

“AN UNREPENTANT PROPAGANDIST”

A Weekend of Words, Music & Drama celebrating the life, works and values of Dorothy Macardle (1889-1958)

Devised by [Constance Short](#)

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH

7.00 pm - 9.30 pm

- Wine reception followed by launch of The Dorothy Macardle Society
- Performance of ‘The Proclamation’ by Macardle award winner, the virtuoso violinist [Patricia Treacy](#), composed by Patrick Cassidy for the National 1916 Commemoration at the Garden of Remembrance.
- Readings from Dorothy’s literature by [Mona Daly Fachler](#), [Sharon Mc Ardle](#) and [Mary Reilly](#). [Mary](#) will also sing.
- Music from Traditional Musicians: [Kay Webster](#) (flute), [Deirdre Ni Bhuachalla](#) (harp), [Padraig Donlon](#) (pipes), [Paul McMahon](#) (guitar), [Daithi Kearney](#) (banjo), [Lorraine McMahon](#) (fiddle), [Ursula Byrne](#) (fiddle) and [Brid Dooley](#) (singer).

SATURDAY MORNING 4th March

10.30-11.00	Meet, Greet & Coffee
11.00-11.40	Lecture 1 About the Macardle Callan Family – a background history on Dorothy’s family. Speaker Lea Hennessy Q&A chaired by Laurena Rafferty (additional research: Pat Mulligan)
11.45-12.45	Lecture 2 Dorothy Macardle: Artist & Activist – Dorothy as writer & revolutionary Speaker Leila Doolan Q&A chaired by Mark Fearon
12.45-13.30	LUNCH
13.30-14.00	Play: Ann Kavanagh (A Play of ’98) written by Dorothy Macardle This one act play from The Abbey Theatre Archive is performed in a rehearsed reading by Sharon McArdle & friends Directed by Declan Gorman

SATURDAY AFTERNOON 4th March

14.15-15.15	Lecture 3 Dorothy Macardle – Irish, British, European – with particular emphasis on Dorothy’s humanitarian activities arising from WW2. Speaker Clare Short Q&A chaired by James MacGuill
15.15-15.30	Tea/ Coffee Break
15.30-16.30	Lecture 4 Dorothy Macardle: An Overview On the contribution and legacy of Dorothy & her female comrades in the fight for Women’s Rights, Irish Freedom and beyond. Speaker Bernadette Devlin McAliskey Q&A chaired by Tom Dooley

SATURDAY EVENING 4th March

19.30	After Midnight – premiere of a theatre piece written by Joan Ryan . A gothic take on a moment in time with Dorothy and her jailed comrades in 1923. Directed by Úna Kirk and performed by POP-UP Productions . Q&A chaired by Fergus Mullen
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SUNDAY 5th March

10.45 to 11.45	Lecture 5 Dorothy Macardle: “Revolutionary Jailbird” – Female political prisoners Irish Civil War 1922 -1924 with special emphasis on women from Louth who were interned. Speaker Ailbhe Rogers Q&A chaired by Art Agnew
12 noon	Macardle Award Celebration Recital of Classical Music with former Macardle Award winner Cliodhna Ryan (violin) with Robin Panter (viola), and 2014 Macardle Award winner Robert Finnegan (saxophone). Dorothy has the last word: actor Joan Wilson
13.00	Lunch and happy birthday greetings to Dorothy!
14.30	Screening of the Hollywood film “The Uninvited” – an adaptation of Dorothy Macardles novel ‘Uneasy Freehold’. Published in America as “ <i>The Uninvited</i> ” and recently republished by Tramp Press. First released in 1944 by Paramount Pictures Starring Ray Milland, Ruth Hussey, Donald Crisp, Cornelia Otis Skinner and Gail Russel (1hr 26min)

OTHER RELATED EVENTS

An exhibition featuring some of Dorothy’s literature and family history will take place at Louth County Library - Dundalk from Feb 21st - 28th. This exhibition will continue at the Oriel Centre Dundalk Gaol until March 5th.

ADMISSION COSTS

Weekend Ticket which includes all events plus lunch on Sat and Sun	€75
*OAPs, Students, and Social Welfare Recipients	*€45
Friday Evening 7.00 pm	€15 and *€10
Saturday 10.30 am to 4.30 pm including lunch	€45 and *€25
Saturday 7.30 pm Play: AFTER MIDNIGHT	One price for all: €10
Sunday 10.45 am to 4.00 pm including lunch	€20 and *€15

Advance booking: [Constance Short 0429322172](#) and [0879847797](#) or by email: constanceshort@eircom.net
Admission tickets booked and prepaid: posted out on receipt of cheque or postal order or picked up at box office

HOW TO GET THERE

Oriel Centre Dundalk Gaol, Carrickmacross Road, Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland A91 HD70.
Phone: +353 42 932 8887 **Email:** info@orielcentre.ie.
The Oriel Centre is located directly behind Dundalk Garda Station on the Carrickmacross Rd and practically across the road from Dundalk Train Station. Train is therefore the handiest way to travel. (Turn left on leaving the station)
Regular trains to and from Dublin and Belfast: Express takes one hour, slow, one hour, 20 mins. Bus Eireann and Matthews bus to and from Dublin every hour, Bus Eireann and Trans Link Bus to and from Belfast. Buses take one and a half hours.
By car: Use Sat Nav or ask directions to Dundalk Train Station or Garda Barracks, 10 mins off motorway both ways.