

An interactive library & computer suite have been set aside for use by anyone wishing to undertake research on aspects of Irish history.

The Irish Republican History Museum is wheelchair friendly, and the staff are only too willing to assist where possible with any individual requirements.

Access to the Museum is available Tuesday-Saturday 10am-2pm. Visits outside these times can be arranged by phoning the museum directly, or by e-mail.



The Museum is a voluntary, independent body, which is solely reliant on public donations. We have not received any funding towards the development or upkeep of the museum.

-Everyone is Welcome-

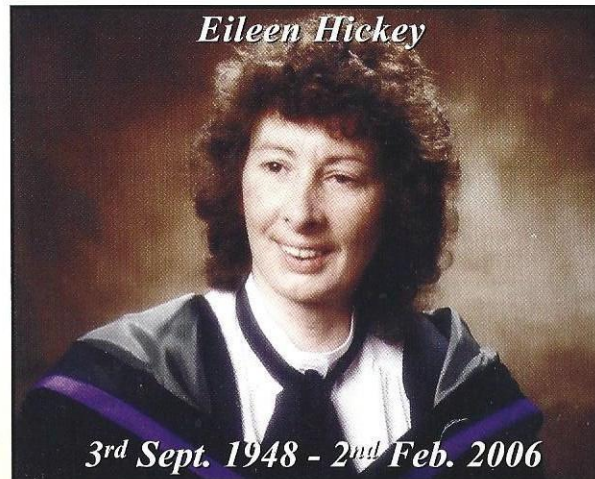
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Mission Statement

To preserve and promote through art, crafts and artifacts, the history of the Republican Struggle for Irish Freedom

For Republican history to be told by Republicans

To educate, so that our youth may understand why Republicans fought, died and spent many years in prison for their beliefs.



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**Iarsmalann na Staire
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EILEEN HICKEY

IRISH

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MUSEUM



OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY-SATURDAY

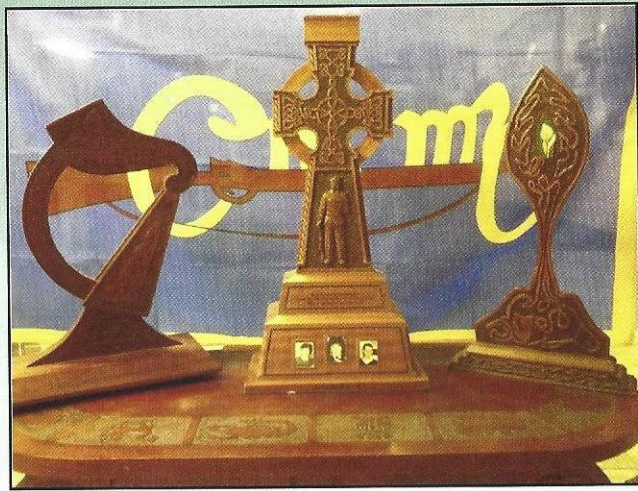
10AM - 2PM

ADMISSION FREE

EDUCATION

Eileen firmly believed that it was important to educate our youth in order to give them an understanding of the history of the republican struggle for Irish freedom. Having gained a university honours degree in the years following her release from Armagh, Eileen dedicated herself to the task of tutoring young people through the courses being delivered through the Conway Mill education centre.

Sadly, Eileen lost her battle with cancer on 2nd February 2006. Her project to provide a museum of Irish Republican History was still unfinished. As a tribute to her, the committee which she had set up, determined to see her project completed.



The museum was officially opened on Friday 2nd February 2007, the first anniversary of the death of Belfast Republican Eileen Hickey.

Eileen had been the first O/C of the women republican POWs in Armagh Gaol from 1973-1977.

The collection of republican handicrafts had been started by Eileen in the Sean O'Neill craft shop in the Conway Mill complex in the early 1990's. The collection quickly outgrew the space allocated to it, and the trustees of the Conway Mill kindly offered the use of the disused social club premises in the mill.

Over the next few years a small group of dedicated volunteer workers undertook the task of converting the premises from a shambles into the fine building which is now home to Eileen's ever expanding collection.



It was with an immense feeling of pride, that the work which Eileen Hickey had started, was finally completed, and in the presence of a large crowd which included Eileen's family and many of her former comrades from Armagh prison, that Fr Desmond Wilson and Noelle Ryan from Springhill Community House, officially declared the Irish Republican History Museum, opened to the public.

Everyone involved in the project is hopeful that Eileen herself would be proud of what has been achieved.

Housed within the collection is a large amount of artifacts and prison handicrafts, representing various phases of the struggle for Irish Freedom.

Included are many items dating back to the Rebellions of 1798 and 1803, medals from the 1916-1923 period, as well as personal items from the various periods of imprisonment endured by Irish Republicans in every decade since.

