Celebrating the anniversary of the landing of the first commercial Telegraph Trans-Atlantic cable in 1866 and the first telegraph message across the Atlantic

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The first successful transmission from the western terminus of the trans-Atlantic telegraph cable was from Heart’s Content to Valentia on the 27th July. Prior to this messages would take a minimum of 2 weeks to cross the Atlantic by ship, depending on weather. The trans-Atlantic heralded a new era in international communication across the Atlantic and opened up the world to real time commerce. This event celebrates the anniversary of the connection of Europe to America, old connecting to new, and the first telegraph message across this new cable and also the acknowledgement of Valentia as a potential World Heritage site due to its importance in telegraph and radio communication influence and history.

2.00pm Reception in Valentia Cable Station
2.30pm Live connection and communication with Heart’s Content via Telegraph
3.30pm Presentation on renewable energy and the influence of Valentia
4.15pm The Evolution of Communication in Ireland 1843 to Present
5.00pm Close and coffee

Date: Thursday 27th July 2017, reception at 2.00pm and live connection at 2.30pm
Venue: Valentia Island Cable Station, Valentia Island
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