



BRATACHA 2013

May 9-11 2013

SYMBOLS OF INCLUSIVENESS, DIVERSITY, DIVISION & UNITY



FESTIVAL
OF FLAGS & EMBLEMS
DÚNLAOGHAIRE, CO. DUBLIN, IRELAND

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WHAT'S BRATACHA 2013

Bratacha 2013 is a Festival of Flags and Emblems to be held in Dún Laoghaire on May 9-11 2013.

Flags are more than just coloured pieces of cloth with differing designs that flap in the wind. Flags and emblems are symbols of association with a group, whether that group is a nation, a region, an organisation, a family. Throughout history flags have been used to spearhead change or to resist change. Rulers have used flags and emblems as symbols of their territory, and rulers have been toppled by groups rallying to a flag. Flags may be used to convey a sense of celebration or sadness.

In a maritime context, flags are used both for identification and for signalling messages.

Increasingly, as genetic studies progress, our DNA profiles are becoming flags of identity, indicating family origins, race.

BRATACHA 2013 IS ABOUT

- Flags of the past, present and future
- Flags of nations, regions, organisations, corporate entities, families
- Flags of diversity and inclusiveness
- Flags of dissent, of protest, and of unity
- Flags of war, battle, peace
- Festival events will include a parade of flags and bands, and a concert of music of battle, with associated flags.

LECTURES AND SEMINARS

The lecture/seminar programme will bring together a wide range of Irish and international speakers on diverse topics associated with flags and emblems.

- Flags of the Rising
- Flags of Unity & Dissent
- Defence Forces Insignia & Flags
- GAA, County Colours & Local Identity
- Thomas Francis Meagher & the Irish Tricolour
- The Lockout & Irish Trade Unionism
- The European Flag - Its Symbolism & Design
- Flags and Emblems of the Clans of Ireland
- Naval and Maritime Flags and Emblems
- Northern Ireland - Flags and Emblems of Unity, Division and Dissent
- Ireland's first Heraldic Colloquium
- Genetic genealogy – seminar
- History Ireland hedge school
- And many others

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY FAIR

Meet the experts from local and national societies and organisations and get help from them in relation to your family history, local history and national history. Lectures on these topics throughout the festival

EXHIBITION OF FLAGS AND EMBLEMS

Historic flags, trades union flags, national flags, maritime flags – all of these will feature in a major exhibition in the National Maritime Museum in the town. A floral exhibit with a theme of flags will be on display in the local Cabinteely park.



Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall – the main lecture venue

CONCERT OF THE MUSIC OF BATTLE

A lot of work has been done recently to assemble the music related to battles and wars in Ireland or involving Irish participants. The World Premiere of a concert of this music will be held during the Festival. The main instruments will be warpipes or uilleann pipes. The concert will include a narrative describing the events, and appropriate flags will be shown.





Dún Laoghaire about 1900

ABOUT DÚN LAOGHAIRE

Dún Laoghaire is a seaside town and ferryport about 10km south-east of Dublin city, and is the county town of the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown. The town developed in the 1800s around a massive stone-built harbour of 250 acres which was officially opened in 1823. Many buildings in the town were redeveloped in 1890-1910 and much of the fabric of the Victorian and Edwardian town has been preserved.

Dún Laoghaire, with the shortest ferry crossing to the UK is an excellent start-point or finish-point for your holiday. It has excellent transport links to Dublin City and to Dublin Airport.

All BRATACHA venues are expected to be within 200m of the town centre.

Details of available accommodation at all price levels will be posted on www.bratacha.com.



BRATACHA 2013 – A COMMUNITY EVENT



The Bratacha Flag



Bratacha 2013 is a community initiative under the umbrella of "The Gathering".

LEAD ORGANISATIONS



Dún Laoghaire Harbour Company



Dún Laoghaire- Rathdown County Council



Genealogical Society of Ireland



National Maritime Museum of Ireland

PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

- Ancestor Network Ltd.
- An Daonchartlann - GSI Archives & Research Centre
- Celtic League
- Dún Laoghaire Business Association
- Dún Laoghaire Community Association
- Dún Laoghaire Rathdown Chamber of Commerce
- Eneclann
- European Movement Ireland
- Findmypast Ireland
- Four Courts Press
- Guild of One-Name Studies
- History Ireland Magazine 'Hedge School'
- IrelandsDNA & the Irish DNA Atlas Project
- Irish Jewish Genealogical Society
- Irish Lives Remembered E-Magazine
- Na Píobairí Uilleann (members)
- 1913 Lockout Centenary Committee (Dún Laoghaire & Bray)
- Flyleaf Press
- Irish Roots Magazine
- And various other groups will host displays

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