



PROMOTING PRIDE IN AND RESPECT FOR THE  
IRISH FLAG AND ITS MEANING FOR PEACE  
ENCOURAGING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP THROUGH  
SCHOOLS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST FLYING OF THE TRICOLOUR BY THOMAS F MEAGHER

### ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR SCHOOLS

- Flag Day March 16th
- Kerry Group Awards and Scholarship Programme

### FLAG DAY 2018 MARCH 16TH

Registered schools will receive the Foundations fundraising pack, including free lapel pins in English and Irish, to sell for charities or projects of your choosing within your school, locally, nationally and internationally. We also encourage you to hold events on the 16th of March to celebrate Irishness in its broadest sense and what it means to live in Ireland in 2018.



### 170TH ANNIVERSARY OF FLAG

This year, marks the 170th anniversary of the first flying of the Irish flag by Thomas F Meagher at 33 The Mall, Waterford. Meagher spoke of the meaning of the flag "The White in the centre signifies a lasting truce between the Orange and the Green, and I trust that beneath its folds the hands of the Irish Protestant and the Irish Catholic may be clasped, in generous and heroic brotherhood."

We now encourage the young people of Ireland, irrespective of ethnicity, creed or gender to work together under the Irish Tricolour to proclaim and live its message of peace and unity and celebrate the new broader inclusive definition of Irishness.

### KERRY GROUP AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

The Thomas F Meagher Foundation established its Awards and Scholarship Programme to recognise outstanding students who have promoted pride in and respect for the Irish Flag and its true meaning for peace. Students from registered schools are invited to submit an entry to our Kerry Group Awards and Scholarship Programme. This year entries can be submitted in the form of a video, essay, poem, picture or artwork on the subject of "What it is like to live in Ireland in 2018 and what the flag represents to me on this the 170th anniversary of it first being flown".

An Awards and Scholarship Presentation lunch is held each May in Leinster House

# HOW TO ENTER

## COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition is open to all students from registered schools who take part in Flag Day 2018.
2. Students must enter the competition as individuals.
3. Entries must be based on the topic "What it is like to live in Ireland in 2018 and what the flag represents to me, on this, the 170th anniversary of it first being flown".
4. All entries must be emailed to [info@tfmfoundation.ie](mailto:info@tfmfoundation.ie) or sent by post to Reverend Michael Cavanagh, The Rectory, Kenmare, County Kerry.
5. Deadline for entries is Monday, April 23rd, 2018.

## ENTRY FORMAT

Entries can be made in any of the following formats:

1. Video (no longer than 2 minutes)
2. Typed Essay (no longer than 500 words)
3. Poem
4. Picture
5. Artwork

Topic - "What it is like to live in Ireland in 2018 and what the flag represents to me, on this, the 170th anniversary of it first being flown".

## MARKING SCHEME

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the history of the flag and commitment to the message of the Meagher Foundation of Pride in, Respect for the Flag and active citizenship including activities you/your class/your school took part in to celebrate Flag Day on March 16th. (40 marks)
2. Details of the money raised by you/your class/ your school from the sale of the Thomas F Meagher Foundation lapel pins and for which charity or project this money was raised for. (20 marks)
3. Innovation (originality of entry and uniqueness): (20 marks)
4. Quality of entry (quality of photos, videos, composition of essay, overall presentation). (20 marks)