

Name of memorial: Connolly Memorial

Inventory No. 332

Place: Liberty Hall

Address and map reference: Liberty Hall, Beresford Place, Dublin 1. Map reference: O 162 345

Position: At east side of road, under railway bridge, facing Liberty Hall.

Description and dimensions: Life-size bronze statue on a plinth with a wall behind it. Height approx. 400cms, width approx. 400cms. On the wall behind the statue is the Starry Plough. On the plinth are two bronze plaques: that on the north side giving the history of James Connolly and recording the unveiling of the memorial, and that on the south side giving a list of contributors.

Recorded by: Michael Pegum, 5 November, 2006.

Text: (Plaque on north side)

**The cause of labour is the cause of Ireland,
the cause of Ireland is the cause of labour.
Workers' Republic 8 April 1916**

This memorial depicts James Connolly with the Starry Plough, the flag of the Irish Citizen Army, which was founded in 1913 as a workers defence force.

At this location Connolly frequently addressed political and trade union rallies. On the other side of this street was Liberty Hall, headquarters of the Irish Transport and General Workers Union, of which Connolly was a leading official in Belfast and Dublin.

It was from here that contingents of the Irish Citizen Army and Irish Volunteers marched under Connolly's leadership on Easter Monday 1916 to seize the General Post Office.

This memorial is dedicated to the ideals of working class solidarity which Connolly represents. It was commissioned from sculptor Eamonn O'Doherty by the James Connolly Memorial Initiative and was unveiled on 12 May 1996, the 80th anniversary of Connolly's execution, by President Mary Robinson.

NÍ SAOIRSE GO SAOIRSE LUCHT OIBRE

(Plaque on south side)

**The erection of this memorial was made possible by an allocation
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individual citizens and members of the James Connolly Memorial Initiative,
among them Brian Flynn (1946-94)