

Name of memorial: Defence Forces Memorial

Inventory No. 1068

Place: Athlone (Adamson) Castle

Address and map reference: Athlone Castle, Castle St., Athlone, Co. Westmeath
Map reference: N 039 414 (Sheet 47).
Co-ordinates: N 53.4232°; W 7.9432°.

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

Position: outside the castle wall.

Description and dimensions: Interlocking upright bronze plates, and four bronze plaques.
Height: appx. 250 cms. Width: 50 cms.

Recorded by: Edward Bourke, 11 June 2016.

Text:

Erected in the year 2010 by Athlone Town Council in memory of Defence Forces Personnel of the 4th Western Brigade of the Irish Army who died in the service of peace.

Arna thógáill sa bhliain 2010 ag Comhairle Baile Bhaile Átha Luain i gcuimhne Phearsanra an Fhórsa Chosanta de 4ú Briogáid an Iarthair d'Arm na hÉireann a fuair bás agus iad ar seirbhís síochána.

The interlocking vertical bronze plates of the cenotaph symbolise the four compass points, which imply the global spread of the peace missions and the four provinces of Ireland.

The series of randomly folded stone plates indicate the energy and movement of the soldiers while alluding to the diverse physical terrain on which they served and the soil on which they were raised.

Designed by Keith Williams, architect.