hotel on O'Connell St., the Irish Republican flag and the National flag which were both flown from the GPO. The Ceremony concluded with the playing of the *Reveille* and the National Anthem.

### **VIP(s) and Invited Guests**

This ceremony took place in the presence of the President, An Taoiseach and the Lord Mayor of Dublin. Nationally and locally elected representatives were invited to attend in addition to members of the Council of State; the Judiciary; the Diplomatic Corps; members of the Expert Advisory Group; Relatives of volunteers who lost their lives in the 1916 Rising; members of the All Party Consultation Group on Commemorations; the 1848 Tri-colour Committee and the Thomas Meagher Foundation.

**Public:** The Ceremony was open to the Public who had full view of proceedings.

**Music:** Music was provided by the Military Band and RTÉ Cor na nÓg.

*The Flag Raising Ceremony brochure is available [here](#) and a hard copy of the brochure is available by contacting [protocol@taoiseach.gov.ie](mailto:protocol@taoiseach.gov.ie)*