

**Gareth Peirce.**

Gareth is a solicitor and has represented some of the highest-profile human rights and civil liberty cases in recent British history. For nearly 50 years she has defended the vulnerable against injustice.

**Si Kahn.**

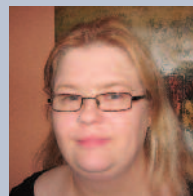
Community, union and environmental activist. Active in the civil rights Movement. Si is a key figure in the Grassroots Leadership. Singer, songwriter, playwright and author. Wrote the famous Aragon Mill and Mother Jones in Heaven. [www.sikahn.com](http://www.sikahn.com)

**Anne Feeney.**

Influenced by the Civil Rights and anti Vietnam war Movements. Anne is a labour union activist, singer songwriter and hellraiser and has toured extensively in America and the world. She has issued 15 albums including Union Maid. [www.annefeeney.com](http://www.annefeeney.com)

**Claire McGettrick.**

Claire was a founding member of the Justice For Magdalenes (JFM) the survivor advocacy group which has campaigned for an apology from the State and compensation for the Magdalene survivors. [www.magdalenelaundries.com](http://www.magdalenelaundries.com)

**Luke Dineen**

Luke is studying for his PhD in UCC on the history of the Labour movement in Cork and Derry from 1918 to 1923. He had a major interest in Irish Labour and union history.

**Framework Films**

Independent Cork based film makers, **Eddie Noonan** and **Emma Bowell**, promote participation in film-making and place an emphasis on a community outreach programme. [www.frameworkfilms.com](http://www.frameworkfilms.com)



# Mother Jones – Cork Rebel – American hero – World icon!

Mary Harris was born in Cork city in July 1837 and was baptised at the North Cathedral on 1st August. Following the Great Famine, the Harris family emigrated to Canada. Mary became a teacher and a seamstress and married a union man called George Jones in 1861. She lost her husband and four young children in the 1867 yellow fever epidemic at Memphis. Mary became a labour and union activist from the 1890s onwards and was an organiser for the United Mineworkers of America. She organised the March of the Mill Children in 1903 to highlight the exploitation of young children in mines and factories. Now known as Mother Jones, she attended the first meeting of the IWW in 1905 and was friendly with other labour organisers such as James Connolly, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Eugene Debs.



She is best known for her fiery speeches against the exploitation of miners, she was utterly fearless, travelling all over America to defend workers and their families. Described as "the most dangerous woman in America", she was for a time the most famous woman in America. Mary's exploits in the mining wars of West Virginia and Colorado, where she was regularly imprisoned, made her a legendary figure. She saw these struggles as part of a long global struggle for justice.

Her cry of "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living" still resonates through history! Her autobiography was published in 1925. She passed away at the age of 93 in 1930 and is buried at Mount Olive Union cemetery in Illinois, where a museum will be erected to her memory shortly.

A plaque to commemorate the 175th Anniversary of her birth can be seen at Shandon.

We are extremely proud to honour her in Cork.



The Spirit of Mother Jones Festival.

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# THE SPIRIT OF MOTHER JONES ANNUAL FESTIVAL 2014 SHANDON, CORK



Tuesday to Friday  
29th July to 1st August  
2014

A festival and summer school dedicated to the memory of Mary Harris/Mother Jones and inspirational people everywhere who fight for social justice.

Cork Mother Jones Committee and Shandon Street Festival.  
Full 2014 Festival listings.

# Taking Part

**Rosemary Feurer.**

Rosemary is professor of History at Northern Illinois University. She co-directed "Mother Jones, America's Most Dangerous Woman" Author, she writes extensively on labour history. Administrator of [www.motherjonesmuseum.org](http://www.motherjonesmuseum.org) website and Mother Jones Lives.

**James Green**

Professor Jim Green teaches History at the University of Massachusetts. He has been active for almost 50 years as a labour historian of the social movements and working class experience. Jim is the author of "Death at the Haymarket" [www.jamesgreenworks.com](http://www.jamesgreenworks.com)

**Betty Cook.**

Betty is a community activist and played an active role in the British Miners Strike of 1984/85. Founder member of the Woman Against Pit Closures. (WAPC)

**Anne Scargill.**

Anne also played an active role along side Betty in the British Miners strike of 1984/85. Also founder member of the Woman against Pit Closures. (WAPC)

**Dave Hopper.**

Dave is General Secretary Of the Durham Miners Association which organizes The annual Durham Miners' Gala, the largest annual gathering of trade unionists and miners in the world. [www.durhamminers.org](http://www.durhamminers.org).

**Paul Winter**

Paul is an ex-miner, born in Barnsley. He was present at Orgreave on 18th June 1984 and will speak on behalf of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign. [www.otjc.com](http://www.otjc.com)



## "The Gathering." Tuesday 29th July 2014

- 5.00pm: Official Festival opening at the Maldron Hotel.  
 6.00pm: **F** "Mother Jones, America's Most Dangerous Woman" a film by Rosemary Feurer. (Firkin Crane)  
 7.30pm: **L** The Cork Mother Jones 2014 Lecture with Prof James Green of the University of Massachusetts, Boston and author of Death in the Haymarket and the West Virginia Mine Wars. (www.jamesgreenworks.com) (Firkin Crane)  
 9.30pm: **M** Cork Singers Club at the Maldron Hotel.



Mother Jones Fundraising Concert with Si Kahn and Anne Feeney at the Firkin Crane on Thursday 31st July at 8.30. This is a unique one off concert by two of America's greatest folk singers. It will feature songs of labour, union solidarity and the fight for justice. Also included will be a special tribute to the late Pete Seeger from his friends and fellow activists. Tickets are 15 euro, from www.tickets.ie, Plugd Records at The Triskel Arts Centre, Maldron Hotel or phone 086 1651356. Also on firkincrane.ie

The Mother Jones Exhibition and book display will feature all week at the Maldron Hotel.  
 All events are free of charge unless stated. Just come along on time to allow for entry.

**F** Film **L** Lecture/talk/discussion. **M** Music

## "The Legacy" Wednesday 30th July 2014

### Firkin Crane.

- 11am: **L** The Cork Harbour Soviet. Luke Dineen.  
 12.00: **L** Qatar...a World Cup graveyard? David Joyce, ICTU  
 1.00pm: **M** Lunchtime music at the Maldron Hotel with James P McCarthy.  
 3.00pm: **L** The story of the Magdalenes. Claire McGettrick  
 7.15pm: **L** Defending the underdog. Gareth Peirce, Solicitor  
 9.00pm: **M** The 2014 Mother Jones Gala Concert with Richard T Cooke and friends. Featuring Cork Rökk Choir, Cork Shakespearean Company, Aoife Delaney, Kieran McCarthy, William Hammond and many others.  
 10.30pm: **M** The Mother Jones Ceili Band at the Maldron Hotel

All speakers and musicians are committed to attending at the time of going to press. The Cork Mother Jones Committee reserves the right to vary the schedule.  
 Check on [www.motherjonescork.com](http://www.motherjonescork.com).

The 2014 Spirit of Mother Jones Award  
 will be announced at the Festival.



## Thursday 31st July 2014 "My boys".....the struggle of miners and mining communities!

### Firkin Crane

- 11am: **F** Film: The Battle for Orgreave (A film by Yvette Vanson, Producer/Director. www.yvettevanson).  
 12noon: **L** "Still waiting for Justice. Orgreave 30 years on!" Paul Winter of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign. (www.otjc.com)  
 1.00pm: **M** Music at the Maldron Hotel with Muddy Lee and the Cork Shawlies.

### (Firkin Crane)

- 2.15pm: **L** The British Miners' strike and its aftermath! Betty Cook and Anne Scargill of Woman against Pit Closures. (WAPC)  
 3.15pm: **L** Mining Communities today. The Durham Miners Gala.... A celebration of solidarity with Dave Hopper.  
 4.15pm: **L** "From Allihies to Butte, Montana:" Tadhg O'Sullivan, Vice Chairman, Allihies Copper Mine Museum.  
 5.30pm: **F** "Palikari ...Louis Tikas and the Ludlow Massacre" a film from Greece by Lamprini C Thoma and Nickos Ventouras. (Irish Premiere)  
 7.15pm: **L** "Then came Ludlow and the nation heard" The legacy of the Ludlow Massacre with James Green and Rosemary Feurer.  
 8.30pm: **M** Grand Concert: Si Kahn and Anne Feeney. (Tickets €15) This is a fundraising concert for the festival itself by two of the finest folk/union musicians in the USA.  
 10.00pm: **M** Two Time Polka at the Maldron Hotel.

On this day we also remember the 301 Turkish miners who died at Soma on the 13th May 2014 and their families.

## Mother Jones Day Friday 1st August 2014

### Firkin Crane

- 11am: **F** The extraordinary life and death of Tadhg Barry from Blarney St. (Frameworks Films documentary) Trevor Quinn SIPTU, Jack O'Sullivan CCTU.  
 1.00pm: **M** Jimmy Crowley at The Maldron.  
 2.00pm: **L** A Life of Activism: Si Kahn.  
 3.00pm: **L** "Get off your Knees" James Connolly, Jim Larkin and Mother Jones in the fight for a Global Labour Movement: Rosemary Feurer. (Co-sponsored by The School of History University College Cork)  
 4.45pm: **M** The Mother Jones Garden Party at the Butter Market. Includes Band recital by the Lions Youth Brass Band from Cheshire.  
 7.00pm: **M** Plaque event on John Redmond St. The Butter Exchange Band. .  
 8.00pm: **F** "Mother Jones and her Children". (Firkin Crane) Film Documentary Premiere by Frameworks Films.  
 9.30pm: **M** Wildwood Flower Bluegrass at Maldron Hotel.



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 In memory of Joe Sheehan of the Cork Mother Jones Comm.

