Patrick Pearse and St Enda’s School

Patrick Henry Pearse founded St Enda’s school (Scoil Éanna) at Cullenswood House, Ranelagh in 1908. He intended to embrace new methods of teaching the Irish language, literature, history and music as well as nature studies. In 1910 he moved the school to a new home in the Hermitage, Rathfarnham. Although a successful experiment in education, it had constant financial difficulties. Four of the men executed in 1916 taught at St Enda’s School: Patrick Pearse, William Pearse, Thomas McDonagh and Con Colbert. Writing of the Hermitage Pearse said ‘Cúchullainn was our greatest inspiration at Cullenswood; Robert Emmet has been our greatest inspiration here.’

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