

80 years on city remembers 1919 Limerick Soviet

APRIL 1999 is the 80th anniversary of the Limerick General Strike of 1919, when Limerick workers went on strike against British militarism.

The action became known as the Limerick Soviet and on Friday, April 30, the official launch of the Limerick Soviet 80th Anniversary Commemoration Weekend will be performed by Mayor Joe Harrington at City Hall, at 8.30pm.

The weekend will include a seminar at the Hunt Museum on Saturday, May 1 (1pm) which will be addressed by Liam Cahill, a former journalist with RTE and author of *Forgotten Revolution*, which is a detailed history of the Limerick Soviet and its times, published on the 70th anniversary of the Soviet.

Other speakers will include Tom Crean, co-editor of the *Irish Labour History* journal, Saothair, who has also written a history of the Labour Movement in Limerick and Kerry. D R O'Connor Lysaght is a political activist of many decades who has written extensively on the Labour and Republican movements. Among his works are *The Republic of Ireland* and the third edition of *The Story of the Limerick Soviet*, which is coinciding with the 80th

anniversary of the event.

According to a spokesperson for the organising body: "the weekend will also feature a guided walking tour of places of significance to the General Strike, which will depart from St Mary's Parish Action Centre at 11am on Sunday, May 2, led by John O'Regan.

"A Rambling House session (traditional music, songs and stories) will also take place at 9pm at Castle Lane Tavern on Saturday evening."

Appointment



A FORMER coach of Galwegians rugby club, Joe Healy, who has worked with Scottish Provident in Galway for the past seven years has been appointed area development manager (West) for Scottish Provident, covering Limerick to Donegal.

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