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Report on Richmond Barracks

Richmond Barracks was one of the state's nine 2016 permanent reminder projects, it was redeveloped by Dublin City Council as part of the Ireland 2016 Centenary Programme and officially opened in May 2016 as an interactive multimedia tourist attraction which traced the story of the site. This unique site has been part of the Inchicore community live for over two hundred years and has a huge significance in Ireland's national history. Eadaoin Ní Chleirigh, was appointed as Chief Executive of the Barracks and was in situ from May 2016 to April 2019 when she resigned. The Barracks is owned, managed and operated by Dublin City Council and we continue to offer daily tours, programmes and host many events.

The City Council will transfer the management and operation of Richmond Barracks to the Dublin City Council Culture Company following the success of Henrietta Street Tenement Museum experience currently managed and operated by the Culture Company.

Dublin City Council Culture Company was established in March 2018, it is wholly owned by Dublin City Council and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, governed by a Board of Directors. It runs cultural initiatives and buildings across the city with, and for the people of Dublin.

It is proposed that Richmond Barracks would continue to provide a multi-functional role in the area. Over the course of 2 years (commencing in 2020) the culture company will evaluate and assess the facility to improve the visitors experience for visitors to the Barracks. They will continue to actively engage with the local communities of Inchicore, Drimnagh, Kilmainham and further afield in the area of culture, creativity, history and wellbeing. They are proposing to join Library, History and Culture Making functions to provide an offer for all ages, a vast variety of accessible and participatory cultural offerings and linking into the local assets that exist in the area.in the venue.

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