

‘Fallen Leaders’ Roundtable

5 descendants / representatives of ‘fallen leaders’ that died in 1922 in conversation about their deceased relatives, the ways they have been portrayed, relationships between them and others. Focus on feelings, reconciliation, rather than facts or commemoration.

Fallen leader	Who they were	Family member	Relationship
Arthur Griffith	Editor of United Irishman and other publications. Founded Sinn Féin and led the party until 1917. Led the treaty delegation and argued strongly for its ratification in the treaty debates. Became President of the Dáil after treaty was ratified. Died on 12 th August 1922 of a brain haemorrhage, age 51	Emer Nowlan	Great granddaughter
Michael Collins	Key figure in Volunteers, then IRA, during war of independence. Member of treaty delegation, and argued strongly for it in Dáil debates. Shot by anti-treaty forces on 22 nd August 1922, age 31	Michael O’Mahony	Grand-nephew
Cathal Brugha	Injured in 1916 rising. Involved in formation of IRA in 1917. Argued against the signing or ratification of the treaty. Died on 7 th July 1922 age 47 - shot by the free state troops at the outbreak of the civil war in Dublin	Cathal McSwiney Brugha	Grandson (also grandson of Terence McSwiney)
Harry Boland	Member of IRB. Fought with Michael Collins in war of independence. Elected as TD in 1918. Went to US with De Valera. Voted against treaty on IRB supreme council (11-4). Died on 1 st August 1922, age 35 - shot by soldiers of the National Army when they attempted to arrest him.	Tadhg (Tim) Crowley	Grand-nephew
Erskine Childers	Anglo-Irish background, former member of British Army. Member of the Irish treaty delegation, but strongly opposed to the treaty. Arrested for possessing a gun and executed by free state government 24 th November 1922, age 51	Erskine Childers	Grandson

(bios of all relatives here: <https://theanglo-irish-treaty-delegations-1921.org/steering-committee>)

Conversation to be video recorded in Blackhall Place on **Tues 17th May**, edited, and launched on **Friday 10th June** in the Mansion House.