

Micheál Ó Doibhilin – Historian

As a historian, author, lecturer and publisher, I wish to be granted the opportunity to address the Moore Street Consultative Group next Friday on the issues outlined in your recent communication.

While I would be speaking on my own behalf, I would be representing not just my own views but also, as a publisher, those expressed by my authors - noted historians such as Paul O'Brien, Ray Bateson, Las Fallon, Joe Connell, Shane Kenna, Ciara Scott, Rory O'Dwyer, Eddie Bohan etc. who, between them, have written and had published (by me and other publishing houses) over thirty major books on the history of the Easter Rising and aspects of it.

We all believe in the essential preservation of Moore Street Battlefield Site and its significance and viability as a resource going forward. I believe that historians, with an inclusive understanding of all aspects of this site, can best explain its significance and value, and contribute to its interpretation as a significant and valuable resource and attraction in a way that will respect its history and maximise its attractiveness as a visitor experience.

As a former guide in Kilmainham Gaol (with 10 years experience there) I believe I have a unique combination of a thorough understanding of the historical significance of the Moore Street Battlefield Site and also of its potential as a visitor attraction and the practical implementation of the latter in a way that best presents ALL sides of the story for the benefit and appreciation of all who would visit it.

I would therefore appreciate a positive response to my request so that I can discuss my ideas with you and eagerly await your reply.

Mise le meas mór agam ort,

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