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Anne Twomey is a teacher, a historian and a member of the Shandon Area History Group. This group promotes public history and their 2016 exhibition "Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times" told the story of ten revolutionary women in the War of Independence.

Ed Byrne is President of the ASTI. He teaches geography and business at Coláiste Choilm, Swords, Co.Dublin. He previously worked as a distribution manager and was once a member of the Marine Port and General Workers' Union. He is proud to have led the ASTI, particularly in attempting to secure equal pay for equal work.



Frameworks Films is an independent Cork based film production company run by Emma Bowell and Eddie Noonan. It works with communities and groups to make documentaries which include *Mother Jones and her Children*, *Tadhg Barry Remembered*, *Seamus Murphy*, *A Quiet Revolution* and *The Limerick Brigadistas - From the Shannon to the Ebro*.
www.frameworksfilms.com

Luke Dineen has a major interest in modern Irish social history. He is completing a PhD in the School of History at UCC. His unique contribution on Irish labour and trade union topics at the Spirit of Mother Jones summer school is eagerly awaited each year.



Ethel Buckley leads the SIPTU Division's collective bargaining, industrial organising, campaigning, membership growth and activist engagement strategies in the private sector. A member of the Executive Council of the ICTU, she was the inaugural Trade Union Organiser in Residence at Ruskin College, Oxford, England. A Cork woman, she led the Clery's Workers' campaign.

Harry Owens has been visiting Spain and writing about the Spanish Civil for over 50 years. He has met many veterans of the International Brigades and co-wrote the memoirs of Bob Doyle, *Brigadista: An Irishman's Fight Against Fascism*, Currach Press 2006. He lectures extensively on the Spanish Civil War.



Mother Jones

"Whatever your fight, don't be ladylike."

Mary Harris was born in Cork city in July 1837 and was baptised at the North Cathedral on 1st August. After the Great Famine, the Harris family emigrated to Canada. Mary qualified as a teacher and a seamstress. She married a union man, George Jones, in 1861. She lost her husband and four young children in the 1867 yellow fever epidemic in Memphis.



Mary became a labour and union activist from the 1890s onwards. She was one of the toughest organisers for the United Mine Workers of America. She also organised the March of the Mill Children in 1903 to highlight the exploitation of young children in mines and factories. Then known as Mother Jones, she attended the first meeting of the IWW in 1905 and knew James Connolly.

Best known as a hellraiser for her fiery speeches against the exploitation of miners, she was described as "the most dangerous woman in America". Mary's exploits in the mining wars of West Virginia and Colorado, where she was regularly imprisoned, made her a feared and admired figure.

Her cry of "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living" still reverberates through history. Her autobiography was published in 1925. She died in 1930 and is buried at Mount Olive Union cemetery in Illinois. Her spirit is alive and well wherever in the world there is a fight for justice. The Cork City Council recognises August 1st as "Mother Jones Day". Mother Jones was inducted into the Irish American Hall of Fame in 2014. A museum has been opened in Mount Olive.

A plaque to commemorate the 175th anniversary of her birth was erected in 2012 in Shandon. This festival celebrates the rebel Spirit of Mother Jones in the streets of her childhood.



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ANNUAL FESTIVAL 2017



THE SPIRIT OF
Mother Jones
Tuesday 1st August
to
Saturday 5th August

A festival and summer school dedicated to the memory of Mary Harris/Mother Jones and to inspirational people everywhere who fight for social justice

Cork Mother Jones Committee and Shandon Street Festival
Full 2017 Festival Listings

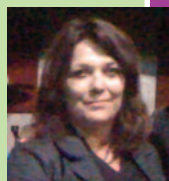
TAKING PART

Warren Davies has been a teacher for 27 years and has taught history, politics, sociology and anthropology. In 2012 he was elected Labour councillor for Baird Ward, Hastings, East Sussex. He was educated at the University College of Wales and at Sussex University.



Manus O'Riordan retired as Head of Research in SIPTU in 2010 after 39 years in the union. He is a graduate of UCD with a Masters in Industrial Relations from the University of New Hampshire. He is a writer, public speaker, historian and a superb singer.

Mari-Lynn Evans is the executive producer of many television and video programmes including *The Appalachians* (PBS) *Coal Country and Body, Mind and Spirit Integrative Medicine*. She is co-producer of *Blood on the Mountain*, a film which exposes economic and environmental injustices of the corporate coal industry in West Virginia, her home state.



Cllr Marcia D'Alton is from Douglas and lives in Monkstown, Co.Cork. She is an environmental engineer. An elected Independent member of Cork Co. Council, she is committed to involving people in planning and decision making. A passionate defender of the environment, she has opposed the plans for an incinerator in Cork Harbour.

Fr Seán McDonagh, a Columbian priest, is critical of political policies which allow environmental degradation. A long standing activist, he travels world-wide and is an author of many books. He warns about climate change, water scarcity, threats to oceans and food supplies. He is a dedicated advocate of, and has contributed to, *Laudato Si': On Care For Our Common Home*, the environmental encyclical of Pope Francis.



James Goltz lives near Mt. Olive, Illinois, where Mother Jones is buried. He is a member of the USA based United Association, a union of plumbers, fitters, welders and service technicians. It has affiliated unions in Canada, Australia and Ireland. James will bring fraternal greetings from American unions, including the United Mine Workers of America, to Cork.

Julianna Minihan researches human rights, equality and social justice pertaining to the 1800s. She is a fluent Irish speaker and has a keen interest in Irish place names and Quaker history. Julianna will discuss child labour in America in the late 1800s, in the context of the work of social reformer Florence Kelley.



TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST

"Injustice boils in men's hearts as does steel in its cauldron, ready to pour forth, while hot, in the fullness of time."

- 1:00 p.m. **M** Official festival opening by the **Lord Mayor of Cork**
- 2:30 p.m. **F** *Mother Jones: America's Most Dangerous Woman* by **Rosemary Feurer**
- 3:00 p.m. **L** **Julianna Minihan**
"Slums, Factories and Child Labour - Florence Kelley 1859 -1932"
- 4:00 p.m. **F** **Frameworks Films**
Screening of *Mother Jones and her Children* - followed by discussion
- 7:30 p.m. **L** **The 2017 Cork Mother Jones Lectures**
- Ethel Buckley** SIPTU "Revitalising the Labour Movement: What can we learn from the Justice for Clery's Workers' Campaign Victory?"
- James Goltz** of the United Association presents AFL-CIO and UMWA proclamations
- Ed Byrne** President ASTI "Challenging Injustice, Inequality and the Unethical"
- 9:30 p.m. **M** **Cork Singers' Club**

F Film
L Lecture/talk/discussion
M Music



WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST

"I am not afraid of the pen, or the scaffold, or the sword."

- 11:00 a.m. **F** *LUDLOW, Greek Americans in the Colorado Coal War* by **Apostolis Berdebes, Leonidas Vardaros** (director) and **Frosso Tsouka**
- 1:00 p.m. **M** Music at the Maldron
- 2:30 p.m. **F** *Blood on the Mountain* by **Mari-Lynn Evans** Firkin Crane
- 7:30 p.m. **L** **Anne Twomey** Shandon Area History Group
"The Revolutionary Women of Cork's North side 1916 - 1923"
- 9:30 p.m. **M** **Karen Underwood**
"Sings the Blues"
Concert tickets €15 available at the Maldron Hotel or phone 086 1651356



THURSDAY 3RD AUGUST

"We will fight until the mines are made secure and human life valued more than props."

- 11:00 a.m. **L** **Cllr Marcia D'Alton**
"The Environmental Battle for Cork Harbour"
- 1:00 p.m. **M** Music at the Maldron
- 2:30 p.m. **F** *A Plastic Ocean*
Plastic Oceans Foundation
Firkin Crane
- 7:30 p.m. **F** **Fr Seán McDonagh**
"Climate Change: Our Response"



All events in the Maldron Hotel except where stated

FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST

"If they want to hang me, let them. And on the scaffold I will shout Freedom for the working class!"

- 11:00 a.m. **L** **Luke Dineen** "The Bolshevik Revolution: Impact on Cork and Irish Labour"
- 1:00 p.m. **M** **Jimmy Crowley**
- 2:15 p.m. **L** **Anne Twomey** "No Pasarán: They shall not Pass" - the story of La Pasionaria
- 2:45 p.m. **L** **Harry Owens**
"Origins and Lessons of the Spanish Civil War"
- 3:30 p.m. **L** **Manus O'Riordan** "Remembering Michael O'Riordan: a Neighbour's Child"
- 5:00 p.m. **Reception** in honour of **Michael O'Riordan** at Cork Civic Trust Building on Pope's Quay
- 7:30 p.m. **F** *The Limerick Brigadistas - From the Shannon to the Ebro*
A film documentary by the **Limerick International Brigades Memorial Trust (LIBMT)** and **Frameworks Films**
Cork Premier at the Firkin Crane Theatre
- 9:30 p.m. **M** "Songs of the Spanish Civil War" with **John Nyhan** and **Mick Treacy**



The 2017 Spirit of Mother Jones Award will be announced at the Festival

All speakers and musicians are committed to attending the festival. The Cork Mother Jones Committee reserves the right to vary the schedule.
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SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

"Reformation, like education, is a journey, not a destination."

- 11:00 a.m. **L** **Frank Connolly**
"Political and Corporate Corruption: Have We Learned the Lessons of the Past?"
- 2:30 p.m. **L** **Cllr Warren Davies**
"Feargus O'Connor: the Corkman behind a British Revolution"
- 5:00 p.m. **F** *The Mine Wars*
Produced and directed by **Randall MacLowry**
- 7:30 p.m. **Toast** to Mother Jones at the Plaque on **John Redmond Street**
- 8:00 p.m. **M** **The Sweet Olive String Band**
from Arkansas
Firkin Crane



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We express our appreciation to the speakers, film makers, musicians, singers and volunteers who make our festival such an inspirational event. Thanks also to the Shandon community and to Marzena and Aidan of A-Z printers.