

## **APPENDIX I**

### **Objectives of the 2021 -2023 Decade of Centenaries Programme**

The current objectives laid down for the Decade of Centenaries programme have provided a very effective and supportive framework for all of those involved in the commemorative process. It is proposed that these objectives will remain in place for the remainder of the Decade, as follows:

1. To focus on themes of reconciliation and on remembrance of all of those who lost their lives during this period;
2. To promote a deeper understanding of the significant historical events of this period, recognising that the shared historical experiences of those years gave rise to very different narratives and memories;
3. To encourage reflection about the multiple identities, traditions and perspectives that are part of the overall Irish historical experience;
4. To respond with sensitivity to the local historical context, acknowledging that there was no uniform experience within counties or across the island of Ireland.
5. To continue to promote a consultative and open approach to commemorations, which seeks to strengthen peace and reconciliation across the island of Ireland. A core element of reconciliation is acknowledgement of the legitimacy of all of the traditions on the island that draw their identity and collective memory from our shared history.

### **Broad themes 2021 - 2023**

1. **Community-led commemoration and reflection; Remembering local legacies, personalities, places, events and themes that have particular significance within counties, parishes and communities.**
2. **Respectful, sensitive and non-partisan remembrance of all of those who suffered and died during the period from 1921-1923.**
3. **The Partitioning of Ireland - Exploration of the impact and legacy of the events that occurred during this period on communities living along the newly established border and further afield.**
4. **Ireland and the Wider World - Exploration of the international dimension, including local connections, emigration, and the role of the Irish Diaspora in the events that occurred during the revolutionary period. Also, exploring the evolution of all-island institutions following partition.**
5. **Experiences of women - Exploration of the experiences of women during this period and their contribution to the events that occurred, including their changing role in society.**
6. **Establishing a New Order -**
  - Exploring the significance of local government reform and the evolution of new political and administrative structures at national and local level;
  - Establishment of the various institutions of the Irish Free State (including Civil Service, the Defence Forces, An Garda Síochána, judiciary, and courts services);
  - Development of new infrastructure (transportation, communications, postal services); and
  - Continuing the parliamentary tradition - Elections during this period - the prominent personalities and local issues associated with the 1920 local elections and also, the 1922 and 1923 general elections.
7. **A Changing Society during this period, including:**
  - The labour movement and civil disobedience
  - Popular social, cultural and civic movements
  - Social class and gender
  - The Irish language
  - The Land Question
  - The significance of sport in communities during this period
  - The humanitarian response during the Struggle for Independence and the Civil War
  - Innovation in the fields of agriculture, industry, science, commerce and medicine
8. **Creative thinking and the arts - poetry, literature, music, theatre, and other art forms, 1921 - 1923.**