

# Autumn Talks Programme 2017

Lisburn Museum's autumn programme reflects key historical periods commemorated during the year. These events may also be reflected through Lisburn Museum's exhibitions which this year are:

## Lisburn 1918-23:

**Community, Conflict and Commemoration After the Great War**  
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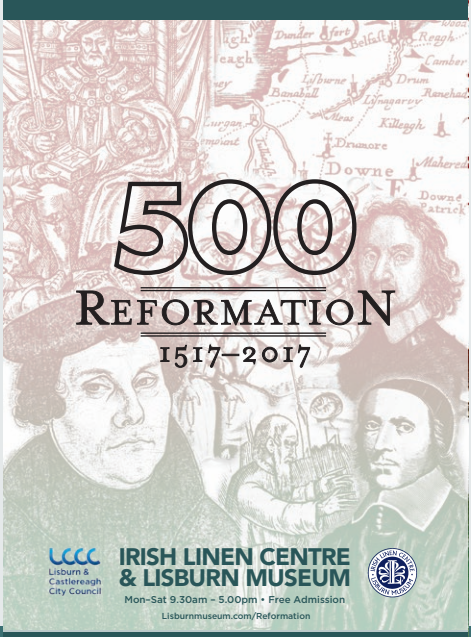
## 500: Reformation 1517-2017

Tuesday 3 October – Saturday 28 October

Lisburn and the First World War  
**THE COMPLETE STORY**




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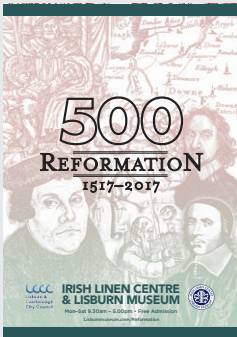
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The 2017 talks programme has two quite diverse subject areas delivered over six talks. Half relate to the First World War and half to the legacy of the Reformation.



In 1917, as trench warfare continued on the Western Front, two of the most significant battles for Irish soldiers took place at Messines and Passchendaele.



**October 1517, in the German town of Wittenberg a young friar named Martin Luther issued a document known as the Ninety-five theses. The repercussions of these would trigger the Protestant Reformation and continue to influence religion and politics first in Europe and then the rest of the world.**



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**Cost FREE.** Please note these are ticketed events. Tickets can be booked through Lisburn Museum Reception. Tickets are free but must be obtained in advance.

Contact Lisburn Museum Reception.  
Tel. 028 92663377  
Email: [ilc.reception@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk](mailto:ilc.reception@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk).

The full programme can be seen on Lisburn Museum's website: [www.lisburnmuseum.com](http://www.lisburnmuseum.com)

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## Back over Old Ground Michael Jackson

World War One researcher Michael Jackson discusses the cases of soldiers executed during the Great War. British soldiers were executed under the **1881 Army Act** and **1911 Indian Army Act**, for what were considered “battlefield offences”. Examples of these are cowardice or desertion which we now know may be influenced by the stress of battle. Michael looks at twenty-first century attitudes to a seldom discussed episode in history. He reviews the revisionism behind the **2006 Armed Forces Act** which pardoned British soldiers executed for such battlefield offences. Using case studies, he poses the question, *Was it modern thinking which powered the debate or the unfairness of the High Command in the Great War?* Michael aims to create a lively discussion.

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## Film: **A Man for All Seasons (1966)** Cert 12A

With a screenplay by Robert Bolt based on his 1960 play, this biographical film stars Paul Scofield who won a Best Actor Oscar for his portrayal of Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England under Henry VIII. Exploring Sir Thomas More’s experiences, the film examines issues surrounding religious and social change and matters of individual conscience at the time of the Reformation. The film reflects a rapidly changing time when Henry VIII was awarded both accolades of *Defender of the Faith* by Rome (1521) and *Supreme Head of the Church of England* (1534). *A Man for All Seasons* launches Lisburn Museum’s talks commemorating the 2017 quincentenary of the Reformation.

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## **The Battle of Messines – Why it Still Matters Today** Philip Orr

Local historian, playwright and author Philip Orr explores the mixed military fortunes which Irish troops experienced whilst fighting together on the Western Front. Philip also examines how both in the wider world at war and here at home, massive political and economic changes were underway that would shape the twentieth century.

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## **The Reformation in Ireland Dr Henry Jefferies**

As a Reformation scholar and author, Henry uses his talk to explore the responses in Ireland to the Reformation in the sixteenth century. He explores how the Reformation in Ireland was promoted by English royal policies, setting the Reformation in a wider British context, to offer an explanation as to why the Reformation failed in Ireland though it succeeded dramatically in England and Scotland.

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**WEDNESDAY  
11 OCT  
7PM****R**

## **Reformed Always to be Reformed: the Reformations Then and Now Professor Johnston McMaster**

Johnston is a Senior Research Writer with the Ethical and Shared Remembering Project. He discusses his recent publication which outlined the Reformation as a long lasting revolution in European history. Johnston discusses what 'reformed theology' might look like in relation to other globalised religions.

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**MONDAY  
23 OCT  
7PM****R**

## **Luther and his Legacy Reverend Dr Martyn Cowan**

Martyn is a lecturer in Historical Theology, Union Theological College, Belfast. His talk looks at the repercussions of the Wittenberg event of 31 October 1517. Loved by some, loathed by others, this talk provides an accessible introduction to the real Luther, who is without doubt one of the most important figures in religious history. Martyn will trace events that brought about Luther's own personal reformation and explain how the ideas that sprang from it led to transformational events in Western history that have shaped not only our religious context but the wider culture in which we live today.

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**TUESDAY  
24 OCT  
7PM**



## **The Irish Contribution to the Great War in Belgium – Piet Chielens**

**Director of Exhibitions and Public Programming,  
In Flanders Fields Museum, Belgium**



Piet's talk gives an overview of the part played by Irish regiments from the first month of the war. His focus is on the roles taken by the 16th (Irish) and 36th (Ulster) divisions in 1917 and of the Ulster Division in 1918, from the German Spring Offensive to the Final Advance in Flanders. Piet is joined by his colleague Annick Vandebilcke.

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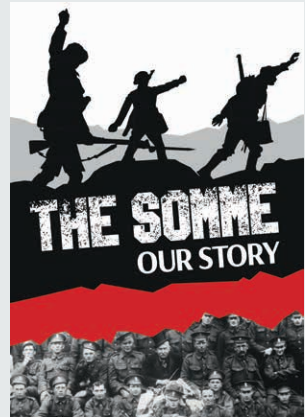


## **Open Workshop**

**With Piet Chielens and Annick Vandebilcke  
In Flanders Fields Museum**



For those who have never been able to visit In Flanders Fields Museum or the graves of loved ones fallen in Flanders, this is an opportunity to learn more about what was happening at the time. This session will be of personal or professional significance to anyone with an interest in First World War history, a rare opportunity to quiz two inspirational experts on details of Flanders' battles, to ask where more information can be found and to learn more about the important work of *In Flanders Fields Museum*.



Please note: Before each event, visitors will have an opportunity to view Lisburn Museum’s temporary exhibitions from 6pm. Talks and film start sharp at 7 pm. The Open Session on Saturday 28th October must end by 12 noon.



### How to Get Here:

Located in Market Square, the historic centre of Lisburn, the museum is easily accessible by train (Lisburn Railway Station, Bachelors Walk), bus (Smithfield Street depot), or by car. The nearest car park is at Linenhall Street, and after 6pm on-street parking is free on Castle Street, Bridge Street and Railway Street.

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EXHIBITION

# LISBURN 1918-23

Community Conflict and Commemoration  
after the Great War



# Don't want to miss anything? Events at a Glance

	DATE	EVENT	START
<b>W</b>	Tuesday 3 October	Back Over Old Ground Michael Jackson	7pm
<b>R</b>	Monday 9 October	FILM "A Man for All Seasons" (1966), Cert. U.	7pm
<b>W</b>	Tuesday 10 October	The Battle of Messines – Why it Still Matters Today Philip Orr	7pm
<b>R</b>	Wednesday 11 October	The Reformation in Ireland – Dr Henry Jefferies	7pm
<b>R</b>	Monday 23 October	Reformed Always to be Reformed: the Reformations Then and Now Professor Johnston McMaster	7pm
<b>R</b>	Tuesday 24 October	Luther and his Legacy. Reverend Dr Martyn Cowan	7pm
<b>W</b>	Friday 27 October	The Irish contribution to the Great War in Belgium Piet Chielens, Co-Ordinator of In Flanders Fields Museum	7pm
<b>W</b>	Saturday 28 October	Open Workshop Piet Chielens and Annick Vandebilcke, In Flanders Fields Museum	11am

**W** First World War event

**R** Reformation event

Admission: FREE