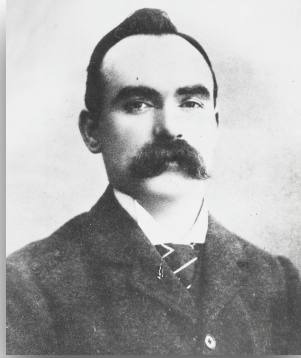


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The Life & Ideas of James Connolly

Wed August 19th, RTÉ 1, 21.30



We are delighted to announce the upcoming screening on RTÉ of the feature documentary on James Connolly, created to inspire and enlighten a contemporary audience about Connolly, his life and his ideas. It will screen on RTÉ 1 on Wednesday August 19th at 21.30.

An iconic presence on the landscape of Irish socialism and republicanism, the name of James Connolly looms large in the trade union movement and wherever radical left-wing politics are espoused. The film tries to place Connolly's radical ideas and many political achievements against the landscape of the contemporary world as well as documenting his more prominent role in the 1916 Easter Rising.

As well as many distinguished commentators, union activists and historians, the film also features many songs and poems - spoken and sung by contemporary artists such as Christy Moore, Stephen Rea, piper David Power, singers Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin and Esosa Ighodaro as well as Connolly's great great grand-daughter Tamsin Iona Connolly Heron. Acclaimed actor Terry O'Neill performs the words of Connolly.

The film aims to reclaim Connolly's story as well as invoking his important social vision - with a clear eye on how it resonates in our contemporary time - an era when even democracy itself appears under threat.

The film was independently produced and financed with the support of the Irish Trade Union movement.

Director & Writer: Alan Gilsonan

Producer & Archive Researcher: Martin Mahon

Executive Producers: Des Geraghty & Nóirín Greene

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