HOW TO HEAR A TALKING STATUE

Each Talking Statue has a blue plaque nearby.

1. Scan the QR code on the sign using your phone’s QR reader or type the URL into your phone’s web browser.
2. Press the green button that says ‘Go!’
3. Your phone will ring.
4. Answer the call and the statue will talk!
If Dublin’s statues could talk, what stories would they tell? 10 of the city’s most famous statues have been given the gift of the gab. To hear them speak, just swipe your phone on a nearby plaque and get a call back from Gabriel Byrne as James Joyce, Ruth Negga as Fidelity on the O’Connell Monument, or Brendan Gleeson as Wolfe Tone! Each has a story to tell. Together they tell Dublin’s story.

James Connolly
Beresford Place
Written by: BRENDAN O’CARROLL
Animated by: BRENDAN O’CARROLL
Statue by: EAMONN O’DOHERTY

What drove a 14 year old boy from Edinburgh to become a leader of the Easter Rising?

James Joyce
Earl Street North
Written by: RODDY DOYLE
Animated by: GABRIEL BYRNE
Statue by: MARJORIE FITZGIBBON

Find out why this very Irish writer ended up in Zurich while holding Dublin close to his heart.

JAMES LARKIN
O’Connell Street
Written by: ENDA WALSH
Animated by: STEPHEN REA
Statue by: OISÍN KELLY

Standing over six feet tall, ‘Big Jim’ fought for a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay.

Daniel O’Connell Monument – Fidelity
O’Connell Street
Written by: PAULA MEEHAN
Animated by: RUTH NEGGA
Statue by: JOHN HENRY FOLEY

On O’Connell Street stands the monument to the ‘Great Liberator’ himself. But who is Fidelity, the winged woman seated beneath him?

Wolfe Tone
St Stephen’s Green
Written by: PATRICK MCCABE
Animated by: BRENDAN GLEESON
Statue by: EDWARD DELANEY

Meet the Irish republican and revolutionary who sought to overthrow English rule.

Oscar Wilde
Merriion Square North
Written by: JOHN BANVILLE
Animated by: ANDREW SCOTT
Statue by: DANNY OSBORNE

As a man, he was known for his wit and flamboyance, and his statue is equally eloquent.

Meeting Place
Liffey Street Lower
Written by: RACHEL KILFEATHER
Animated by: BRENDA FRICKER
Statue by: JACKIE MCKENNA

They are nicknamed the Hags with the Bags but they’re not having any of it - they’re ready to talk back!

Cú Chulainn
General Post Office, O’Connell Street
Written by: EOIN COLFER
Animated by: PETER COONAN
Statue by: OLIVER SHEPARD

How did this fierce mythological hero win his name?

George Bernard Shaw
National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Square West
Written by: ARTHUR MATHEWS
Animated by: STEPHEN BRENNAN
Statue by: PAOLO TROUBETZKOY

Find out what connects My Fair Lady to the National Gallery.

George Salmon
Trinity College Dublin, College Green
Written by: JOE DUFFY
Animated by: JOE DUFFY
Statue by: JOHN HUGHES

This 19th-century mathematician and Provost has seen Trinity transformed in ways he could never have imagined.