



**Frameworks Films** is an independent Cork based film production company run by Emma Howell and Eddie Noonan. The company works in conjunction with communities and groups to create documentaries which tell their story. Their documentaries include *Mother Jones and her Children*, *Tadhg Barry Remembered* and *The Limerick Brigadistas – From the Shannon to the Ebro*. *Fords – Memories of the Line* is a documentary about life on the line as told by the workers on the assembly line at the Ford Marina car manufacturing plant in Cork.

**Micheline Sheehy Skeffington** is a plant ecologist with an interest in wetlands, heathlands and peatland. She won a landmark Equality Tribunal case against NUI Galway in 2014 for its discrimination against her. The granddaughter of Cork born suffragette leader Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, followed in Hanna's footsteps 100 years on, touring the US and speaking in many cities. She filmed key places and her travels will be the subject of a documentary by Loopline films.



**Louise O'Keeffe** describes herself as an ordinary West Cork woman and mother of two children. Louise took the Irish government to the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), which in 2014, found in her favour in a landmark judgement. The ECHR found the Irish State to be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights for its obligation to protect Irish schoolchildren from the sexual abuse she had endured in primary school.

**Luke Dineen** is a regular speaker at the Spirit of Mother Jones summer school. He has a passion for modern Irish social and labour history. Each year he explores a unique element of trade union and labour history. Luke studied for his PhD in history at the School of History in UCC. He hopes to publish widely on contemporary Irish labour issues.



**Emily E. LB Twarog** is Assistant Professor at the School of Labour and Employment Relations at the University of Illinois. She is Director of Regina V. Polk Women's Labour Leadership Conference. Emily has written extensively on Labour and Women's rights. She is the author of *Politics in the Pantry: Housewives, Food and Consumer protest in Twentieth Century America* (Oxford University Press 2017).



## Mother Jones - "I'm a HELLRAISER!"

Mary Harris was born in Cork city in July 1837 and was baptised at the North Cathedral on 1<sup>st</sup> August. After the Great Famine, the Harris family emigrated to Canada. Mary qualified as a teacher and a seamstress. She married a union man, George Jones, in 1861. She lost her husband and four young children in the 1867 yellow fever epidemic in Memphis.

Mary became a labour and union activist from the 1890s onwards. She was one of the toughest organisers for the United Mine Workers of America. She also organised the March of the Mill Children in 1903 to highlight the exploitation of young children in mines and factories. Then known as Mother Jones, she attended the first meeting of the IWW in 1905 and knew James Connolly.

Best known as a hellraiser for her fiery speeches against the exploitation of miners, she was described as "the most dangerous woman in America". Mary's exploits in the mining wars of West Virginia and Colorado, where she was regularly imprisoned, made her a feared and admired figure.

Her cry of "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living" still reverberates through history. Her autobiography was published in 1925. She died in 1930 and is buried at Mount Olive Union Cemetery in Illinois. Her spirit is alive and well wherever in the world there is a fight for justice. The Cork City Council recognises August 1<sup>st</sup> as "Mother Jones Day". Mother Jones was inducted into the Irish American Hall of Fame in 2014. A museum has been opened in Mount Olive.

A plaque by visual artist Mick Wilkins to commemorate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth was erected in 2012 in Shandon. This festival celebrates the rebel Spirit of Mother Jones in the streets of her childhood.



# THE SPIRIT OF MOTHER JONES ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Shandon  
Cork

Wednesday to Saturday  
1st August 4th August  
2018



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

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## Taking Part

**John Barimo** is an educator, coastal ecologist, writer, advocate of social justice, and adventurer. He earned a doctorate in Marine Biology and subsequently lectured at socially disadvantaged third level institutions in the US Virgin Islands and Miami. He currently resides in Cork City where he writes and is actively working with local environmental groups.



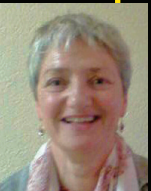
**Louise Ryan**, is a graduate of UCC. She is a Professor of Sociology and co-director of the Migration Research Group at the University of Sheffield. She is the author of *Irish Feminism and the Vote* (1996) and (with Margaret Ward) *Irish Women and the Vote* (2007) as well as numerous academic papers on suffragism. Her recent book *Winning the Vote for Women: the Irish Citizen newspaper and suffrage movement in Ireland* was published by Four Courts Press in 2018.

**Frank Connolly** is Head of Communications at SIPTU. A well-known investigative journalist, he writes for *Village Voice* and has published several books. His work has contributed to the establishment of two judicial tribunals into corruption in Ireland, the Flood/Mahon and Morris Tribunals. Noam Chomsky described how his "penetrative investigative research exposed critical truths about malfeasance in high places".



**Mary Manning** is from Dublin. While working as a Dunnes Stores cashier on 19<sup>th</sup> July 1984, refused to register the sale of fruit from South Africa in accordance with IDATU (now Mandate) union policy on Apartheid. This action, which captured the attention of the world, led to the government ban on the importation of South African fruit and contributed to the collapse of the Apartheid regime in South Africa. Nelson Mandela credited the ten Dunnes Stores Strikers with providing him "with great hope during his years of imprisonment and providing inspiration to millions of South Africans".

**Anne Twomey** is a teacher, a historian and a member of the widely respected and innovative Shandon Area History Group. This group promotes talks and lectures on local public history and their 2016 exhibition "Ordinary Women in Extraordinary Times" revealed the incredible and hidden role of many women in Cork during the War of Independence.



## Wednesday 1st August

"All the average human being asks is something he can call a home"

- 1:00 p.m. Official festival opening by the **Lord Mayor of Cork**  
Maldron Hotel
- 2:30 p.m. **F Rosemary Feurer**  
*Mother Jones: America's Most Dangerous Woman*  
Cathedral Visitor Centre
- 2:50 p.m. **F Frameworks Films**  
*Mother Jones and Her Children*  
Cathedral Visitor Centre
- 4:00 p.m. **L Dr John Barimo**  
"Understanding the Rise of Trumpism amongst the 'Great-Grand Children' of Mother Jones"  
Cathedral Visitor Centre
- 7:30 p.m. **F Fords – Memories of the Line**  
A film documentary produced by **Frameworks Films** and the **Ford Ex-workers' Group**  
Premiere at the Firkin Theatre
- 9:30 p.m. **M The Cork Singers' Club**  
Maldron Hotel



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

## Thursday 2nd August

"I want to be free to play my part in the fight for a happier civilization"

- 11:00 a.m. **L Luke Dineen**  
"Thomas 'Corkie' Walsh - the Corkman who fired the first shots of the 1916 Rising in Dublin"  
Cathedral Visitor Centre
- 1:00 p.m. **M** Music at the Maldron
- 2:30 p.m. **L Louise O'Keeffe**  
"One Woman's Fight for Justice"  
Cathedral Visitor Centre
- 6:00 p.m. **F Up to the Last Drop – The Secret Water Wars of Europe**  
A documentary by **Yorgos Avgeropoulos**  
Firkin Theatre
- 8:00 p.m. **L Anne Twomey**  
Shandon Area History Group  
"Mary, Annie and Muriel MacSwiney – Extraordinary Women in Extraordinary Times"  
Firkin Theatre



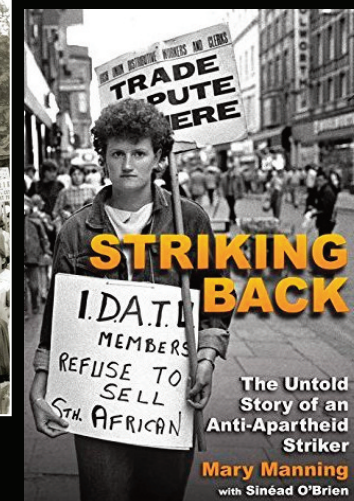
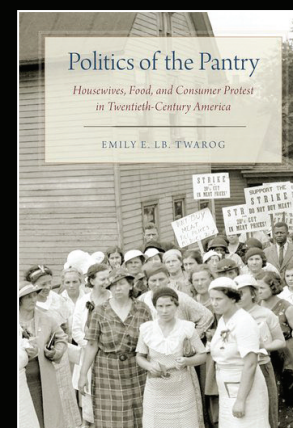
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Check on [www.motherjonescork.com](http://www.motherjonescork.com)

## Friday 3rd August

"In that thread are twisted the tears and heart-ache of little children"

- 11:00 a.m. **L Dr Emily E. LB. Twarog**  
"The Female Vote: why gender matters in American politics?"  
Cathedral Visitor Centre
- 1:00 p.m. **M** Music at the Maldron  
**Jimmy Crowley**
- 2:30 p.m. **L Professor Louise Ryan**  
"Votes for All Women: the tricky issue of class politics in the Irish suffrage movement"  
Cathedral Visitor Centre
- 7:30 p.m. **L Mary Manning**  
"Striking Back – the story of the Dunnes Stores workers' strike"  
Firkin Theatre
- 9:30 p.m. **M John Nyhan and Mick Treacy**  
present the songs of Ewan MacColl at the Maldron Bar

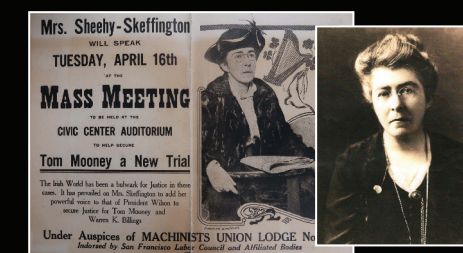


**The 2018 Spirit of Mother Jones Award will be announced at the Festival**

## Saturday 4th August

"Lads born in the coal, reared and buried in the coal. And his one hope, his one protection - the union."

- 11:00 a.m. **L Frank Connolly**  
"NAMA-Land: The Inside Story of Ireland's Property Sell-off and The Creation of a New Elite"  
Firkin Theatre
- 2:30 p.m. **L Dr Micheline Sheehy Skeffington**  
"Hanna Sheehy Skeffington, feminist, nationalist, socialist, pacifist - her activism in Ireland and the US"  
Firkin Theatre
- 5:00 p.m. **F PRIDE**  
Presented in association with the Quay Co-op  
The true story of how a group of London-based gay and lesbian activists supported the families of Welsh miners during the 1984 miners' strike  
Firkin Theatre
- 7:30 p.m. **M** Toast and songs to Mother Jones at the plaque on John Redmond Street. All welcome.



**The Cork Mother Jones Committee wish to thank:**

Cork City Council Heritage Dept., SIPTU, the ASTI, Cork South ASTI Paddy Mulcahy Branch, ASTI Carbery Branch, Cathedral Credit Union, Frameworks Films, Guinness Staff Union, Unison, International Transport Federation, Unite the Union, Cork Council of Trade Unions, Derry Trades Council, NIPSA, IFUT, the INTO, the Maldron Hotel, the Firkin Theatre, the Cathedral Visitor Centre, A-Z Printers, Rosemary Feurer, Abbie O'Shea, Noreen Murphy, Una Feely and Arthur Leahy.

We are indebted to the speakers, film makers, musicians, singers and volunteers who together make the festival such a unique and inspirational event. Our thanks also to the Shandon community.