

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
YPRES SALIENT, FLANDERS
Monday, 20 October 2014

- 0645 Depart Ashford International hotel for Folkestone
- 0720 Coach arrives Folkestone - Eurotunnel : *passport checks*
- 0820 Eurotunnel train departs
0955 Arrive Calais (local time)
- 1115 - **Call at grave of Major Willie Redmond MP**
1135 *Locre No. 10 Cemetery, Loker, Dranoutre*
- 1200 - **Island of Ireland Peace Park, Messines Ridge**
1245 *Irish round tower, commemorates war dead from all parts of Ireland, no graves, stone pillars and tablets contain quotations from notable Irish poets, artists and writers*
Co-Chairs and Members from the Northern Ireland Assembly wreath laying ceremony
- 1300 - **Lunch at Peace Village, Mesen-Messines**
1400
- 1415 - **Messines Ridge British Cemetery, Mesen**
1430
- 1445 - **Wytschaete Military Cemetery, Wijtschate**
1505 *1,002 servicemen of WW1 buried or commemorated, 673 of the burials unidentified. Cemetery designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.*
Memorial Cross to the 16th Irish Division, erected in 1923
- Along the road to Wytschaete Military Cemetery, a new memorial unveiled in 2007, in the form of two stones, one on each side of the road, one to the **16th Irish Division** and the other to the **36th Ulster Division**.
- 1535 - **Scottish Memorial, Frezenberg Ridge, Zonnebeke**
1545
- 1605 - **Tyne Cot Cemetery and Visitor Centre**
1635 *Largest cemetery of Commonwealth soldiers' graves of any war, anywhere in the world.*
- 1700 - **Welsh Memorial, Boezingestraat 115, Langemark**
1715
- 1720 - **Artillery Wood Cemetery, Poezelstrat at Boezinge,**
1735 **West-Vlaanderen**
Graves of Irish poet, Francis Ledwidge (Lce Cpl F.E Ledgwidge) and Welsh poet Hedd Wyn (Pte E. H. Evans)
- 1800 - **Early dinner at VIVALDI Restaurant,**
1900 **Hosted by the Embassies of United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, Belgium**
Grote Markt 19-21, Ypres (centre)

1900 – 2030

THE LAST POST CEREMONY, MENIN GATE, YPRES

The Menin Gate is one of four memorials to the missing in Belgian Flanders which cover the Ypres Salient.

1900 Everyone gathers at the Menin Gate
1930 The traffic is stopped
1955 The Buglers Arrive
2000 Sound of the Last Post, followed by a minutes' silence
2005 Wreath-laying ceremony

2030 Depart Ypres for Calais

2215 Arrive Calais - Eurotunnel - *passport control*
2250 Train departs. Arrive Folkestone 2225 *local time*
2300 Arrive Ashford International hotel
light snack available in the hotel bar.

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0700 *Breakfast available in the restaurant*

0930 **FIRST PLENARY SESSION**
Kent Suite, Ashford International hotel

1230 Buffet Lunch, Horizon Restaurant

1400 **SECOND PLENARY SESSION**
Kent Suite, Ashford International hotel

1600 Conference Ends

1700 Irish delegation departs, by coach, for London Heathrow
Airport – Terminal 2

DRAFT PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS
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At 9.30 am: meeting in public session

- 1. CHAIR OF THE ASSEMBLY**
- 2. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS AND BRIEF INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BY CO-CHAIRS**
- 3. PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE A (SOVEREIGN MATTERS) - Mr Frank Feighan TD**

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE B (EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) ON (1) THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK AND (2) CABOTAGE/HGV ROAD USER LEVY
- Mr Robert Walter MP

Not later than 10.30 am:

4. ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR KEITH JEFFERY

Professor Keith Jeffery, Queen's University, Belfast, will address the Assembly on the subject of Ireland (North and South) and the First World War, and respond to questions.

Not later than 11.30 am:

5. DEBATE ON MOTION(S) / POLITICAL DEBATE
{subject to be announced}

*The sitting will be suspended from approximately
12.30 pm until 2.00 pm*

6. ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND

Rt. Hon Theresa Villiers MP will address the Assembly and respond to questions.

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Not later than 3.00 pm:

7. PROGRESS REPORT FROM COMMITTEE C (ECONOMIC)
Mr Jack Wall TD

**PRESENTATION OF REPORT FROM COMMITTEE D (ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL) ON
TRAVELLERS AND ROMA - Lord Dubs**

GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO COMMITTEE REPORTS

Not later than 4.00 pm:

8. ADJOURNMENT
The Steering Committee
That the Assembly do now adjourn.