Proclamation of 1916

What is it?

The Proclamation of 1916 was a document that was very important to the Irish. The seven people who signed the Proclamation were called Thomas J. Clarke, Sean Mac Diarmada, Thomas Macdonagh P.H Pearse, Eamonn Ceannt, James Connolly and Joseph Plunkett.

Easter 1916!

On the 24th of April 1916 about 2000 Irish volunteers and 200 from Irish Citizens Army occupied the General Post Office as well as other important buildings in Dublin City. One group of rebels took over the 4 courts and another group took over the South Dublin Union, which is now ST James’s hospital. They proclaimed the Irish Republic, read the proclamation and raised the Irish flag for the first time.

Who were the men involved?

The signators that signed the Proclamation were Thomas J. Clarke, Sean Mac Diarmada, Thomas Macdonagh , P.H Pearse , Eamonn Ceannt, James Connolly and Joseph Plunkett.

The national flag!

The national flag has 3 colours which is called a tri- colour. The national flag is always hoisted higher than other flags around it. The 3 colours in the flag which are green, white and orange all represent meanings, green represents Catholics; the white represents peace and the orange represents Protestants. You shouldn’t hang the national flag on vehicles because it is disrespectful. When someone who contributes to society in Ireland dies they get an Irish flag on their coffin.

Conclusion

2016 is a very special year as it marks the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Rising that took place in Easter 1916 in Dublin. At 4 minutes past noon on Easter Monday 1916, from the steps of the GPO, Patrick Pearse read the proclamation. Thomas Clarke, one of the signatories of the proclamation, was actually born on the Isle of Wight off the south coast of England. The Tri- Colour became the official National flag after 1916 rising. Saluting the National Flag is an important part of protocol and this means standing to attention in the right way.

Questions!

Was it difficult to get into the defence force?

Do you do a lot of training to get into the defence force?

Do you like being in the defence force?

Do you have to travel a lot?