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New Historical Map tells Fingal's 1916 Story

Fingal and the 1916 Rising Map is now available in libraries throughout the county

Dublin, May 18, 2016 Fingal County Council has produced the *Fingal and the 1916 Rising Map* to commemorate the active role the men and women of Fingal played in the 1916 Rising in North County Dublin and within Dublin City. The map marks where the Irish Volunteers were based, the important locations where action took place, as well as sites with links to people or events leading up to Easter Week 1916.

This free map is available in County Hall Swords, Blanchardstown Civic Offices, and public libraries throughout Fingal. An Irish version of the map is available on request from the Heritage Office or Conservation Office.

The historical map will be a key feature of the Fingal 1916 Educational Resource Pack that will be provided to every secondary school in Fingal next month. The pack is designed to engage students in the story of Fingal's role in the fight for Irish freedom and it will also contain illustrated biographies of men and women in Fingal who were deeply involved and affected by the events of 1916, scans of original documents from the era and a list of publications and online resources for those who wish to dig deeper into the Fingal connections with this hugely significant period of Irish history.

Helena Bergin, Fingal County Council Architectural Conservation Officer, commented: "Fingal played a unique role in the 1916 Rising. Men and women from across the county were members of the Irish Volunteers, the Irish Citizen Army and Cumann na mBan and played important roles in these organisations. This historical map tells their story and clearly demonstrates the widespread activity that took place across Fingal County in 1916."

The *Fingal and the 1916 Rising Map* is part of Fingal County Council's Centenary Programme, which will see over 50 lectures, film screenings, performances, re-enactments, talks and exhibitions take place throughout the county.

For further information on the full Fingal 2016 Centenary Programme visit:

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