

The Nature of the 1916 Easter Rising and the Centennial Anniversary

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A relatively small number of undeniably brave fighters, led by Padraig [Patrick] Pearse, took by force the possession of several landmark sites in Dublin City, as well as two other areas of Ireland: Athenry (Galway), and Enniscorthy (Wexford), on Easter Monday 1916. They also successfully fought a small battle in Ashbourne (Meath). They declared, with the reading of the Proclamation of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic, on the steps of the GPO (General Post Office) at O'Connell Street (Dublin's main thoroughfare), an independent Irish nation, free of the shackles of the British Empire. [more>>>](#)