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at the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh

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The Committee met on the following occasions in 2015-2016: June 18, October 22, February 18.

Staff

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Chairman’s Foreword

This was the year we faced the prospect of internal migration within the public service, moving from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) to the new Department for Communities (DfC), according to the Stormont House and Fresh Agreements (2014, 2015) which reduced the number of government departments from twelve to nine. We are pleased to report that the new DfC was duly formed in May 2016 and that the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies (MCMS) has successfully made the aforesaid move, along with rest of the DCAL ‘family’ of cultural agencies, which includes the Ulster-American Folk Park (UAFP) as part of the National Museums of Northern Ireland (NMNI); Libraries NI (LNI); and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI). A strong tradition of partnership working was developed within DCAL since 1998 and our aim is to help maintain and develop it in our new DfC ‘home’, particularly within the group concerned with ‘Community Cohesion’ and the strategic priorities of ‘bringing divided communities together’, ‘tackling disadvantage and promoting equality of opportunity’, and ‘maximising public benefits from the culture, arts and leisure sectors’. With those strategic priorities in mind, the Centre continued to give strong support to the work of its Ulster-American Folk Park colleagues engaged in both its ‘Live and Learn’ and ‘Treasure House’ projects, which are part of a major initiative across all sites of the Learning and Partnership Directorate of NMNI. A series of visiting groups, organized by Briege McClean (‘Live and Learn’) and Deirdre Mullan (‘Treasure House’) continued to make good use of the facilities and expertise of the Centre, and it is welcome news that the ‘Treasure House’ project will continue for a further three years under its new project officer, Mary Bonner.

As part of the programme for the ‘Decade of Centenaries’, the Centre continued to contribute to the Living Legacies project, in partnership with Libraries NI, the National Museums Northern Ireland, Queen’s University (QUB) and Ulster University (UU). The theme of our Sixteenth Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School in October 2015 was ‘War, Migration, and Re-settlement’, and the title of our Fifteenth Annual Irish Migration Studies Lecture in January 2016 was ‘Emigrants and the Revolution, 1912-1926’, which followed on nicely from the lecture on ‘Migration and the First World War’ given in 2015 by Professor Keith Jeffery (QUB), who served on our Management Committee. It is a great sadness to record that Keith died on 12 February 2016. It is a further sadness to record that Dr Haldane Mitchell, Omagh’s leading local historian, died on 29 June 2016. He was a long-standing supporter of the work of the Centre and a key partner in developing the exhibition of photographs ‘Omagh at War, 1913-1919’, which was launched in the Folk Park on 18 June 2015, and which the Scotch Irish Trust of Ulster was very pleased to support. We recall gratefully the contribution of both Professor Jeffery and Dr Mitchell with the images on the front cover of this report.

There was further internal migration this year and the need to establish new relationships with the reorganization of local government (moving from 26 Councils
to 12), as our local Omagh District Council merged with Fermanagh District Council to form the new Fermanagh and Omagh District Council on 1 April 2015. An important new initiative for our Centre was in working with Folk Park colleagues and the Good Relations Officers of the new Council to provide a series of three public events, ‘New Neighbours’, intended to help pave the way towards the reception of refugees into the new Council area and raise awareness of links between past emigration and contemporary immigration. Engagement with our universities remains a central aspect of the work of the Centre and it is particularly pleasing that the internship programme provided by the Centre for both undergraduate and postgraduate students at UU and QUB is now so well established. The connection with Newcastle University was developed further this year. In the first week of June 2015 the Centre was pleased to welcome back Professor Karen Corrigan and her colleagues to host a further lecture and new exhibition on their project ‘From Home to Here: Stories of Migration Old and New’. Once again, given the continuing world migration crisis, we may note the benefit of taking the ‘long view’ of our own migration history.

In preparing for the move from DCAL to DfC, this was also a year of preparing to host the twenty-first Ulster-American Heritage Symposium in June 2016. It is remarkable that the Symposium has been sustained over such a long period, having been founded in 1976, the same year in which the Folk Park opened, to become the foremost academic forum of its kind. We look forward to another very successful international gathering and playing our part in helping the Ulster-American Folk Park celebrate its fortieth anniversary. We are clear that we are working in a dynamic field and that there remains much to be done. The annual conference of the Association of European Migration Institutions, which met in Turin last year, testifies to the growing interest in migration museums. The ‘Migration Museum Project’ continues to make good progress in Britain, as does the planned new Maritime Museum in Derry–Londonderry. The Director spoke in Turin about the planned ‘Epic Ireland’, a major new visitor attraction, based on the theme of Irish migration, which has since opened in Dublin, on 7 May 2016. In March 2016 the National Museums of Northern Ireland appointed a new Chief Executive, Kathryn Thompson, who has exciting plans for developing the Folk Park as a museum of migration. We are committed to working with her, with our colleagues in the Folk Park, and with all our other partners, in responding to the challenges and opportunities which now present themselves, as never before, in the field of migration studies. As in previous years, it is a pleasure to refer readers to the substantial achievements of the Centre reported on here, as evidence of the sound platform we now have on which to build further, and acknowledge the superb work and commitment of the Director and his colleagues and staff in overcoming the financial and structural problems faced during the past year which were considerable, and in finding the time and enthusiasm to add to the considerable output of published research, both individually and with colleagues.

Sir Peter Froggatt
Chairman, MCMS Management Committee and Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster
**HIGHLIGHTS**

**2015-2016**

**DCAL/DfC priorities:** contributing to ‘Live and Learn’ and ‘Treasure House’ projects of National Museums of Northern Ireland based at Ulster-American Folk Park

**Living Legacies:** ‘Omagh at War’, 1913-1919’ a travelling exhibition, with an associated on-line version, developed as further resourc for this Decade of Centenaries project, related to migration and the First World War

**Sixteenth Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School (October 2015):** ‘War, Migration, and Re-settlement’, Mary McCartan (Omagh) and Mary McNulty (Embrace NI)

**Fifteenth Annual Irish Migration Studies Lecture (January 2016):** ‘Emigrants and the Revolution, 1912-26’, Dr Jennifer Redmond (NUI Maynooth)

**Association of European Migration Institutions:** Annual Conference, Centro Altreitalie, Turin, Italy

**Teaching:** ‘Migration in Irish History’ seminars, Queen’s University MA History programme.

**Internships:** for students of the ‘Public History’ module of the QUB Irish History MA programme and UU Irish History BA programme.

**Training:** visit to Irish National Famine Museum, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon

**Ulster-American Heritage Symposium:** commitment to hosting the Twenty-First Ulster-American Heritage Symposium in June 2016
1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies (MCMS) was named as such in September 2011. Previously it was known as the Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster-American Folk Park (CMS), which was established in January 1998. CMS developed from the embryonic Centre for Emigration Studies which was established in 1996 to bring together three elements based at the Ulster-American Folk Park: the Irish Emigration Database Project, begun in 1988; the specialist reference Library, established in 1990; and the Master of Social Science degree in Irish Migration Studies (MSSc, QUB), first taught in 1996.

1.1 Migration and Migration Studies

We define ‘migration’ simply as ‘moving home’ or ‘place of residence’, and take it to include immigration, internal migration, seasonal migration, and return migration, as well as that dominant feature of the Irish experience - emigration. The discipline of migration studies is about advancing our understanding of the human experience of movement and settlement, from the earliest times to the present. Its approach to the whole phenomenon of migration is both multi-disciplinary and comparative. It is multi-disciplinary in that it includes history, geography, archaeology, politics, economics, language, literature, art, music, religion etc; and it is comparative in that it seeks to understand the similarities and differences between the migration history, culture and heritage of different human groups.

1.2 Migration History, Culture and Heritage

Migration history, culture and heritage are distinguished as follows: ‘migration history’ refers to the ‘whole story’ of human migration so far as we can know it; migration ‘culture’ refers to the distinctive ‘way of migrating’ associated with a particular group; and ‘migration heritage’ refers to surviving material and non-material traces of migration history and culture which, to a greater or lesser extent, are ‘treasured’ by the present generation, particularly in libraries, archives and museums.

1.3 Irish Migration Studies

MCMS is committed to advancing migration studies in general and Irish migration studies in particular by focusing on the movement and settlement of the peoples of Ireland world-wide, mainly from about the year 1600 to the present, including the history, culture and heritage of the Scotch-Irish or Ulster Scots and their links with North America and other parts of the world.

Since the publication of Migration in Irish History, 1607-2007 (Fitzgerald & Lambkin 2008, Palgrave Macmillan), MCMS is committed to advancing a new approach to migration history, based on the three-way model of migration: 3 stages (leaving, crossing, arriving); 3 directions (in-within-out); 3 outcomes (segregation,
integration, modulation). Key concepts are ‘home’, ‘diaspora’, ‘family’, and the ‘throughotherness’ of ‘the-world-in-Ireland’ and ‘Ireland-in-the-world’. Emphasis is placed on the reconstruction of individual and family migration stories within their local community, regional and national settings. This approach has been further elaborated in a joint article, ‘Migration in Belfast History’ by Brian Lambkin, Patrick Fitzgerald and Johanne Devlin Trew (respectively Director, Lecturer and Development Officer, and Associate Research Fellow of MCMS), in *Belfast: the Emerging City, 1850-1914*, edited by Olwen Purdue (Irish Academic Press 2012). MCMS is therefore committed to cooperating with local community and family history organisations in the research, teaching and publication of ‘family, community and migration history’. The Director is currently engaged in a book project investigating the themes of conflict, metaphor, and migration.

1.4 Vision and Mission

The MCMS vision is therefore of ‘an informed community, confidently and creatively engaged with its migration history, culture and heritage’ and the MCMS mission is ‘to serve the community as a leading international institution for the study of human migration, focusing on the peoples of Ireland world-wide’.

1.5 The MCMS Management Committee

The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster-American Folk Park, Omagh is managed by the Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster through a sub-committee called the Management Committee. The following partner institutions are represented on the Management Committee: the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (before October 1998 the Department of Education of Northern Ireland, and since May 2016 the Department for Communities), the Ulster-American Folk Park (NMNI), Libraries NI, the Queen’s University of Belfast, Ulster University, and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland. The Centre is headed by the Director, who is responsible to the Management Committee.

The Centre was established in its present form in accordance with the Business Plan for 1997/8, as agreed between the Scotch-Irish Trust and the Department of Education for Northern Ireland. Its first Director was appointed in January 1998. As of 1 October 1998, the Trust ceased to own and manage the Ulster-American Folk Park, which is now merged with the Ulster Museum and the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum as part of the National Museums of Northern Ireland (NMNI), formerly the Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland (MAGNI). The main focus of the Trust’s work is now the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies.

The main aim of that work is to promote migration studies by maintaining and developing the complementary relationship between the Centre and the Ulster-American Folk Park. This is assured in two main ways: through membership of the MCMS Management Committee by John Gilmour who until June 2010 was Director of Development of NMNI and previously Director of the Ulster-American Folk Park,
and (from February 2015) by Mr Paddy Gilmore who is Director of Learning and Partnership (NMNI). Ms Anne Peoples, co-opted member, was formerly a Trustee of NMNI and representative of the Western Education and Library Board on the CMS Management Committee. The Northern Ireland Library Authority, known as Libraries NI, which was formed from the five Education and Library Boards of Northern Ireland in April 2009, continues to support the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies Library. Libraries NI is represented on the MCMS Management Committee by Ms Helen Osborn, Director of Service Delivery, and from February 2011 by Ms Patricia Walker, Specialist Manager for Heritage and Digitisation. The interest of the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure (DCAL) – from May 2016 the Department for Communities (DfC) - is represented by a nominee of the Education and Training Inspectorate, Mrs Catherine Thompson. The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) was represented on the Committee by Ms Valerie Adams, Head of Strategic Development until her retirement in December 2009, from June 2010 by Mrs Heather Stanley, and presently (from June 2012) by Mr Stephen Scarth, Head of Public Services. The University of Ulster was represented by Professor John Wilson, Director of the Institute of Ulster-Scots Studies, to October 2010 and presently by Dr William Kelly. Queen’s University was represented by Professor Keith Jeffery until his death on 12 February 2016, and presently by Dr Olwen Purdue.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Professor Keith Jeffery of Queen’s University on Friday 12 February. The Chairman paid tribute to his support of the work of the Committee and the Centre, not least the memorable MCMS Annual Irish Migration Studies Lecture which he gave on 7 February 2015, ‘Migration and the First World War’. He also drew attention to Professor Jeffery’s most recent publication, *1916: A Global History* (Bloomsbury 2015). The Chairman and Director attended the special service held in Keith’s memory in the Great Hall, Queen’s University, on Saturday 27 February.

1.6 MCMS Staff

The staff are based at the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies, which is located in the Library building at the Ulster-American Folk Park, Omagh. They are the Heritage Services Manager, the Senior Library Assistant, the Digital Officer, the Lecturer and Development Officer and the Director. The Centre is committed to working closely with its partners within the DfC (formerly DCAL) ‘family’, including the Ulster-American Folk Park as it develops within NMNI to become a national museum of migration, Libraries NI, and PRONI, and also UU and QUB, and to taking account of their strategic analysis and policy objectives as set out in their Corporate and Business Plans.
2.0 VISION, MISSION AND AIMS

With regard to the museums, libraries and archives of Northern Ireland, the Department for Communities (DfC), as formerly the Department of Culture Arts and Leisure (DCAL), is committed to ensuring ‘the highest standards for our museums and that they continue to develop as attractions both for the local population and our ever increasing visitors’; to supporting ‘a flexible and responsive library service which provides a dynamic focal point in the community and assists people to fulfill their potential’; and to developing PRONI as the official archive for Northern Ireland whose aim is to ‘identify and preserve records of historical, social and cultural importance and make them available for the information, education and enjoyment of the public’. The vision of DfC - inherited from DCAL - is of ‘a confident, creative, informed and vibrant community’. Its mission is ‘to protect, nurture and grow Northern Ireland’s cultural capital’. Accordingly, the MCMS Vision is of ‘an informed community, confidently and creatively engaged with its migration history, culture and heritage’. Its Mission is ‘to serve the community as a leading international..."
institution for the study of human migration, focusing on the peoples of Ireland world-wide’.

MCMS has six Aims, which correspond to the six ‘Strategic Goals’ of DCAL, now DfC. The aims of MCMS have been re-worded in accordance with the Goals of DCAL as revised in its Corporate Strategy for 2004-07 and 2008-11.

AIM 1 – FACILITIES AND SERVICES
Enable as many as possible to experience and appreciate the excellence of our facilities and services for migration studies.
[To increase participation in migration studies through enhancing the quality of CMS facilities and services and access to them]

AIM 2 – RESEARCH, TEACHING AND PUBLICATION
Promote creativity and innovation and lifelong learning in the study of migration.
[To promote and celebrate cultural diversity, individual creativity and mutual understanding by providing an educational service for learning and teaching about the migration history, culture and heritage of the peoples of Ireland world-wide]

AIM 3 – CULTURAL TOURISM
Encourage respect for and celebration of diversity by providing an academic and cultural tourism service in partnership with the Ulster-American Folk Park, and by networking with institutions for migration studies world-wide, particularly between Europe and North America.
[To contribute to a positive image of Northern Ireland at home and abroad by providing an academic and cultural tourism service in partnership with the Ulster-American Folk Park, and by networking with institutions for migration studies world-wide, particularly between Europe and North America]

AIM 4 – COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, ACCESS
Ensure the sustainable management of our cultural infrastructure for the study of migration.
[To preserve and make available the cultural and information resources for Irish migration studies to the widest possible audience]

AIM 5 - PARTNERSHIPS
Reform and modernise our service delivery through partnerships both within and outside Northern Ireland.
AIM 6 – INVESTING IN PEOPLE
Develop and deliver quality cultural products and services by investing in our people.
[To provide a quality work environment in which all members of staff are valued for their contribution to helping us to do our business in a customer-focused way]

3.0 FACILITIES AND SERVICES (Aim 1)
Enable as many as possible to experience and appreciate the excellence of our facilities and services for migration studies.

The Library

The MCMS Library is a fully integrated part of Libraries NI as one if its 9 heritage collections, along with Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Derry, Downpatrick, Enniskillen, Omagh and Newry:

There have been some changes to opening hours as a result of Libraries NI Review of Opening Hours February – April 2015. After consultation it was decided, with effect from 1 November 2015, that opening hours should be seasonal to reflect the seasonal variations in visits to the Ulster American Folk Park. Opening hours now mirror as far as possible the Park’s opening hours.

The year we ‘migrated’ all the digital assets of MCMS to the Libraries NI digital network, with effect from 11 November 2015. As a result of this migration the Director and Lecturer and Development Officer acquired new email addresses: brian.lambkin@librariesni.org.uk and patrick.fitzgerald@librariesni.org.uk
We are grateful to NMNI, and to Gordon Kinloch and colleagues in particular, for the ICT support generously given to MCMS over many years, and at the same time grateful to Libraries NI, in particular to Patricia Walker, Brian Conlan and colleagues, for the new and enhanced level of ICT support provided to MCMS. A special word of thanks goes as well to our colleague Johanne Devlin Trew for her assistance in ensuring that this digital migration was accomplished so smoothly.

The full range of targets used to indicate performance over the year is given in Appendix 1. One main indicator of access to our facilities is the number of visitors to the Library. Since 1 April 2009 visitors are recorded automatically by the electronic gate at the main entrance to the Library, according to Libraries NI practice. The total figure for 2009-2010 (20,434) is therefore our baseline against which to measure.
performance. In 2011-2012 there were 22,028 visitors, the highest number to date. The actual number of visitors recorded for 2015-2016 was 18,481, a small decrease (2.7%) on the previous year (18,996). At the same time there was a small decrease in the number of remote queries being dealt with by MCMS staff to 1,014 compared with 1,169 in the previous year. Organised groups visiting the Library over the course of the year are listed in Appendix 3.

One again this year the Folk Park was open on Mondays in July and August and arrangements were kindly made by LibrariesNI for the MCMS Library to be open on those days also.

4.0 RESEARCH, TEACHING, PUBLICATION (Aim 2)
Promote creativity and innovation and lifelong learning in the study of migration.

QUB MA in Irish History Programme

Winter graduation at Queen’s University, 9 December 2015. Public History internship students Laura Gillespie, Sarah McErlain, and Sarah Riblet with Dr Fitzgerald.
Dr Fitzgerald attended the winter graduation ceremony at Queen’s on 9 December. Our three Public History interns, Laura Gillespie, Sarah McErlain, Sarah Riblet (with distinction) all graduated.

**QUB MA Public History module**

On 19 February Dr Fitzgerald participated in a panel discussion in the Canada Room at Queen’s to launch the 2015 Public History module. Three new interns Laura Gillespie, Sarah McErlain and Sarah Riblet began their internship at MCMS on 11 February and were centrally involved in research related to the UAFP public event ‘A Spring Fair Day, 1915’ held over the Easter weekend. In addition to undertaking research in PRONI, Belfast Central Library and Omagh Library the students accompanied Dr Fitzgerald to visit the exhibition of First World War army recruitment posters in the Ulster Museum. Dr Fitzgerald attended as an assessor the final presentation of posters by the public history interns at Queen’s on 21st May. Our three Public History interns, Laura Gillespie, Sarah McErlain, Sarah Riblet (with distinction) all graduated.

**QUB and Public History Spring Field Trip**

On 8/9th May 2015 a party of six MA interns accompanied by Dr Olwen Purdue participated in a fieldtrip led by Dr Fitzgerald. On the afternoon of Friday 8th May the group toured the Ulster American Folk Park and then held a seminar in the MCMS. Staying overnight and dining in the UAFP Residential Centre, the party set out on Saturday morning for Lissan House, 3 miles north of Cookstown. We were given a fascinating guided tour by the property manager, Dr Neil Watt, before moving on to Moneymore for lunch. In the afternoon we toured Springhill House and enjoyed an informal discussion regarding comparative interpretive approaches over a cup of tea.
Five MA students enrolled for the Public History module in the spring semester elected to undertake their internships at MCMS: Anne-Marie Ardill, Kimberly Camillieri, Clodhna NicBhranair, Katie Phelan and Barry Welsh-Rush. They commenced their 15 day internship on Friday 12 February. Drs Fitzgerald & Lambkin will attend and present at the module launch seminar at Queen’s on Friday 4 March. Dr Olwen Purdue has organized a two day conference on Public History to be held at Queen’s on 12-13 May 2016.

Dr Fitzgerald continued supervision of the MA/PhD dissertations of QUB students Frank McHugh, Patrick Davidson, Claire Beggan, John Roberts and Elaine Ní Bhraonáin.

UU and MCMS internships
Three UU BA History students, Ryan Fallis, Andrew Kennedy and Haydn McFarland attended MCMS as interns on one day a week for six weeks during the autumn of 2015. The UU member of staff responsible for this programme is Dr Allan Blackstock.

TCD Public History MPhil. Fieldtrip and MCMS
Dr Ciaran O’Neill and Prof. David Dickson lead a party of 16 MPhil. students on a fieldtrip to MCMS and Derry on 22/23 January 2016. The party toured UAFP on the afternoon of 22 January and met for discussion in MCMS before travelling to Derry. On Saturday 23 January
Drs Fitzgerald & Lambkin accompanied the group on visits to the Free Derry Museum, Siege Museum/Apprentice Boys Hall and a guided tour of the city walls by Mark Lusby (Friends of Derry’s Walls).

_Aberdeen University and MCMS internships_
Amy Marshall, a final year BA History student from the University of Aberdeen undertook an internship with MCMS between 27/7/15 and 7/8/15.

_Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool and MCMS internships_
David Shaw, a PhD student with the Institute of Irish Studies at the University of Liverpool completed an internship with MCMS in the second week of June 2015.

_Omagh Academy work placement and MCMS_
An A level history pupil at Omagh Academy, Jordan Vincent attended MCMS between 27-29th January 2015 on a work experience placement.

_Sacred Heart College work placement and MCMS_
A year 10 pupil at Sacred Heart College in Omagh, Niall McLoughlin attended MCMS between 1-4 September 2015 on a work experience placement.

_MCMS and Newry, Mourne and Down Famine Conference_
Dr Fitzgerald was involved with Anthony Russell (Chair of Newry, Mourne & Down Arts Committee) as co-director of a major international conference held in Newry between 23-26 September 2015 as part of the Annual Famine Commemoration. Anthony Russell approached MCMS over a year ago and invited us to act as partners in the initiative. The conference was deemed to have been very successful, attracting hundreds of delegates to hear an impressive panel of international speakers and a richly varied programme of accompanying events. It is hoped that the proceedings will be published in due course. Please find a copy of the conference programme attached. The proceedings will be published by Irish Academic Press in 2017 under the joint editorship of Patrick Fitzgerald & Anthony Russell.

_MCMS and American universities_
On Friday 4 December 2015 MCMS was visited once again by a group of 26 students from Slippery Rock University, Pennsylvania.
On Thursday 14 January MCMS was visited once again by a group of 34 students from Elon University, North Carolina. On Sunday 8 March Dr Fitzgerald welcomed a group of 20 students from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh to MCMS. Lead by Dr Jennifer Keating the students were participating in a study trip entitled ‘Art, Technology and Conflict in Northern Ireland’. We were delighted that this represented the first visit by students from CMU to MCMS.
MCMS and Living Legacies
On 25 March MCMS hosted a second seminar in a series organised by the AHRC Living Legacies project. The seminar was entitled ‘West Ulster and World War I and focussed on the role of local doctors, nurses and volunteers during the Great War. Dr Johanne Devlin Trew expertly facilitated a very successful day.

MCMS, Dunbrody and Waterford IT
On 27 March 2015 MCMS was visited by a small delegation from the SE of Ireland. Sean Reidy (former Director of the Dunbrody Famine Ship in New Ross, Co Wexford) with Richard Hayes and Walter O’Leary of Waterford IT. The Director met Dr Richard Hayes, Head of School of Humanities, Waterford Institute of Technology, at QUB on 8 June 2015, to discuss possible collaboration in a new project to develop a Centre for the Study of Migration and Identity in New Ross, Co Wexford.

MCMS and Travel Service Europe
On 15 May 2015 MCMS hosted a new initiative in partnership with UAFP providing roots tourists on coach tours to UAFP with short 10 minute introductory talks in the Centre in order to better orientate them and provide a little useful background information. Throughout May and June a total of 250 visitors were welcomed.

MCMS and Newry and Mourne Museum
On 18 May 2015 Dr Fitzgerald was invited to talk to a group of 40 12 year old students attending a study visit on emigration in Victorian Times at Newry and Mourne Museum. He also met with Anthony Russell regarding the conference planned for Newry on 23-25 September 2015.
MCMS and Ulster Historical Foundation
The Director gave a lecture on ‘Ancestral homes and family history: the case of the Mellons of Tyrone and Pennsylvania’ at ‘Common Currency: the shared inheritance of Ulster and North America’, a conference organised by the Ulster Historical Foundation on behalf of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Ulster-Scots, held in Belfast on 4 June. Dr Trew gave a lecture on ‘Whose diaspora? Whose migration? Northern Ireland’s overseas connections since the 1920s’.

MCMS and Quinnipiac University
Dr Fitzgerald attended the ‘Women and the Great Hunger in Ireland’ conference at Quinnipiac University between 3-6 June, 2015. On the evening of Wednesday 3rd June Dr Fitzgerald spoke at a book launch for the volume Irish Hunger and Migration: Myth, Memory and Memorialization which brought together 14 papers from the XXth Ulster-American Heritage Symposium and of which he was a co-editor. The volume also contained contributions by Brian Lambkin and Kay Muhr. On Thursday June 4 Dr Fitzgerald presented his paper entitled ‘Irish Famines and Irish Families: Continuity and Change 1550—1850’. Professor Christine Kinealy, host and founding Director of Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac, indicted her desire to remain as a partner to MCMS in the XXIst Symposium to be held here in Omagh in late June 2016.

MCMS and Cavan Library Service Conference
Dr Fitzgerald presented a keynote address at a special sesquicentennial conference organised by Cavan Library Service at the Johnston Library in Cavan town on 5/6th August 2015. The Lecture entitled ‘Ireland and the American Civil War’ was attended by an audience of over 160. Please find a copy of the conference programme attached.

MCMS and Strokestown Famine Summer School
Dr Fitzgerald delivered a paper entitled ‘Irish Famines and Irish Families: Continuity and Change, 1550-1850’ to the second Strokestown International Summer School on 18 June 2015.

MCMS and William Carleton Society
This year’s William Carleton Summer School (3-6 August 2015) was held as usual at Corick House, Clogher. Dr Fitzgerald attended and introduced and chaired a session by Mr Neil Armstrong on ‘The Inniskillings at Waterloo’.

MCMS and Donegal Historical Society
On 12 September 2015 Dr Fitzgerald took up the invitation of Donegal Historical Society to deliver the 32nd Paddy McGill Memorial Lecture at the Heritage Centre in Ardara, Co. Donegal. The lecture entitled ‘Irish Internal Migration 1600-2015: A Neglected Aspect’ was attended by an audience of 50.

MCMS and Cavan 1916 Commemoration Conference
MCMS will partner Cavan County Council in a two day commemorative conference on the Easter Rising and the Battle of the Somme on 14-15 October 2016. The first day will be held
in Belturbet Library and the second here at MCMS UAFP, dovetailing with our annual Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School.

MCMS and Derry City Council
Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended a consultation meeting at the Guildhall in Derry on 16 December 2015 regarding a proposed Maritime/Migration museum at Ebrington Barracks. Subsequently a Historical Advisory Panel was established and Dr Fitzgerald attended the first meeting of this group on 26 January 2016, along with Professor Don MacRaild (UU), and Dr William Roulston (UHF). The panel has been set up to advise Tandem Design consultants regarding theme and content of the museum. There will be five themes: The River Foyle/Landscape; Growth of the Port; Migration; World War II; Derry Divers. The name of the project (‘Maritime Museum’) is a working title and will not necessarily be the final name of the new museum.

MCMS and UHF ‘New Neighbours: Talking about Migration’
In an new initiative, MCMS was contracted by UHF to assist with delivering in March 2016 a pilot programme for three youth centres in East Belfast on the theme of ‘New Neighbours: Talking About Migration’. This is a programme of being sponsored by Belfast City Council under the direction of Anti-Social Behaviour Officer Andrew Charles. The first event was planned to be held on 1 March, in the East Belfast Network Centre, Templemore Avenue.

Publications

Staff publications in 2015-2016 include:


Work in progress includes:
Fitzgerald, Patrick (2016 forthcoming), ‘Migration in Monaghan History’, in Patrick Duffy and Éamonn Ó Ciardha (eds), Monaghan: History and Society, Geography Publications Dublin

Lambkin, Brian (2016 forthcoming), ‘The Need for an Irish National Diaspora Centre’ in Michael Pierse and Johanne Devlin Trew (eds), After the Gathering: Rethinking the Irish Diaspora, Palgrave Macmillan.

The following reviews of Irish Hunger and Migration, jointly edited by Patrick Fitzgerald were also published:

Kennedy, Liam (2016), ‘Irish Hunger and Migration: Myth, Memory and Memorialization’, History Ireland (Jan-Feb), 63 [review of Fitzgerald, Kinealy and Moran (eds), Quinnipiac University Press]


A full listing of staff publications is given at: http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/publications/currentpub.htm

Lectures, Talks and Teaching Programmes

A full listing of lectures, talks and teaching programmes given by MCMS staff in the course of the year can be found in Appendix.

5. CULTURAL TOURISM (Aim 3)
Encourage respect for and celebration of diversity by providing an academic and cultural tourism service in partnership with the Ulster American Folk Park, and by networking with institutions for migration studies world-wide, particularly between Europe and North America.

Sixteenth Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School 2015
The Sixteenth Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School took place on Saturday 17 October 2015.

The focus was on war-related migration. The main speaker in the morning was Mary McCartan who has recorded and published *A Long Road to Freedom*, the oral biography of her grand-uncle, Patrick Mc Crystal (1920-2011). Mary’s talk focused on his ‘re-settlement’ in Omagh after the Second World War. In the afternoon Margaret McNulty of EMBRACE NI lead a panel discussion on the response of Northern Ireland to the current migration crisis, taking the ‘long view’ of ‘re-settlement’ after war in Irish history.

Mary McCartan, keynote lecturer at this year’s Literature of Irish Exile Autumn school, speaking about the migration story of her grand-uncle, Patrick McCrystal (on screen).
Singing a song of migration, on the afternoon walk through the Folk Park
The full programme of the Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School is available at: [http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/events/16%20LIE%202015/LIE_Oct_2015.html](http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/events/16%20LIE%202015/LIE_Oct_2015.html)

**Fifteenth MCMS Annual Migration Studies Lecture 2016**

This year’s lecture, given by Dr Jennifer Redmond, Maynooth University on ‘Emigrants and the Revolution, 1912-26’, was very well attended and received.
We are delighted that Jennifer remains associated with the Centre as an honorary research fellow. The abstract of her lecture may be found at: http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/events/Reunion_Lecture_2016/Fifteenth_Annual_Lecture_2016.html

**MCMS Visit of Ulster Historical Foundation Autumn School**

MCMS played host to the UHF Summer School this year on 8 September. Such was the success of the Summer School this year it was necessary to divide the School into two parties and rotate with visits to Baronscourt estate. Over 60 delegates from all over the world attended. On 8 October the UHF Autumn School again visited MCMS with 40 delegates.
On 26 August Dr Lambkin acted as facilitator at a one day event organised by the UHF and held at the Ulster-Scots Centre at the Corn Exchange in Belfast focussed on the commemoration of the emigration of 1718 in 2018. Dr Fitzgerald gave a short presentation at the same event.

**QUB IIS Summer School**
On 22 July 2015 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald lectured to the Queen’s International Summer School at Queen’s and on the following day the Summer School visited MCMS and UAFP. Over 50 students attended.
As usual MCMS played host to the Tony McCauley memorial lecture series during the Folk Park’s annual Bluegrass festival. On Saturday 5 September 55 people attended the talk by Rodney McElrae and

On Sunday 6 September over 70 attended the book launch of *Wayfaring Strangers* by Fiona Ritchie and Doug Orr. Len Graham also contributed in song to the presentation.
Details of this excellent book are available at: http://www.unepress.unc.edu/books/12005.html

On 30 September Dr Fitzgerald met with Maria Murphy of ‘Below the Radar’ television company regarding a forthcoming three part documentary for BBC NI entitled *Wayfaring Strangers* looking at musical connections between Scotland, Ulster and North America.
6.0 COLLECTION, PRESERVATION, ACCESS (Aim 4)

Ensure the sustainable management of our cultural infrastructure for the study of migration.

*The Library*

The Library’s reputation as the foremost research library for Irish migration studies in Ireland is enhanced by the ongoing development of its collection. In the course of the year 209 books were added to stock (208 in 2013-14). These included donations to the library which are gratefully acknowledged in Appendix 6, bringing the total book stock to 17,337.

Dr Haldane Mitchell presenting to the MCMS Library the latest volume of *Images of Omagh*, 8 December 2015.
Mr Jim Allerdice, a member of Omagh Probus Club, presenting to the Library a copy of *My Story*, 11 November 2015

**Libraries Day, 6 February 2016**

Library endorsements on Libraries Day 2016 from Margaret Bradley, Janine Halliday, Fiona McClean, and Dr Haldane Mitchell
Launch of ‘Omagh at War, 1913-1919’ Exhibition

The new exhibition of photographs, ‘Omagh at War, 1913-1919’ was launched in the main gallery of the Ulster-American Folk Park on 18 June, 2016.

Dr Brian Lambkin (Director), Sir Peter Froggatt (Chairman, Scotch-Irish Trust), Dr Haldane Mitchell (curator of the Holland photographs), Mr John Gilmour, Mr Alan Porter (custodian of the Holland photographs)
Dr Haldan Mitchell, explaining the background to the Holland photographs at the launch of ‘Omagh at War’.
The exhibition remained on display in the Folk Park until the Annual General meeting of the West Tyrone Historical Society which was held on 27 January 2016 in the gallery housing the temporary exhibition ‘Omagh at War’ for a presentation of the story behind the exhibition by Dr Haldane Mitchell, John Gilmour and Dr Fitzgerald. The meeting then moved to the MCMS Library for a presentation by the Director of the new online version of the exhibition (http://go.qub.ac.uk/OmaghatWar) and the Living Legacies project by Dr Devlin Trew. A second version of the on-line exhibition is in development. The prototype may be viewed at: http://go.qub.ac.uk/OmaghAtWarII. We remain deeply grateful to Rona McKnight of Arvalee, a graduate of the MA and Public History programme at QUB, who volunteered to undertake research and draft exhibition captions.
It is with sadness that we record the death of Mr Michael Pollard on 21 October 2015. With Dr Haldane Mitchell and John Gilmour he was a key contributor to the ‘Images of Omagh’ oral history project and a long-standing friend of the Centre.

7.0 PARTNERSHIPS (Aim 5)
Reform and modernise our service delivery through partnerships both within and outside Northern Ireland.

DCAL Accountability Meetings
An Accountability Meeting took place at DCAL on 11 June 2015, attended by the Chairman, Mr Gilmour and the Director.

From Home to Here: Stories of Migration Old and New
This exhibition, by the research team headed by Professor Karen Corrigan of Newcastle University, was on display in the Library for the week commencing 1 June. Copies of the attractive exhibition booklet were available. The migration stories presented in the booklet with its accompanying CD are extracts from two different sources. The historical materials include extracts from the MCMS Irish Emigration Database. The contemporary interviews were collected from 2012 to 2014 as part of the Múin Béarla do na Leanbháin (Teach the Children English) research project which Professor Corrigan spoke about in MCMS at our Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School in 2014. The project seeks to better understand the relationship between language and migration in Northern Ireland. The interviews are with children and teenagers in Armagh, Belfast and Donaghmore from both local and migrant families. The conversations cover all aspects of their lives but the stories included in the booklet and on the CD highlight the varied experiences that these individuals have had or hope to have with the act of migrating ‘From Home to Here’.
Professor Corrigan and team with project booklet, ‘From Home to Here’: Ann Duffy, Dr Jennifer Thorburn, Sarah Cathers, Dr Adam Mearns, and Christine Johnston.
‘From Home to Here’, Lecture and Exhibition, June 2015
**MCMS and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council**

In a new initiative, MCMS partnered with the newly formed in delivering a three event programme under the project title ‘New Neighbours’ in February/March 2016. The three half-day events took place in MCMS/UAFP, Enniskillen Library and Omagh Library on 20 February, 24 February and 2 March respectively. The programme was intended to help pave the way towards the reception of refugees into the Council area and establish links between past emigration and contemporary immigration.

**Good Relations Officer, Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Pauline Clarke, addressing the first of the ‘New Neighbours’ sessions, 20 February 2016.***

**Association of European Migration Institutions (AEMI)**

This year the annual conference of the Association of European Migration Institutions was hosted by Centro Altreitalie, Turin, Italy, September 23 to 26 2015. The theme was **Europe and migrations: the last ten years**. Since AEMI members come from various fields and are interested in different aspects of migration, the papers covered a wide range of both historical questions and contemporary issues, including: Identity (Glocal identities: diasporas and the home country; Intra European migrations and the European Identity); Intra European migrations or mobilities in times of crisis; Migrants’ bread (in many cultures bread, and food,
best symbolizes migrants cultural heritage); Migration policies; migration studies; centers’ best practices. The Director attended and spoke on ‘The Irish National Diaspora Centre’.

Following the AEMI conference there was a visit to MCMS and UAFP in November by a representative of the Red Star Line, Antwerp, Marie-Charlotte Le Bailly.


The next annual AEMI conference will take place in Santiago de Compostela, 28 September to 1 October 2016: ‘European migrant diasporas and identities’

http://aemi.eu/aemi-meeting-2016-call-for-papers/

8.0 Investing in People (Aim 6)

Develop and deliver quality cultural products and services by investing in our people.

[To provide a quality work environment in which all members of staff are valued for their contribution to helping us to do our business in a customer focused way]

Staff training
A full list of training received is given in Appendix 7.
Staff news

We congratulate our Digital Officer, Ms Jenny Browne, on her wedding on 3 May 2016 and becoming Mrs Jennifer Wilson. A volunteer with the Aspire re-entry to employment programme, Mr Brian McCrory, started with UAFP and MCMS on Tuesday 16 Feb 2015. The programme is run by the Western Health and Social Services Board. The initial commitment is for two days per week for six months.

We were pleased to welcome Sarah Cathers as temporary Library Assistant (22 hrs pw) from 15 March 2015.

The Director was granted study leave from March to June 2015. It is hoped that a new book on Irish migration will be completed in 2017.

Staff Development Day 2016
This year’s Staff Development Day was very kindly hosted by John O’Driscoll, Manager of Strokestown House and Irish National Famine Museum, Co. Roscommon, on Monday 8 February.
APPENDIX 1
Business Plan Performance Targets, 2015-2016

Over the year 2015-2016 the Centre used the following targets as an indication of performance.

[Note that numbers of visitors to the library in person are no longer recorded manually by staff. Since 1 April 2009 they are recorded automatically by the electronic gate at the main entrance to the Library, according to Libraries NI practice. The figure for 2009-2010 (20,434) should therefore be treated as the baseline. A new electronic gate counter was installed in September 2013.

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APPENDIX 2

Lectures, Talks and Teaching Programmes 2015-2016

1/4/15 Dr Fitzgerald attended Ulster Museum with QUB interns
4/5/15 QUB intern students took part in Spring Fair Day event at UAFP
14/5/15 MCMS to operate seasonal opening hours from today (ie remain open over lunch time Tuesday to Friday and open Saturdays, with 30 minute closure for lunch)
J Gilmour met with Dr Fitzgerald re Omagh at War exhibition
Visit by Treasure House group from Lurgan (9)
15/5/15 Sarah Cathers commenced work in MCMS as temporary Library Assistant, 22 hours per week
Visit by Treasure House group from Magherafelt and Cookstown (11)
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17/4/15 Amy Marshall, student at Aberdeen University visited to meet Dr Fitzgerald to discuss potential summer work experience
21/4/15 Visit by Treasure House group Coalisland (5)
22/4/15 Visit by Treasure House group Enniskillen and Portadown (16)
28/4/15 Visit by Treasure House group Newtownstewart (19)
29/4/15 Visit by Treasure House group Banbridge (11)
MCMS Finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, P McNulty, Dr Fitzgerald and C Johnston
BL and PF attended Museums Hour at UAFP (P Gilmore, NMNI)
4/5/15 QUB intern students took part in Spring Fair Day event at UAFP
7/5/15 Noel Mitchell, Omagh, visited to discuss material he has compiled on WW1 dead from immediate Omagh area
8/5/15 MA in Public History students from QUB and TCD with Dr Olwen Purdue, QUB, visited MCMS and UAFP, including presentation by Dr Fitzgerald ‘Living History Museums and the Ulster American Folk Park’ (8)
Brief visit to MCMS by Miceal McCoy, Chair of NMNI Board of Trustees and Jude Helliker, Acting Chief Executive of NMNI
9/5/15 MA in Public History students field trip to Lissan House, Springhill, Tullyhogue and Dungannon led by Drs Fitzgerald and Purdue
12/5/15 Emma Campbell, NMNI Community Engagement Officer at UFTM, visited for discussion on forthcoming textile project with Drs Fitzgerald and Devlin Trew, P O’Donnell, P Casey and C Johnston
13/5/15 Visit by Treasure House group from Imperial, Donaghadee, Cook Court, Newtownards and Savoy, Bangor (35)
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Visit by Treasure House group from Magherafelt and Cookstown (11)
15/5/15 First of Travel Services Europe (YMT Vacations) group visits (45)
6/5/15 Jane Magowan and Claire McParland, Doubleband Films, visited to meet with Drs Fitzgerald and Devlin Trew to discuss ‘The Ulster Canada Series’ for BBC NI television programme
18/5/15 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Emigration from Newry and Mourne’ to school group at Bagenal’s Castle, Newry Museum (40)
20/5/15 MCMS/UAFP finance meeting attended by P Kelly, P McNulty, Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and C Johnston
IT meeting held in UAFP Board Room attended by Dr Lambkin, H Osborn, A Adair, P Walker and J Aiken, LNI
Mary Beth Pastorius, Sewickley, PA visited MCMS and UAFP re research on Pennsylvania architecture and met with MCMS staff and Liam Corry, UAFP
21/5/15 Visit by Treasure House group from Cedar Court, Whiteabbey (16)
Dr Fitzgerald and attended Celebration of Cultural Diversity’ Event In St Patrick’s College, Dungannon
Dr Fitzgerald attended poster presentations by QUB intern students, Canada Room
22/5/15 Travel Services Europe group visit (48)
26/5/15 Visit by Treasure House group from Glenhesk, Ballycastle (5)
Presentation by Dr Fitzgerald ‘Migration, MCMS and the Ulster American Folk Park’ to group of retired academics USA (44)
28/5/15 Visit from Treasure House group from Cramsie Court, Ballymoney (36)
29/5/15 Travel Services Europe group visit (48)
30/5/15 Presentation by Dr Fitzgerald ‘Waterloo in broad perspective: allegiance, migration and diaspora’, at Waterloo 200 Salute event held in Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers Regimental Museum
2/6/15 ‘What will you take with you?’ A workshop on migration with P4 pupils from Donaghmore Primary School (30)
3/6/15 Presentation by Professor Karen Corrigan, Newcastle University, to launch ‘From Home to Here: Stories of Migration Old and New’ exhibition and booklet (62)
3-6/6/15 Dr Fitzgerald attended ‘Women and the Great Hunger in Ireland: A Comparative Approach’ conference at Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute, Quinnipiac University, Hamden, Connecticut
4/6/15 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Irish Famines and Irish Families: Continuity and Change, 1550-1850’ at above conference (25)
Dr Lambkin delivered presentation ‘Ancestral Homes and Family History: The Case of the Mellon Family of Tyrone and Pennsylvania’ and Dr Devlin Trew delivered presentation ‘Whose Diaspora? Whose Migration? Northern Ireland’s Overseas Connections Since the 1920s’ at conference hosted by The Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) Ulster-Scots Academy and the Ulster Historical Foundation held in
Corn Exchange, Belfast

5/6/15 Introduction to MCMS/UAFP and a guide to the Centre’s research facilities to Travel Services Europe (YMT) group

6/6/15 Presentation ‘Migration into Ulster in the seventeenth century and migration out of Ulster in the eighteenth’, by Dr Jonathan Bardon in MCMS organised by Church of Ireland Men’s Society

7/6/15 Patchwork ‘drop-in’ sessions in MCMS to explore resources and range of related books. Facilitated by Pat O’Donnell and Jane Anthony, UAFP

10/6/15 MCMS/UAFP Finance Meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, P Kelly, Dr Fitzgerald and C Johnston

11/6/15 Dr Lambkin, Sir Peter Foggatt and J Gilmour attended Accountability Meeting at DCAL. George Kingsnorth visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald re TV project

Anthony Russell visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald re National Famine Commemoration conference to be held in Newry

12/6/15 Introduction to MCMS/UAFP and a guide to the Centre’s research facilities to Travel Services Europe (YMT) group

Dr Fitzgerald met with Sarah Riblet, QUB intern, in Belfast

15/6/15 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended launch of Donegal’s Ulster-Scots Audit Report in Cathedral Hall, Raphoe

17/6/15 Presentation on MCMS and its resources to students from University of Kentucky (International Studies Abroad programme)

18/6/15 MCMS Management Committee meeting held at UAFP. Launch of ‘Omagh at War’ exhibition in UAFP exhibition gallery

Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Irish Famines and Irish Families: Continuity and Change, 1550-1850’ at conference in Strokestown, Co Roscommon ‘Local and Regional Impacts of the Great Irish Famine’

19/6/15 Introduction to MCMS/UAFP and a guide to the Centre’s research facilities to Travel Services Europe (YMT) group

23/6/15 Dr Fitzgerald met with Anthony Russell at Armagh City Hotel re National Famine Commemoration conference to be held in Newry

24/6/15 Ian Scully, Irish-American documentary filmmaker, Culture Film, and Shane Wallace, Wallace Media, visited to meet Dr Fitzgerald in relation to an Irish Diaspora documentary film series

26/6/15 Introduction to MCMS/UAFP and a guide to the Centre’s research facilities to Travel Services Europe (YMT) group

1/7/15 Drs Fitzgerald and Devlin Trew interviewed for BBC Radio Ulster Sunday sequence, regarding historical background to current European migration crisis, for transmission Sunday 5 July

3/7/15 Introduction to MCMS/UAFP delivered to visitors with Travel Services Europe (YMT) group (group talks have been cancelled, but individuals still visiting for research)

6/7/15 Monday opening of MCMS commenced, as part of UAFP pilot project – MCMS to open Mondays during July and August, with exception of Public Holidays
Dr Lambkin attended ‘Andrew Jackson: Victor of New Orleans’ conference hosted by the Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) Ulster-Scots Academy in partnership with Ulster Historical Foundation in Corn Exchange, Belfast

9/7/15 Bill Smith, Ministerial Advisory Group (MAG) Ulster-Scots Academy, visited to meet with Dr Lambkin and J Gilmour and for introduction to MCMS

13-17/7/15 Dr Lambkin attended 15th International Congress of Celtic Studies conference at Glasgow University

16/7/15 Dr Lambkin presented ‘Migration and the Poems of Blathmac’ at above conference

14/7/15 Dr Fitzgerald met with QUB MA student Sarah Riblet in Belfast

20/7/15 Dr Fitzgerald met with Anthony Russell at Armagh City Hotel re 2015 Annual Famine Commemoration in Newry

20-31/7/15 Amy Marshall, third year student at the University of Aberdeen reading History and Legal Studies, on work experience at MCMS

22/7/15 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald delivered teaching to QUB Institute of Irish Studies International Summer School students at QUB

23/7/14 QUB IIS International Summer School group visited MCMS for presentation by Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald ‘Emigrant life on both sides of the Atlantic: the role of the Ulster American Folk Park’ and for introduction to MCMS and its resources

MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by P Kelly, P McNulty, Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and C Johnston

24/7/15 A Duffy, LNI Heritage Services Manager, attended Heritage meeting held in Omagh library

27/7/15 Dr Lambkin delivered presentation ‘Ancestral Homes and the Ulster American Folk Park’ to Clann Doherty Reunion organised by Clonmany Genealogy, held in Culdaff

Dr Fitzgerald met with Frank McHugh in Enniskillen

29/7/15 Ginger Aarons, Time Travel Tours, visited with clients pursuing family history research

31/7/15 Ann Duffy, LNI Heritage Services Manager, attended meeting in Dungiven

3-5/8/15 Dr /Fitzgerald attended William Carleton Summer School in Corick House, Clogher

6/8/15 Dr Fitzgerald delivered keynote address at US Civil War Connections conference in Cavan library

7/8/15 Dr Fitzgerald attended US Civil War Connections conference in Cavan library

13/8/15 Margaret McNulty, Embrace NI, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald

22/8/15 Castlerock Quilting Group visited MCMS for workshop facilitated by UAFP Curatorial staff.

26/8/15 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended 1718 Workshop hosted by UHF. Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation entitled ‘1718 Contextualising Commemoration’ at this event

27/8/15 Frank McHugh visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald

1-4/9/15 Niall McLaughlin, Year 12 student at Sacred Heart College, Omagh, at MCMS/UAFP for week’s work experience

4/9/15 Mary McCartan, speaker at forthcoming 16th Literature of Irish Exile
Autumn School, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald

5/9/15 McAuley Lecture ‘Remembering the Crooked Road – Exploring the Appalachian Folk Music Trail’ delivered in MCMS by Rodney McElrea. Part of 24th UAFP Bluegrass Festival weekend (55)

6/9/15 McAuley Lecture ‘Wayfaring Strangers: The Musical Voyage from Scotland and Ulster to Appalachia’ delivered in MCMS by Fiona Ritchie and Doug Orr, with music from Len Graham. Part of 24th UAFP Bluegrass Festival weekend (70)

8/9/15 UHF Family History Conference ‘Tracing Your Irish Ancestors’ visited MCMS for presentations by Centre staff and discussion (57)

10/9/15 ‘The Linen Industry in Northern Ireland: taking a look at the past through the medium of digital film (European Heritage Open Day event)’

Dr Lambkin attended RIA Seminar in Dublin on Irish Historic Towns Atlas (6)

12/9/15 Dr Fitzgerald delivered Patrick McGill Memorial Lecture ‘Irish Internal Migration – A Neglected Aspect 1600-2015’ in Ardara Heritage Centre, organised by Donegal Historical Society (52)

16/9/15 Aine McParland, ‘From Home to Here’ project evaluator, visited to discuss project

Brian Conlan, LNI Service & Project Manager and Jamie Aiken, LNI ICT Manager, visited to meet with Dr Lambkin re IT in MCMS (40)

Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Natives and Newcomers’ in Emigrants Gallery as part of NMNI Live and Learn Open Afternoon

17/9/15 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, P Kelly, P Fitzgerald and C Johnston (12)

19/9/15 Irish Genealogical Society International group visited MCMS for introduction to resources and individual research

23-26/9/15 Dr Fitzgerald attended as co-director Irish Annual Famine Commemoration Conference held in Canal Court Hotel, Newry

23-27/9/15 Dr Lambkin attended AEMI Annual Conference in Turin

24/9/15 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Seven Famines in Seven Minutes’ at Irish Annual Famine Commemoration Conference held in Canal Court Hotel, Newry (60)

30/9/15 Maria Murphy, Below the Radar TV company, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald to discuss research for a BBC documentary entitled ‘Wayfaring Strangers’

8/10/15 UHF Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Conference visited MCMS and UAFP (40)

9/10/15 UU Chaplaincy group, led by Gail Mercer, visited MCMS and UAFP with students from USA, Switzerland and Finland (10)

12/10/15 Frank McHugh visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald re MRes dissertation

Heritage Services Manager attended LNI Heritage meeting in Lisburn library

13/10/15 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by P Kelly, Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and C Johnston

14/10/15 Audit of MCMS library carried out by LNI Internal Audit

15/10/15 Dr Fitzgerald met in Armagh with Patrick Davidson, QUB MA student
Dr Lambkin attended Healing Through Remembering AGM in Belfast
16/10/15
Mary Mc Cartan visited to prepare for presentation in MCMS on
17 October

17/10/15
XVI Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School held in MCMS with guest
speakers Mary Mc Cartan ‘A Long Road to Freedom: The Life of Patrick
McCrystal (1920-2011)’ and Margaret McNulty, EMBRACE NI who led
an afternoon panel discussion ‘Re-settlement after War: Taking the Long
View in Irish History’.

20/10/15
Claire Beggan, QUB MA student, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald

21/10/15
WTHS held October meeting in MCMS. Alisdair Moran, Chairman,
presented ‘The Irish Whip: The Tale of Dan O’Mahoney

22/10/15
MCMS Management Committee meeting held at UAFP
Travel and Tourism students from SW College visited MCMS for
presentations by Catherine McCullough, Head of Learning & Partnership,
NMNI and Paula Donnelly, NMNI Marketing Department

23/10/15
Robbie Hannan visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald

29/10/15
Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Migration and Language’ - part of
Island Voices Autumn Lecture Series in Tower Museum, Londonderry

Dr Lambkin attended NIPR, The National Collection of Northern Ireland
Publications 15th Anniversary Celebration, with Guest Speaker Glenn
Patterson, also formal launch of NIPR as a Registered Charity held in
Linen Hall Library, Belfast

30/10/15
Two Year 2 undergraduate BA History students from Ulster University
commenced internship at MCMS under supervision of Dr Fitzgerald

2/11/15
Clare Beggan, QUB MA student, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald
re dissertation
Frank McHugh met with Dr Fitzgerald re MRes dissertation

3-4/11/15
Marie-Charlotte Le Bailly, Red Star Line Museum, Antwerp visited

5/11/15
Patrick Davidson, QUB MRes student visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald
Dr Lambkin attended MAGUS meeting at Ulster Scots Hub, Belfast
Omagh Family History Society open meeting in MCMS, with
presentation by Dr Johanne Devlin Trew ‘Nurses and Volunteers:
Their Personal Stories of the Great War’

6/11/15
Group of trainee teachers from US, currently at Stranmillis College,
visited for presentation by Dr Fitzgerald
Ryan Fallis and Andrew Kennedy, Year 2 undergraduate BA History
students at Ulster University, continued internship at MCMS

6-7/11/15
Dr Lambkin attended Irish Texts Society Seminar and book launch
at UCC

9/11/15
Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation to Cookstown Inter Church Forum
‘Aspects of Internal Migration in Ireland’ in Gortaloy House, Cookstown
Jonathan Roberts, QUB MA student, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald re
research

10/11/15
Mary and Tom Sullivan, Cavan, visited to meet with Drs Lambkin
and Fitzgerald re cross border conference in October 2016

11/11/15
Omagh Men’s Probus group visited for discussion on migration/emigration
and background to Omagh at War exhibition hosted by UAFP. Also included presentation to MCMS library by group member Mr Jim Alderdice, of his memoir ‘My Story’

Pauline Clarke, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and Catherine Scott, Fermanagh Museum, visited to meet with Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald re Migration Diversity Day in February 2016

Fujitsu staff on site to install kit re digital migration of Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald from NMNI to LNI network

12/11/15 Clare Beggan, QUB Masters student, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald

13/11/15 Hayden McFarland, Year 2 undergraduate BA History student at Ulster University, continued internship at MCMS

16/11/15 Dr Lambkin attended talk by Tina Beaird and Debra Dukek

‘All routes led to Chicago: Irish Railroad workers and canal builders in the nineteenth century’ held in PRONI

17/11/15 MCMS/UAFP finance meeting attended by Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald, P Kelly and C Johnston

19/11/15 Student group from St Aidan’s Comprehensive, Cootehill, Co Cavan, visited MCMS for presentations on Heritage and Tourism by NMNI staff Catherine McCullough, Head of Learning & Partnership, and Sinead Cunningham, Head of Marketing & PR

20/11/15 Travel and Tourism students from SW Regional College, Enniskillen, visited MCMS for presentations on Heritage and Tourism by NMNI staff Richard Hurst, Visitor Services Manager, and Paula Donnelly, Consumer Marketing Executive

Year 2 undergraduate BA History students continued internship at MCMS

24/11/15 Cliodhna Nic Bhranair, QUB MA in Public History student, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald re internship at MCMS in February 2016

27/11/15 UU students Ryan Fallis and Andrew Kennedy continued internship at MCMS

4/12/15 Visit of student group from Slippery Rock University, PA

Ryan Fallis, Andrew Kennedy and Hayden McFarland, Year 2 undergraduate BA History students at Ulster University, completed internship at MCMS

8/12/15 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald, P Kelly and C Johnston

9/12/15 Dr Fitzgerald attended graduation of Sarah Riblet, Laura Gillespie and Sarah McErlane at QUB

10/12/15 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald taught MA at QUB

15/12/15 Representatives from Fermanagh & Omagh District visited MCMS to meet with Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and Ann Duffy, LNI Heritage Services Manager, to discuss proposed ‘New Neighbours’ programme of events

16/12/15 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and Ann Duffy, LNI Heritage Services Manager, attended heritage meeting in Guildhall, Londonderry

17/12/15 Ann Duffy, LNI Heritage Services Manager, attended LNI Heritage meeting in Belfast

20/12/15 MCMS closed for Christmas and New Year
6/1/16  MCMS reopened after Christmas and New Year closure
7/1/16  Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended launch of American Buggy
        event at Ulster American Folk Park
11/1/16 Heritage Services Manager, Digital Officer and Senior Library Assistant
        attended LNI Workshop ‘Looking to the Future III’ in Cookstown Library
12/1/16 Representatives of Fermanagh & Omagh District Council visited for
        meeting with Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and Ann Duffy, LNI Heritage
        Services Manager re forthcoming ‘New Neighbours’ programme
        Frank McHugh met with Dr Fitzgerald re MRes dissertation
13/1/16 Dr Lambkin attended meeting with Duke of Abercorn at Baronscourt
14/1/16 Student group from Elon University, North Carolina visited for
        presentation and discussion, followed by tour of UAUF
        MCMS/UAFP finance meeting attended by P Kelly, P McNulty,
        Dr Fitzgerald and C Johnston
        Dr Lambkin met with William Roulston, UHF and Andrew Charles,
        Belfast City Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officer, at Belfast City
        Council
15/1/16 J Gilmour and Dr H Mitchell visited to meet with Drs Lambkin and
        Fitzgerald re Omagh at War project
18/1/16 Dr Lambkin met with Lorraine Barry, QUB GIS Research Unit re Omagh
        at War online
22/1/16 TCD MPhil Public History students visited MCMS for discussion;
        also visited Ulster American Folk Park
23/1/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald joined TCD MPhil Public History
        students on field trip to Londonderry
26/1/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended meeting of Derry Maritime Museum
        Historical Advisory Panel
27/1/16 Omagh Men’s Probus group held meeting in MCMS
        Drs Lambkin, Fitzgerald and Devlin Trew delivered presentation
        ‘Omagh during the Great War’ to West Tyrone Historical Society
27-29/1/16 Jordan Vincent, Year 13 student at Omagh Academy, on placement
        at MCMS
28/1/16 MCMS team meeting to discuss MCMS 2016-2017 Business Plan
30/1/16 Fifteenth Annual Irish Migration Studies lecture in MCMS:
        Dr Jennifer Redmond, Department of History, Maynooth University
        delivered lecture ‘Emigrants and the Revolution, 1912-26’
18/2/16 MCMS Management Committee meeting held in Cultra
20/2/16 Fermanagh & Omagh District Council event with MCMS/UAFP
        held in MCMS, ‘New Neighbours: Thinking About Migration’
24/2/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald facilitated second Fermanagh & Omagh
        District Council event, ‘New Neighbours: Thinking About Migration’
        held in Enniskillen library
25/2/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended Derry Maritime Museum Historical Panel meeting
1/3/16 MCMS seasonal opening hours changed to:
        Tuesday to Friday 10.00am-5.00pm;
2/3/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald facilitated third Fermanagh & Omagh District Council event, ‘New Neighbours: Thinking About Migration’ held in Omagh library

3/3/16 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Intimate Strangers: Aspects of Migration between Scotland, Ulster and North America’ to North of Ireland Family History Society in Holywood Arches library

4/3/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald led Public History Seminar at QUB Evening workshop ‘Songs of Appalachia with Brendan Taaffe’ held in MCMS

7/3/16 Dr Fitzgerald met with A Russell re publication of collection of essays from conference held in Newry in September 2015

9/3/16 Kathryn Thomson, new Chief Executive of NMNI, visited MCMS for introduction to staff as part of UAFP site visit Helen Osborn, Director of Library Services, Libraries NI, visited to meet with Dr Lambkin Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald met with Catherine McCullough, Head of Learning & Partnership, NMNI MCMS/UAFP finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, Dr Fitzgerald, P Kelly, P McNulty and C Johnston

10/3/16 Dr Fitzgerald interviewed for TV programme aimed at American audience, to be produced by Wolfhound on behalf of NITB

12/3/16 Visit from student group from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, for presentation by Dr Fitzgerald and introduction to MCMS

14/3/16 Dr Lambkin met with Lorraine Barry, QUB GIS Research Unit

15/3/16 New Neighbours project review meeting in MCMS

21/3/16 Dr Lambkin attended International History & Citizenship Education Conference ‘Memories and Legacies of Conflict’ at QUB

29/3/16 QUB MA interns participated in UAFP Spring Fair Day event

30/3/16 Representatives from Rathfriland Regeneration Group visited MCMS accompanied by Richard Hurst, UAFP Visitor Services Manager
Donations of books to the Library were gratefully received from the following:

Mr J Alderdice, Omagh, Co Tyrone
Mrs J Anthony, Ulster American Folk Park
Ms M Huff Coleman & Ms S Smith Sherman, USA
Mr G Cunningham, Roscrea, Co Tipperary
Mr R Davidson, Royston, Hertfordshire
Mr R Edgar, Portadown
Ms J Halliday-Perez, Ulster American Folk Park
Dr B Lambkin, Mellon Centre for Migration Studies, Ulster American Folk Park
Mr P Lyttle, Beragh, Co Tyrone
Dr A McKeown, Belfast
Ms B Mahaffy, Lifford, Co Donegal
Mr R Mann, Ontario, Canada
Dr H Mitchell, Omagh, Co Tyrone
Mr J Phelps, Phoenix, Arizona, USA
Dr W Roulston, Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast
Mrs M Russell, San Diego, California, USA
Ms K Scott, Alberta, Canada
Ms E Viehman, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, USA
APPENDIX 4

Training

15/7/15 J Browne, LNI Digital Officer, received Facebook training from Joe Mullan, LNI Web Officer, in Omagh Library

28/7/15 C Johnston, Senior Library Assistant, received Symphony catalogue training from A Duffy, Heritage Services Manager

16/9/15 Heritage Services Manager and Digital Officer attended ‘Introduction to PRONI’ training held in PRONI

1,8,22,29/10/15 MCMS Cleaner, Kathleen Martin, received inhouse training from Senior Library Assistant on accessing the computer and emails

6-7/10/15 Heritage Services Manager received Lead and Manage training held in Dungannon library

15/10/15 Heritage Services Manager received Lead and Manage training held in Dungannon library

20/11/15 Heritage Services Manager attended ‘Looking to the Future II’ training in Antrim library

2/12/15 LNI Digital Officer attended Copyright training at Stormont

19/1/16 Heritage Services Manager attended LNI Equality training in Dungannon library
The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies

Accounts
(Extract from The Scotch Irish Trust of Ulster)
for the year ended 31 March 2016
## The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies

### Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2016

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<td>134,503</td>
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| Net incoming resources for the year | 2,351 | (4,703) |
| Surplus brought forward | 14,833 | 19,536 |
| **Surplus carried forward** | 17,184 | 14,833 |
## Balance sheet as at 31 March 2016

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