

Easter Sunday State Reception at Dublin Castle

27th March, 2016

This event was attended by President Michael D. Higgins and was formal State Reception at the Taoiseach's invitation with approximately 2,000 relatives of those who took part in 1916 were invited and 1,000 other guests that included elected representatives (TDs, Senators, MEPs), Northern Ireland Representatives, members of the Judiciary, the Diplomatic Corps, Council of State, Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations, Local Authorities, Faith Organisations, Senior Defence Forces Personnel (including Veteran Organisations), An Garda Síochana, Public Service, Workers and Employers Representatives, Media, Dublin Business Community, international invitees (those with close links to Ireland), Sporting and Cultural Organisations (including personalities from the world of sport, music, literature, etc.) and others from across the spectrum of Irish life.

This was an invitation only event. Following consideration and discussions with the Relatives Association it was agreed that the closest relatives of the volunteers would be invited to the Reception. Every effort was made to be as equitable as possible, to ensure a wide spread of representation and also to accommodate those who indicated they needed assistance etc.