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Minister Carey welcomes a full programme of local events for the National Famine Commemoration in Murrisk, Co. Mayo

Today (7/05/10), Pat Carey T.D., Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, welcomed a full programme of events organised by the Murrisk Development Association and Mayo County Council for the forthcoming National Famine Commemoration in Murrisk, Co. Mayo.

The programme of events blends culture, history, music and song and promises to be a fitting tribute to those who died or suffered loss in the Great Famine.

Speaking today Minister Carey said "I would like to sincerely thank all those involved in putting this programme of events together. I know that a huge amount of work went into it and it is evidence of the deep respect still held today for all those who suffered losses during this great Irish tragedy. The 2010 National Famine Memorial Day will be marked by a formal State ceremonial event in Murrisk on 16th May. This together with a full programme of local events shows willingness on the part of the Irish people to acknowledge our own history and also to raise awareness of the plight of those suffering the effects of famine around the world today".

The programme of events kicks off on Monday, 10th May 2010 at 8p.m in the Holy Trinity Church in Westport, Co. Mayo with a concert entitled "Writing the Famine in Fiction" with the acclaimed Brendan Graham and culminates in a lecture by John O'Shea, CEO of GOAL who will speak about the reality of Famine today and how it effects many countries around the globe. In addition, throughout the week, a number of events are scheduled to take place across Co. Mayo, including historical walking tours, musical evenings and lectures on various topics.

For further information on local events in Mayo throughout the week leading up to the 16th May and to receive a copy of the programme, contact Westport Town Council, Westport, Co. Mayo Tel: 098 50400.

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