

## Activity Book for Families

# Who Is a Hero?

Is a hero someone who you read about in a book or the newspaper? Is a hero always someone who is famous? In the *Soldiers and Chiefs* exhibition there are lots of men and women who might be considered heroes. Come and meet them, and decide if they are heroes to you.

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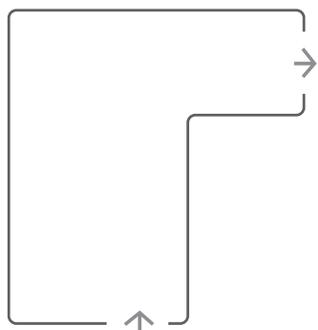


# Soldiers and Chiefs Galleries

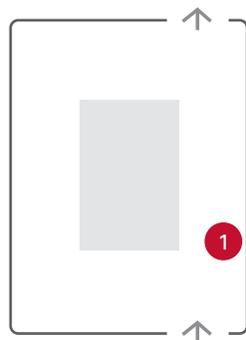
Follow the numbers shown on the plans of all the galleries. The numbers on the plans match the numbers of the stops. The title with each plan is the name of that gallery.

## First floor

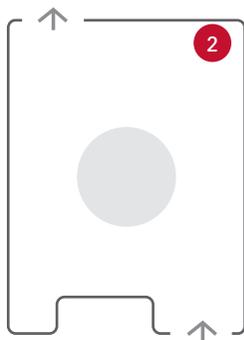
Introduction



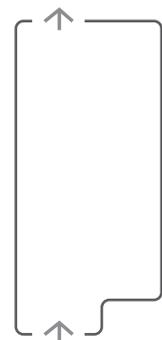
The British Garrison in Ireland



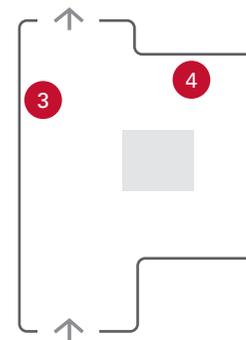
Warfare in Ireland



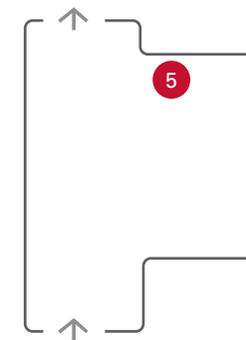
Irish Soldiers in Foreign Armies



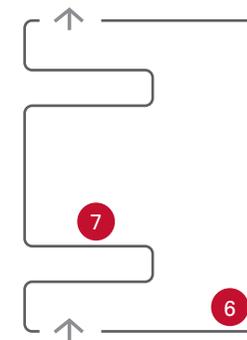
The Wild Geese



Irish in the American Civil War

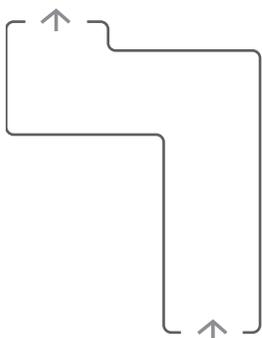


Irish in the British Service

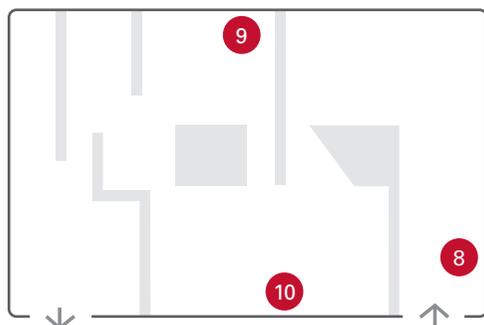


## Balcony

Taking Flight



The Irish Wars

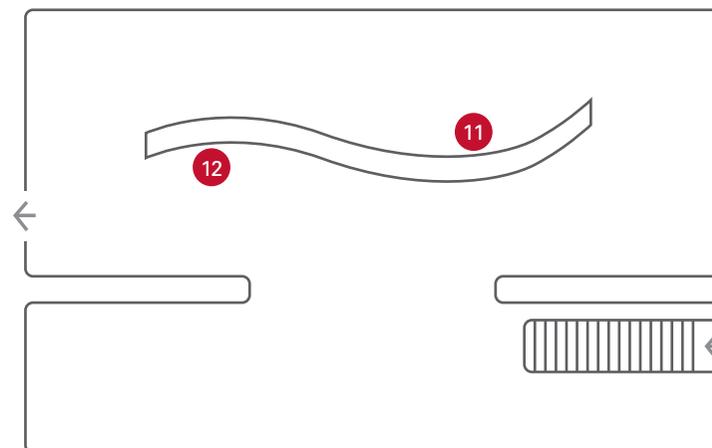


The First World War

1916 - The Easter Rising

## Ground floor

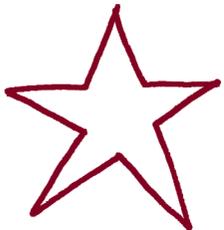
Claiming the Future  
The Emergency: The Second World War  
Defending the Peace



As you walk through the exhibition, look for the candidates for 'hero' shown on the chart inside. Then fill in the chart using the information you find.

Write in the letter for the thing that applies. If you are not sure, put a question mark '?' in the chart. If the information is not applicable to that person, put 'N/A' in the chart.

Then talk with the other people in your group and make a group decision if this person is a hero.



Draw a star in the far right column of the chart for each of your heroes. At the end of your tour, look at your chart and see how many heroes you have found!

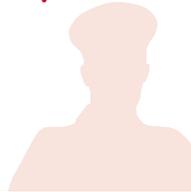
### Hints:

- A 'soldier' serves in an army, wearing a uniform and carrying a weapon
- A 'civilian' is a non-military person
- An 'officer' leads a group of 'enlisted' soldiers.

You can find explanations of military terms in the booklet, '**Military Speak**', a glossary to accompany these Activity Books, which is available at the start of the exhibition or at Museum reception.

Where to Look	Name	Man or Woman	Famous or Unknown to you	Soldier or Civilian	Officer or Enlisted soldier	Served in Irish or Foreign armed forces	Acted Alone or with Others	Fought in battle or Served in other ways	Received Award or did Not receive award	Hero or not?
Wall panel	1 John Boyle O'Reilly 									
'Aftermath' label, book, ring, seal, picture	2 Robert Emmet 									
Large photograph behind model airplane	3 Gottfried von Banfield 									
'Freelancers in Eastern Europe, Green on Green' panel	4 Francis MacDonnell 								N	

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'Keogh at the Little Big Horn' label, rifle, sword, straps	5 Myles Walter Keogh 								N	
'Charles Lucas, the First VC' label, portrait, medals	6 Charles Lucas 									
'Crimea' label with photograph	7 Mary Elizabeth Butler 								N	
'A Moment to Remember' panel, part of a flag	8 Molly O'Reilly 								A	

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'Professional Soldier, Fond Father' label, 20 franc note, ring, bracelet	9 Samuel Morgan 								N	
'Surrender' and 'The Bitter End' labels with photograph	10 Elizabeth O'Farrell 								N	
Motor Transport badge, photograph, logbook, poster	11 Norah Pellew 								N	
'Sergeant Hugh Gaynor' label with letter	12 Hugh Gaynor 								A	

Now write in someone who is your own hero, with a few words or a drawing to show why this person is a hero.

**My special hero is:**

**Why he or she is my hero:**

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## Want to know more?

For more information on exhibitions and education programmes, contact the Education and Outreach Department of the National Museum of Ireland.

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