

Name of memorial: 1916-1923 Memorial

Inventory No. 1505

Place: John F. Kennedy Parade.

Address and map reference: John F. Kennedy Parade, Sligo Town, Co. Sligo.

Map reference: G 694 359 (Sheet 25).

Co-ordinates: N 54.2715°; W 8.4693°.

Access: at all times. **Parking:** adjacent. **Disabled access:** yes.

Position: in a small grassed area between the road and the river.

Description and dimensions: Polished granite pillar, table and six seats. Bronze plaque on the pillar and on the ground in front of it. The table is split along the outline of an engraved sword, and on the edge of the table, bridging the gap, are two pairs of clasped hands in bronze.

Height of pillar: appx. 200cms. Width of base: appx. 100cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke 20 April 2023.

Text:

(On the pillar)

1916 – 1923

I ndíl chuimhne

orthu siúd a fuair bás

ar son na Saoirse

(On the ground)

1916-1923 Sculpture

Aithmuinteras

Reconciliation forms the basis for this sculpture. The granite table represents the historic division of the people of Ireland. It is supported by columns representing the four provinces. The inset sword spans both sides of the divide. This divide is bridged, at each end by bronze hand-clasps, that unify both parts. Six granite seats represent the baronies of County Sligo.

Tireragh Carbury Leyney Corran Coolavin Tirerrill

All are organised within the circle, symbolising Life-Community-Freedom.

The standing stone symbolises our alignment to the past.

The trees in the grass island symbolise the growth of our Nationhood.

Fred Conlon Sculptor

April 2000

Comissioned by 1916-1923 Memorial Committee

on behalf of the people of County Sligo