

**Expert Advisory Group on Commemorations**  
**Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Department of the Taoiseach Room 301**

<b>Attendance:</b> Dr Maurice Manning (Chair); Dr Martin Mansergh (Vice Chair); Ms Sinead McCoole; Dr Mary Harris; Mr Francis Devine; Dr Eamon Phoenix; Dr. Leeann Lane Dr.Eunan O'Halpin Mr Gabriel Doherty; <i>Apologies</i> Professor Mary Daly; Professor Diarmuid Ferriter;	<b>Presentation</b> Mr John Concannon-2016 Project office Jerry Kelleher- D/Taoiseach Officials: Feargal O'Coighligh; Sinead Copeland Sabina O'Donnell
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1. Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 approved. No matters arising.
2. Mr John Concannon (2016 Project Office) provided an update on events during 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2016 and outlined plans for building on the success of the 2016 programme for the remainder of the year.  
The Group paid tribute to all involved in the successful outcome of the 2016 programme, paying particular notice to the timely completion of the major capital projects and agreed on the need that the momentum generated throughout all areas of society should be maintained into the future.
3. Further extensive consideration was given to the direction of the work of the Group from 1917 onwards. It was agreed that group members would consider suggestions prior to next meeting concerning :-
  - a) key events and
  - b) key themes/approaches  
and
  - c) key capital projects which might be promoted/supported,
4. Mr. O'Coighligh reported that Ireland would be represented by President Higgins and Minister Humphreys at the Somme Commemoration ceremonies on 1<sup>st</sup> July next at Thiepval.  
Mr, Kelleher outlined the official events which will take place in Ireland on 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July.
5. Next meeting scheduled for September next.