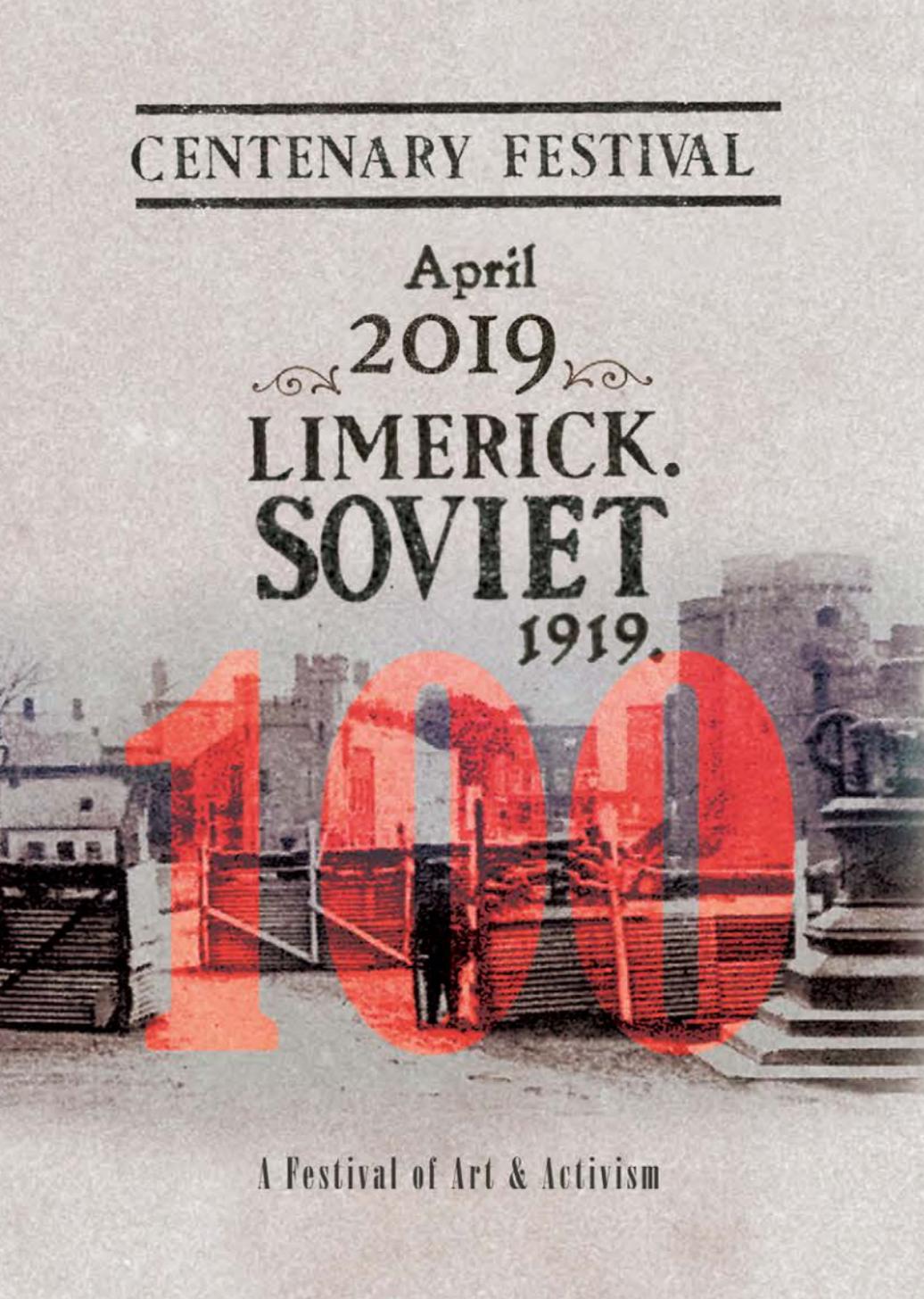

CENTENARY FESTIVAL

April
2019
LIMERICK.
SOVIET
1919.



A Festival of Art & Activism

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A SOVIET IN LIMERICK

In April 1919 a general strike shook Limerick to its core. For two weeks workers under the direction of the Limerick United Trades and Labour Council took over the city, controlling food production and prices, and creating their own police force and currency. They were fighting against the imposition of martial law by the British Army, after the death of trade unionist and republican Robert Byrne. Tanks were put on the bridges. The world's media looked on, predicting this could be the spark to ignite a socialist revolution across Ireland.

One hundred years on, the Limerick Soviet 100 Festival will celebrate this hidden history, and bring it to life for a new generation. We have plays and films, podcasts and book launches, workshops and debates, song and dance. Make sure to take part, help us rekindle the flame of revolution in Limerick.



FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

April

09TH

SHOWING OF LIMERICK SOVIET DOCUMENTARY

| BELLTABLE | 7:30 PM | TICKETS | € 5,-

www.limetreetheatre.ie

20TH

LIMERICK SOVIET MUSIC NIGHT

| COMMERCIAL BAR | 9:00 PM | FREE EVENT

27TH

PANEL DEBATE : THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION

chaired by *Vincent Browne*

| PERY'S HOTEL | 7:30 PM | FREE EVENT

29TH

BOOK LAUNCH : FORGOTTEN REVOLUTION

revised centenary edition by *Liam Cahill*

| VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED | 7:30 PM | FREE EVENT

| DAILY | 7:30 PM | TICKETS | € 25,- / € 20,-

**There will be no performance on Easter Sunday or Easter Monday.*

BREAD NOT PROFITS

16TH - 27TH

CLEEVE'S FACTORY

book at : www.limetreetheatre.ie

*Bread Not Profits will bring history to life in an exciting and immersive piece of theatre. With a script by **Mike Finn**, direction by **Terry O'Donovan**, and music by **David Blake**, Bread Not Profits is a unique, dramatic celebration of one of the city's proudest moments.*



SOVIET SHILLING

*To commemorate the original Soviet Shilling, **Ciaran Nash** and **Free*Space**, together with the **Urban Co-Op** have commissioned artworks in the form of shilling notes which will operate as part of a system of exchange from 15th-27th April. Check **FreeSpaceLimerick on Facebook** for full details of how to acquire and use these items*

LYS BREAD PROJECT

*Limerick Youth Services students together with Master Baker **Paul O'Brien** and artist **Ann Ryan** are producing a special commemorative bread in tribute to the role played by their baking ancestors during the 2 weeks of the Soviet. It will be available at the BAKERY SHOP AT LIMERICK YOUTH SERVICE | 5 LOWER GLENTWORTH STREET and at venues and events throughout the festival*

MUSEUM EXHIBITION

*From April 15th to May 31st a special exhibit of **Limerick Soviet Memorabilia** will be on display in **ISTABRAQ HALL | CITY HALL**. The exhibition is free and open to the public 10am-5pm Monday to Friday.*

THE COMMERCIAL BAR

*Throughout the festival The Commercial Bar will be our go-to venue, for **drinks, music and finger food** after events*

VENUES

- 1** CLEEVE'S FACTORY
O'Callaghan Strand
- 2** MECHANICS' INSTITUTE
Upper Hartstone St.
- 3** FAB LAB
Rutland St.
- 4** CITY HALL
Merchant's Quay
- 5** PERY'S HOTEL
Glentworth St.
- 6** NARRATIVE 4
58 O'Connell St.
- 7** BELLTABLE
69 O'Connell St.
- 8** THE COMMERCIAL BAR
46-47 Catherine St.



The Limerick Soviet 100 Festival involves events organised and supported by a wide variety of community, artistic, political and trade union groups. This brochure has been produced by the Limerick Soviet Commemoration Committee, the Limerick Council of Trade Unions and the Limerick SIPTU District Committee.



FOLLOW US FOR UPDATES:

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www.limericksoviet100.ie

 *limericksoviet*  *@LKSoviet100*

Limerick Council of Trade Unions

 *LimerickSovietCentenaryCommittee*

Limerick District Committee of SIPTU

 *SiptuLimerick*

For day-by-day updates on the events of the Soviet :

 *TheLimerickSoviet1919*  *@limericksoviet*

For Laboratory Of Common Interest :

 *FreeSpaceLimerick*

*For a podcast documentary check out “The Story of the Limerick Soviet 1919” in your **podcast app** or at www.limericksoviet.ie*

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PROGRAMME

April

05 **LAUNCH OF 'THE BOTTOM DOG' NEWSPAPER**
(Limerick Council of Trade Unions)
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
6:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

06 **TRADE UNION PARADE**
(Limerick Council of Trade Unions)
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
1:30 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

PODCAST LAUNCH
'BOTTOM DOG - THE STORY OF THE LIMERICK SOVIET 1919'
(Cian Prendiville - member of Limerick Soviet Centenary Committee & Socialist Party)
Weekly episodes with interviews & dramatisation.
In all podcast apps and at www.limericksociety.ie
AVAILABLE FREE

07 **WREATH LAYING AT ROBERT BYRNE'S GRAVE + TALK AFTER**
(Robert Byrne Cumann of Sinn Fein)
MOUNT SAINT LAWRENCE CEMETERY
2:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

09 **SHOWING OF LIMERICK SOVIET DOCUMENTARY**
(Limerick Council of Trade Unions)
BELLTABLE, 69 O'Connell Street
7:30 PM
TICKETS: €5,-
available at: www.limetreetheatre.ie

10 **TALKS ON THE LIMERICK SOVIET BY LIAM CAHILL**
(Limerick Council of Trade Unions)
2:30 PM
SOUTH COURT HOTEL
-private event for Secondary School teachers
7:30 PM
LIMERICK CITY LIBRARY, The Canary, Michael St.
FREE EVENT all welcome

11 **BOOK LAUNCH LIMERICK SOVIET 1919: THE REVOLT OF THE BOTTOM DOG**
Book by Dominic Haugh Launched by Ruth Coppinger - Socialist Party
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
7:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

NORMA MANLY GIG
COMMERCIAL BAR, Catherine St.
9:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

11.01 **SPECIAL MEETING OF LCTU MEMBERS**
to discuss a motion of thanks to all those who supported the Limerick General Strike of 1919

12.01 **NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SIPTU DISTRICT COUNCILS**
Private event for members of SIPTU District Councils.

13.01 **AGM OF IRISH LABOUR HISTORY SOCIETY**
Private event for ILHS members held in Limerick with special talk on the Limerick Soviet.

13 **DISPLAY OF LIMERICK SOVIET EXHIBITION**
(Limerick Council of Trade Unions)
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
FREE EVENT all welcome

April

PUBLIC TALK BY LIAM CAHILL ON THE LIMERICK SOVIET
(Irish Labour History society)
FORSA HALL, Roxboro Rd.
4:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

LIVE STORYTELLING EVENT: WORKERS OF LIMERICK
(Limerick Spring)
NARRATIVE 4, 58 O'Connell St.
7:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

14 **BUS TOUR OF THE SITES OF THE LIMERICK SOVIET WITH LIAM CAHILL & MIKE MCNAMARA**
(Limerick Council of Trade Unions)
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
12:30 PM
TICKETED EVENT: €8,-
www.eventbrite.ie

SONGS OF PROTEST BY BRENDAN GUERIN + OPEN MIC
COMMERCIAL BAR, Catherine St.
4:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

15 - 27 **LABORATORY OF COMMON INTEREST / DISCUSSIONS, WORKSHOPS, ART-MAKING AND MORE /**
(Free*Space Limerick)
FABLAB, Rutland St.
open events DAILY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
check @FreeSpaceLimerick on facebook for more information

16 - 27 **'BREAD NOT PROFITS' OPENING OF PLAY BY MIKE FINN**
OLD CLEEVE'S FACTORY, Lansdowne
DAILY 7:30 PM
TICKETED EVENT: €20,- / €25,-
tickets at: www.limetreetheatre.ie

17 **A HISTORY OF PROTEST & STRUGGLE IN LIMERICK TALK AND POSTER EXHIBITION:**
(with former socialist Mayor Joe Harrington & Mary O'Donnell member of Limerick Soviet Centenary Committee)
FABLAB, Rutland St.
6:30 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

18 **FERGAL NASH GIG**
COMMERCIAL BAR, Catherine St.
8:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

19 **'A POLITICAL HISTORY OF OUR BODIES' SHORT PLAY BY MOYROSS WOMEN'S GROUP**
+ 'HISTORY OF WOMEN AND REVOLUTION IN IRELAND' PRESENTATION
FABLAB, Rutland St.
4:30 PM
check @FreeSpaceLimerick on facebook for more information

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20 **LIMERICK SOVIET MUSIC NIGHT**
COMMERCIAL BAR, Catherine St.
9:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

23 **FILM SCREENING + DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTORS: 'EAT YOUR CHILDREN'**
short film about austerity in Ireland:
9:00 PM FABLAB, Rutland St.
FREE EVENT all welcome

24 **'FEMINIST ECONOMICS' LEAD BY Dr. CONOR MCCABE**
an activist workshop
FABLAB, Rutland St.
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
FREE EVENT limited spaces
book at: reespacelimerick@gmail.com

27 **PANEL DEBATE: THE UNFINISHED REVOLUTION CHAIRED BY VINCENT BROWNE**
(Limerick Soviet Commemoration Committee)
PERY'S HOTEL, Glentworth Street
7:30 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

LIVE MUSIC NIGHT
COMMERCIAL BAR, Catherine St.
10:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

28 **UNVEILING OF LIMERICK WORKERS MEMORIAL PLAQUE**
(Limerick Council of Trade Unions)
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
2:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

RE-AIRING OF RTE 'DOC ON ONE' ON LIMERICK SOVIET + Q&A WITH KEVIN O'CONNOR
(Limerick Soviet Commemoration Committee)
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
2:30 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

'LET US RISE' LAUNCH OF ANTHOLOGY OF POETRY, WRITINGS AND DRAWINGS INSPIRED BY THE LIMERICK SOVIET
(Limerick Writers Centre)
MECHANIC'S INSTITUTE, Hartstonge St.
4:00 PM
FREE EVENT all welcome

28TH / 6^{PM} / COMMERCIAL BAR, Catherine St.

FESTIVAL AFTERPARTY