



A 32 County Organisation?

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TIME TO ORGANISE IN 32 COUNTIES?

Irish politics has undergone dramatic changes since the first ceasefires of 10 years ago. Many of the political parties and groupings have been involved in seismic shifts and have created the space for politics to begin to work.

It has not been easy, and compromise has been slow. Progress however has come, but the responsibility has now passed to a new generation. The most pressing issue on the island of Ireland that now faces all those involved in politics is to prove to many of our communities that politics works. This is especially the case in the North of Ireland.



National Youth Committee meet in Derry

Political leaders have to show that it is through politics and democratic debate that injustice, inequality and division can be overcome. History in Ireland has unfortunately shown us what happens in the absence of a credible political alternative. Therefore, for politics to succeed, there is an onus on all political leaders and parties to take brave decisions and to lead. At various stages of the peace process on this island, the various political parties have had to make changes, and face up to the changed realities of the day. The Good Friday Agreement is the culmination of much of this change. It is not the end of the process, and for Fianna Fáil The Republican Party, we must continue to argue and put forward the case for the re-unification of our island.

The changed political environment that now exists has brought tremendous changes to the communities that live along the border, and for many people politics is now beginning to work in the North of Ireland. Cross-border activity through business is working. More and more of our sporting organisations are breaking down prejudices and distrust through cross-border and cross community activity. Cross-border co-operation is now increasing in all sectors, from tourism to transport, and culture to commerce, and politics must respond to this.

The Good Friday Agreement and the subsequent All-Ireland endorsement in a Referendum, has changed the dynamic of politics on this island. We in Fianna Fáil can be justifiably be proud of the role played by Former Taoisigh, Charles Haughey, Albert Reynolds, and currently by Bertie Ahern in bringing us to this point. Historically Fianna Fáil never organised and contested elections in the six counties. The All-Ireland Referendum in May 1998, has changed the context of politics on this island. Fianna Fáil must now respond to this changed political atmosphere.

Many people from Northern Ireland have approached Fianna Fáil members, Ógra members and public representatives asking to join our organisation. They see Fianna Fáil as a party represent-

ing the future for Irish Politics throughout the island. They want Fianna Fáil to organise in the North. This matter is being debated at all levels within Fianna Fáil. Hopefully a decision will be taken soon.

Meanwhile, the number of people from across the North of Ireland who are making the case for Fianna Fáil to organise on an all-Ireland basis is growing. In a wide-ranging interview almost two years ago in the Sunday Business Post, An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern eluded to the fact that Fianna Fáil as a party had to seriously look at the issue of organising on an All-Ireland level. The comments were seen by many in the North of Ireland as an indication from Bertie Ahern that Fianna Fáil were going to implement the motion passed by the membership of Fianna Fáil at a previous Ard Fhéis, which called on the party to organise on an 32 county basis.

Fianna Fáil as a party have a vision for the future of our island, and our relationship with our neighbouring island, that isn't compromised by the wishes of private army. For Fianna Fáil to continue to be the driving force behind 'securing the unity of our island' we must bring to Fianna Fáil new members and new activists who see a New Ireland that moves beyond violence, division and distrust. One of the key factors in the success of Fianna Fáil through the years has been the level of support enjoyed by Fianna Fáil across all sectors of Irish society. While many of the founders of our party, and current members hailed from the North of Ireland, Fianna Fáil now must play a more active role in the changing environment that faces politics north of the border.

Every generation of leaders in Fianna Fáil have had to face up to electoral challenges, and changed circumstances. None more so than today. Apathy has now emerged as one of the biggest threats to Irish politics, yet we in Fianna Fáil, have knocking at our door, numbers of dedicated activists wishing to join our party, to get involved and to be part of Fianna Fáil for the future.

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Many in Fianna Fáil are already convinced of the need to take up our mantle as 'Soldiers of Destiny' and embark on a political challenge to organise in the North of Ireland. Others within the party are hesitant, but the onus is now on the membership of Fianna Fáil to speak. At the next Ógra Fianna Fáil Youth Conference, to be held in The Slieve Russell Hotel, Cavan in November, this issue needs to be debated. An opportunity should be given to those that have approached Fianna Fáil to let them put their case to the membership of Ógra Fianna Fáil. Likewise, the next Ard Fhéis, likely to be held in Spring of 2005, should also be given the same opportunity.

Fianna Fáil in the aftermath of the disappointing Local and European Elections has begun a process of listening to the membership, and bringing about changes internally within the party. To miss the opportunity, provided by such reform, to thoroughly examine the proposals put forward by Fianna Fáil members and supporters in the north of Ireland, would be a wasted opportunity.

Politics does not stand still, neither should Fianna F il.

- Cathal Lee (Leas Cathaoirleach gra)

Michael Moynihan TD, gra Cathaoirleach

Well it's autumn again and time for a new academic year. It really doesn't seem that long since we were last looking into the start of a new college year – it certainly doesn't feel like twelve months ago!

Of course the start of a new academic year means the beginning of a new recruitment drive for Ógra. Last year – thanks to the hard work of the staff in headquarters, the members of the national youth committee and of course those involved in the third level units themselves – we enjoyed a very successful recruitment campaign. This year we hope to surpass that achievement.

There are some that believe that young people and students in particular have little if any interest in politics. While there are probably some people who fall into that category, my experience has always been that most students have a strong interest in politics of one kind or another.

The recent local elections were testament to that fact. Although Fianna Fáil fared badly the one silver lining was the success of our young candidates and the energy and enthusiasm of their young supporters and canvassers. It was proof that young people are interested in politics and that they want to get involved. What's more it showed they are prepared to put the work in and are a vital part of Fianna Fáil.

It should also be remembered that despite that electoral setback and the image that certain other political parties might try to portray, Fianna Fáil has far more young members than any other political party in this country. Other political parties may be flavour of the month, but Fianna Fáil and Ógra continue to be the largest and most successful political party on practically every campus throughout the country.

Through their involvement in Fianna Fáil, our young members have had the chance to have a real input into what is happening in this country. They have helped form the policies and laws that have governed our country. The senior Fianna Fáil party has always valued our young members and that respect



for youth stretches to the Taoiseach himself who is a keen advocate for young people and their place in the political system.

I think it is important to remember these facts when joining Ógra. You are not just joining another campus society, you are joining a political party – and not just any party but the most successful and influential party in the history of this State. Sure there is plenty of craic along the way but most importantly, like all the other members of Fianna Fáil you have the chance to contribute to the running of this country and to making Ireland a better place to live.

That's what gives Fianna Fáil its strength and what should excite the members of Ógra. It's also what we hope will drive us on for another successful recruitment campaign and what will help us bring in lots of new members to further reinforce our party for the future.

Is mise le meas,
Michael Moynihan T.D.

Dates for the diary

Thursday September 30th Closing date for entries for the 2004 DeValera Cup Debating and Public Speaking Competition.

Sunday 17th October 2004 at 12.00 noon Annual Wolfe Tone Commemoration, Bodinstown, Co Kildare

Thursday 21st October, Closing date for receipt of nominations for Election to National Youth Committee

Thursday 21st October, Final date for receipt of registration and membership lists for all CDC and 3rd Level Units

Sunday 24th October, 2pm Annual Eamon DeValera Commemoration, Ennis, Co Clare

Friday 29th October, Closing date for receipt of motions for 2005 Youth Conference

Friday 12th November: Cumann De Barra NUIG 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Galway

Friday 19th/Saturday 20th November National Youth Conference Slieve Russell Hotel, Co.Cavan

Friday, 3rd December 2004, Cairde Fáil Taoiseach's Dinner, City West Hotel, Dublin

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Real Republicanism



An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern T.D. at Arbour Hill

In the lead up to the Local and European elections earlier this year a front page newspaper article claimed that Fianna Fáil had decided to drop the words “The Republican Party” from its official title. This caused outrage amongst the grassroots membership of the Party. The article was incorrect. The party had not altered its name. It rightly remains Fianna Fáil, The Republican Party. Republicanism has always been a vital tenant of Fianna Fáil. It is the central ideal upon which the party is based.

In the lead up to the birth of the party in the La Scala Theatre in May 1926, a debate raged as to what this new political party should be called. On one hand Sean Lemass favoured the simple name of the “Republican Party”, but the father of the party, Eamon De Valera thought the new party should seek continuity with the volunteers of the Easter Rising – Fianna Fáil being the original name given to the Irish Volunteers.

That name automatically emphasised this was a political party that believed in a United Ireland – however the fact that the party’s founders chose to add “The Republican Party” to that name from its inception is significant. It signalled that this party would be at the forefront of the nationalist struggle, and that this party would reflect the people of this country and their values.

A “Republican” is someone who supports a republic, and a “Republic” is defined as a “political order in which the supreme

power lies in a body of citizens who are entitled to vote for officers and representatives responsible to them.” A republic puts the power at the hands of the people and a republican supports this principle. It was this definition, this ideal, that made Fianna Fáil the dominant political party for most of the history of the State. It is this ideal that makes Fianna Fáil the party it is today.

Fianna Fáil has always seen itself as more than just a political party. Fianna Fáil is a national movement. Its members can be found in every corner of the country and in every walk of life. It is a party that has always tried to do what is best for the people of this country when in Government. It has been successful in ascertaining exactly what should be done because it is the typical people of this country that have formed the party at every level - from leadership to grassroots - throughout its history.

This is a theme that has been consistently reflected in the public comments of various party leaders. The current Taoiseach Bertie Ahern remarked at the 1997 Ard Fhéis that Fianna Fáil is “the party of Ireland’s heart and Ireland’s hope”.

A similar chord was struck by former Taoiseach Charlie Haughey at the 1981 Ard Fhéis. He said, “During the recent past I have come to feel, more and more, that the reason we adhere to Fianna Fáil, the reason that time and time again the broad mass of the Irish people have given their endorsement to this Party, rather

than to any other, turned to it in times of crisis, continued to give it their support in times of difficulty, is because it represents not this pressure group or that sectional interest, this class or that creed, but because in the broad scope of its membership and their faith and devotion to their own country, there resides what one can well call ‘The Spirit of the Nation’.”

It is this sense of being more than just a political party that has guided Fianna Fáil throughout its history and continues to guide us today. The party aims to create an Ireland where all citizens receive equal opportunity to realise their full potential and its major policy decisions through its many years in Government have underlined the party’s commitment to this approach.

It was Fianna Fáil that brought in the Constitution that is the cornerstone of our State and our system of Government. It was Fianna Fáil that has introduced most of the radical social policy initiatives that exist in this country today. Fianna Fáil introduced unemployment assistance, children’s allowances, the farmer’s dole and the free travel scheme for pensioners. Free secondary school education for all children was introduced by a Fianna Fáil Government, as was the first social partnership agreement.

Simply put, Fianna Fáil in Government has a long and proud history of bringing into effect measures that make a real difference to the lives of the typical Irish citizen. That is a tradition that has continued with the current Government who have brought full employment to the country through their successful and prudent management of the economy, and have brought peace throughout the country thanks to their work on the Good Friday Agreement.

There can be little doubt that Fianna Fáil and its members have played a significant role in forming the Ireland we have today – but equally it is Ireland and its people that have formed Fianna Fáil. Our members continue to play important roles in all parts of Irish life and in every locality. It is for this reason that the party remains the dominant force in Irish politics and why Fianna Fáil will remain the real “Republican Party” for many years to come.

NYC 04 for Cavan

The National Youth Conference will return to Ulster in 2004 with the decision of the Youth Committee to hold the premier event of the Ógra calendar in the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan taking place from Friday 19th to Sunday the 21st November.

This prestigious hotel set on its own grounds of over three hundred acres offers to guests an 18-hole and a 9-hole golf course. The Slieve Russell offers 159 rooms with an additional 69 coming available in a new extension before the November Conference. All delegates will enjoy free access to the 20m swimming pool, saunas, steamroom, 4 all weather tennis courts, 2 squash courts and a fully equipped fitness room. A Snooker Room, Pool Room and a Hair and Beauty Saloon are also available in the Hotel.

While the leisure facilities will be available free to all delegates, those who want to stay in the hotel will enjoy a special conference deal for the weekend. In addition, Ballyconnell and the surrounding area is well serviced with numerous bed and breakfasts, self-catering and hostel facilities to cater for the needs of delegates. Accommodation listings available from Fianna Fáil H.Q.

The venue is about fifteen minutes from Cavan Town, just off the N3, it is served by the No. 30 Dublin to Donegal Service, stopping outside the hotel gates five times daily. Cavan Town is served by an hourly service from Dublin as well as regular connections to Galway, Sligo, Longford and Athlone. Cavan Ógra will be putting in place additional transport arrangements to B&Bs, etc. A top-quality venue, lots of Cavan hospitality, and a little bit of serious business will be sure to make the 2004 National Youth Conference in the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell yet another memorable Ógra event.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

(On behalf of Cavan Ógra)

National Youth Conference 2004

Committed to Community & Country

John Paul Feeley

It's a while since Ógraí got together for our Youth Conference, in that time our Party has been far from idle. Ógra has been active all around the country, locally and nationally we have been busy with Local and European Elections and the Referendum.

Gathering together in the Slieve Russell Hotel, Ballyconnell will be a chance to reflect on all that activity. While we have to reflect on our poor election performance and the message the people gave us, the National Youth Conference must not be a dull post mortem. It will by no means be a quiet and uneventful weekend. Does Fianna Fáil ever provide quiet and uneventful weekends?

We have plenty to celebrate, many young, able candidates elected to our local authorities, a successful third level recruitment campaign and a vibrant Ógra organisation. Reflect we certainly will, but our priority over that November weekend must be to look at our own structures, reaffirm where we are on the right track, change what needs changing and get on with our real business.

By the time we get to Ballyconnell the make up of the Cabinet and the junior ministers will have changed. Ógra must take the opportunity to shape the agenda of our new ministers and ministers of state. The world didn't stop for us and wait while we got over the Election last June - new problems, new issues, new challenges have arisen. We must work to address these, provide solutions and challenge those in Government to take on board our ideas.

In Ballyconnell we cannot but look at the changes, etched so profoundly in that area and all along the Border, that our Party has led over the past ten years. The end of active terrorism, the reduced security presence, but most importantly the air of confidence, progress and pride that has transformed divided communities and economic blackspots into thriving communities.

If ever the work of Fianna Fáil in government can give us an example of what can be achieved, how a real difference can be made we can see it in the Peace Process. If we look at the determined, consistent and unswerving approach of Bertie Ahern TD, Brian Cowen TD, David Andrews and Albert Reynolds and other Ministers and what they have achieved, we can get inspiration for the many challenges - from education, health service reform, tackling social and economic exclusion to insurance reform - and the other issues we all have to address.

Cavan has a lot to offer delegates. Don't get lost on the golf course, in the bar or the leisure centre, take on the challenge of this Youth Conference, take on the work that needs to be done. Ógra Fianna Fáil must make sure that the Party in government gets through the huge agenda the people have set for us in the next three years.



Satharn an 4ú Mean Fómhair

Dhúisigh mé ag leath uair tar éis a hocht gan morán codlata a bheith agam an oíche ríomh ré. Bhí tuirseach orm ach bhí mé fós ag tnúth leis an lá. Bhí mé féin agus mo chara ag dul chun an bus a fháil síos go dtí Ennis chun bualadh suas le muintir an Chláir. Shroicheamar Ínis thart ar a trí a chlog agus bhailigh Declan O'Loughlin (the Don) muid ón mbus. Sa deireadh bhíomar ann do "Clare Ógra's annual boat trip".

Bhí uair againn chun sochrú síos agus ár scíth a ligint ríomh tús imeachtaí an lae. Ag ceathrú chun a ceathair tháinig tacsai chun muid a thógail go dtí lár an bhaile chun bualadh suas leis na lads eile a bhí ag dul ar an turas. Nuair a shroicheamar an baile bhí Darragh (the chair) McAllister, Councillor Joe (Liverpool abú) Reidy agus Tom (four more years) Malone ann cheanna féin. Bhí cúpla pionta againn sa bhaile agus tar éis sin fuairamar an "Party Bus" go Kilaloe. Bhí orainn roinnt de na lads eile a phíocadh suas i rith an turais agus bhí an bus beagnach lán nuair bhaineamar Kilaloe amach.

Bhí muintir Tiobraid Arainn ann ceanna, bhí Mayor John Hogan ina measc, agus bhí siad ag suí os comhair an teach tábhairne ag ól nuair a bhualamar an baile. Tar éis pionta amhan bhí sé am don turas agus mar sin d'imigh gach duine síos go dtí an bád agus cé a bhí ann? Councillor Cathal Crowe, an té is óige a bhí tofa sa toghchán. Bhí



gra Fhianna F il ag ligint a sc th i gCl r

thart ar tríocha daoine ann don turas agus bhí mé ré don turas mór, fada ar Loch Derg. Bhí díoma orm nuair a fuair mé amach nach raibh an "boat trip" ach uair a chloig, ach bhain mé fhéin agus gach duine eile taitneamh as an turas. Bhí Nicoli (Pink Hat) Codi sasta nuair a d'fhag sí an bad mar bhí a hata bán-dearg fós aici. Thóg an grianghrafadóir roinnt pictúirí i rith an turais agus os comhair an bád tar éis an turais. Bhí sé ann le "Julie the Journo", ón Sunday Independent. Fiú go raibh sí ag scríobh fuainn bhí roinnt daoine, go háirithe na lads, sasta caint leí agus ná scealtaí ar fad a insint di. Uaireanta bhí ar Darragh (the chair) McAllister a sheas isteach nuair a bhí cúpla daoine ag insint an sceal mícheard di. Tar éis an turais chuamar chuig teach tábhairne agus fuair gach duine bia agus roinnt deochanna eile. Bhí an cluiche idir Sasana agus Austria ar súil ar an teilifís agus bhain gach duine an-sasamh as an dara cúil a fuair Austria. Mí-adh David

James!

Chuamar chuig teach tábhairne Brendan Grace agus nuair a bhuail Sinéad (stark-struck) Stafford le Brendan ní raibh sí in ann stopadh gáire ar feadh tamaill an-fhada. Bhí banna ceoil ag seinnt agus bhain Tom an-taitneamh as sin. Tar éis sin bhí sé in am dúinn dul ag damhsa sa chlub agus nach raibh na moves ar fad go hiontach. Tháinig an "Party Bus" ar ais chun muid a bhailiú agus a thógail ar ais chuig ár leapacha ach ní raibh "an don" sasta an maidin dár gcionn nuair a fuair sé amach ceard a rinne cailín do fad is a bhí sé in a choladh.

Chuamar abhaile ar an Domhnach tar éis turais beag timpeall Ínis, bhí tuirseach orainn ach bhíomar ag deanamh beartanna chun teacht síos don chead turas eile.

- Piaras O Laoire

CHEERS TO COMMISSIONER CHARLIE



Charlie McCreevy at his post in the Department of Finance.

He has been Ireland's economic compass. He guided the Department since 1997, steered the country in times of economic triumph and held the steady course during the recent slump. Through effective leadership and discipline, he succeeded in putting Ireland's economic priorities first.

In December 1981 while a backbencher, Charlie McCreevy heavily criticised the economic policy of the Fianna Fáil leadership of the time. He spoke out against the nihilism he identified as wrecking the nation's economy saying, "We seem to be against everything and for nothing". Well this man stood for Ireland when we needed him most and he got his shot at the cabinet table in 1992 as Minister for Social Welfare.

When Albert Reynolds brought the Party into coalition with Labour speculation mounted that he might drop McCreevy from Social Welfare. But while they disagreed over coalition the two men got on too fondly, with McCreevy joking "You couldn't bring yourself to drop me - the girls [Reynolds Daughters] wouldn't let you". He was moved into the portfolio of Trade and Tourism.

However it was under the leadership of Bertie Ahern that he was to truly shine. After a time as opposition spokesman on Finance he headed to the most important ministry in the country. Tax rates were reduced and the bands widened as the country caught up with the rest of Europe.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then is not an act but a habit" It is my opinion, and the opinion of many in Ógra Fianna Fáil, that Charlie McCreevy is the best finance minister this state has ever had. From Ernest Blythe in 1923 to Charlie McCreevy in 2004 there has never been a more capable worker with the nation's finances. Charlie McCreevy will leave his portfolio at the Cabinet table and will head to Europe to tackle issues with the same conviction and steel, as Commissioner for Internal Market and Services. Behind him he shall leave Ireland with a robust economy and a seven year record of achievement. He will be missed.

- Brian Jordan

A chat with Paidí

Legendary Kerry Footballer and Manager, Paidí S has been a well known Fianna Fáil member for most of his life. Speaking to Anthony Kelly, Paidí explains how he is getting on as the Manager of Westmeath, his love for Fianna Fáil and why he will always remember the Ard Fh is in Killarney.

Since being appointed Manager of the Westmeath Senior Football team last October, Páidí Ó Sé has had a gruelling schedule, but to quote the legend himself "I enjoy every minute of it, the Westmeath people have given me tremendous support."

On a typical day that Páidí trains the Westmeath team, he will leave his home in Ventry in the heart of the Kerry Gaeltacht, Corca Dhuibhne and travel to Kerry Airport. From there, Páidí flies to Dublin and at 3.35pm leaves the capital for Westmeath. On arrival in Westmeath, Páidí has "...a pot of tea and a sandwich" in the Grenville Arms before training commences and must be sure to depart from Westmeath before eight to make his return flight to the Kingdom. He will not arrive back to Ventry until 1am. Páidí has done this three nights a week since last October and is looking forward to starting again.

Páidí Ó Sé describes Charlie Haughey as his hero and long-time personal friend. A great Fianna Fáil supporter, Páidí says that he will "...always back the leader of the day." He says of himself that he has "a fierce interest in politics" and is a firm backer of his local T.D, Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, John O'Donoghue. As a man who attends all Ard Fhéiseanna, last October's Ard Fhéis in Killarney has a special place in Páidí's heart – "...I got a fantastic reception and that was great!"

Some day, Páidí might like to train the International Rules team. But what would equal or even surpass this honour would be "...if Mick O'Dwyer was manager of the International Rules team, I'd be honoured to serve as his right-hand man."

After a hectic summer that has seen the Westmeath Football team win the Leinster Championship, Páidí can be sure that the future holds great things both for himself and the footballers of Westmeath. Never a man to brag, Páidí says he gets no greater pleasure than having a few pints with his friends in his native Ventry.

As for the question of who will win the football final, Páidí laughs and says "Check out my article in the Star".



Paidí S with An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern TD at the Killarney Ard Fh is 2003

DeValera Commemoration

This October sees the first official Eamon DeValera Commemoration in Ennis, Co. Clare – the county our former Taoiseach, President and party founder represented as a T.D. for over 40 years.

The celebrations will take place over the October bank holiday weekend and begin on Saturday 23rd October with a Gala Dinner in the West County Hotel. The following day at 1pm those celebrating the occasion will assemble in O'Connell Square, Ennis. From there the procession will move to the Eamon DeValera Statue where a number of key note speakers will discuss the life and times of the father of Fianna Fáil. This will be followed by the raising of the flag and the dedication of a specially commissioned flag pole, before moving to the Clare County Museum where an exhibition on the life and times of Eamon DeValera will be opened.

According to Declan O'Loughlin, of the Eamon DeValera Commemoration Committee this is an event that the people of Clare will be proud to host. He said, "We think it is hugely important that Eamon DeValera should be honoured.

"He was the founder of Fianna Fáil and one of the fathers of the State. He contributed hugely to the Ireland we have today and his role in some of the most important and significant moments in our history deserves recognition."

"We also felt that it was important that he should be honoured in Clare as this is where he served as a T.D. for the duration of his time in Dáil Éireann. He was even elected when he was remanded in a prison in England. Eamon DeValera has always had a special place in the hearts and minds of the people of Clare and this is just our little way of paying tribute to the man and his actions."

"Anyone interested in attending and honouring this great man is welcome and if they need any further details they can contact me at declanoloughlin@ogra.ie

Saturday 23rd October 2004

8.00 - Gala Commemoration Dinner. West County Hotel, Limerick Road, Ennis, Co Clare.

Sunday 24th October 2004.

1.00 - Assembly in O'Connell Square.

Procession to Eamon DeValera Statue where key note speaker will discuss the life and times of Eamon DeValera.

Raising of the flag and dedication of specially commissioned flag pole.

Retire to County Museum where exhibition on the life and times of Eamon DeValera will be officially opened.

Drinks reception to be held in The County Museum.

Ógra Photo Gallery

