

Press Statement from DLR Roger Casement Summer School

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Casement Summer School hosts controversial debate

The fourth DLR Roger Casement Summer School is taking place in this, the year when the Casement memorial statue in Dún Laoghaire will be unveiled. Happening at its usual venue, the Dún Laoghaire Lexicon on 5-7 May, the 2022 School has a strong Programme (see attached).

Top of the bill is a politically controversial debate between Clare Daly and Barry Andrews on the topic, 'What the war in Ukraine means for Ireland and the EU'. Chaired by well-known journalist, Deaglán de Breadún, it will provide an opportunity for a rare exchange of views on the tragedy that is unfolding in Ukraine.

For the first time we are this year holding a Musical Evening in which renowned tenor Paul Linehan will perform songs by Thomas Moore, Thomas Davis and Percy French (Moore's songs were a favourite of Casement). The rest of the Programme, encompassing human rights sessions, a screening of *Secrets of Putumayo* about Casement's work in South America, history lectures, and culminating in a session on the long running project to convert Casement Park in Belfast into a modern stadium (led by Tom Daly of the Ulster GAA and chaired by author and former Sinn Fein publicity director Danny Morrison).

Outside of the Programme and in collaboration with Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council (DLR), *The Casement Memorial Statue*, a beautifully designed book, written by Angus Mitchell and published by DLR, will be launched.

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