The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies
at the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh

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Dr Brian Lambkin Director

The Committee met on the following occasions in 2016-2017: June 16, October 26, February 16.

Staff

Director Dr Brian Lambkin, MA, Dip Ed, MA, DPhil
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Chairman’s Foreword

This year marked the end of an era and a new departure for the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies (MCMS). It was the end of an era in that it was marked by the retirement of Sir Peter Froggatt as Chairman of the Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster and of the Centre’s Management Committee. He joined the Trust in 1981, became its Chairman in 1992, and then Chairman of the Management Committee of the Centre at its inception in 1998. At a special meeting of the Trust and Management Committee on 26 January 2017, tributes were paid to his wise, warm-hearted, and tireless leadership. Members praised his skilful chairmanship which ensured that meetings were invariably enjoyable as well as business-like, enlivened by insights garnered from a long and distinguished career in medicine, the history of medicine and university management, always concluding with a clear sense of direction. Committee members were especially appreciative of his skill in encouraging a welcome sharing of expertise in matters of common concern between our partners. His will be a hard act to follow indeed, but we are determined to maintain the high standards which he set, both for the Trust and for the management of the Centre.

There was a new departure this year in the sense that the Centre moved within the public service from the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) to the new Department for Communities (DfC), which was formed in May 2016. Happily, we made the move along with our main partners in what had been the DCAL ‘family’ of cultural agencies - the Ulster-American Folk Park (UAFP) as part of the National Museums of Northern Ireland (NMNI); the Northern Ireland Library Service, Libraries NI (LNI); and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI). So our aim is to maintain our strong tradition of partnership, working within 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’.

While we remain sensitive and open to opportunities for development with all our partners, we are now presented with a very exciting opportunity to develop our partnership with the Ulster-American Folk Park. National Museums Northern Ireland is at the early stages of planning a substantial development of the Ulster-American Folk Park as a Museum of Emigration, and we have been invited to play an important part in that development. We look forward to working with NMNI’s recently appointed Chief Executive Officer, Kathryn Thomson, and her colleagues, contributing whatever expertise and support we can. We are proud of the major contribution which our Director and Lecturer and Development Officer have made to the field of Irish Migration Studies with their book, *Migration in Irish History, 1607–2007* (2008). The Director will have an important article published later this year on ‘The Need for a “National” Diaspora Centre in Ireland’, and he is currently working on a new book, *Calming Northern Ireland and the Rest of the World*, which will put
the case for a ‘Citizens Atlas of Local Migration’ (CALM) as a new educational resource of our Colleges (including all our schools), Archives, Libraries & Museums (CALM). We hope to see it published in 2018, when with the Ulster-American Folk we will be helping to commemorate not only centenary of the ending of the First World War but also the bicentenary of the emigration of Thomas Mellon and his parents from the Camp Hill cottage, round which the Folk Park has grown.

As usual, our Annual Report well illustrates the wide range of activities in which the Centre has been engaged. The major event of the year was our hosting of 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. It was a happy coincidence that we were hosting the Symposium (as we do every four years) in the same year that the Ulster-American Folk Park celebrated its fortieth anniversary. On 15 July 2016 we were delighted to welcome back James Ross Mellon II, who is President of the Scotch-Irish Trust and great-great-grandson of Thomas Mellon (1813-1908), and invite him and the Duchess of Abercorn to join with Sir Peter and Lady Norma Froggatt in a tree-planting ceremony on the New World side of the Outdoor Museum in memory of Eric Montgomery, founding father of the Folk Park along with James Mellon’s father, Matthew Mellon.

We look forward to welcoming our President James Mellon again in the summer of 2018 to take part in commemorating and celebrating the two-hundredth anniversary of his great-great-grandfather’s emigration to the United States, and in being able to report further on work of the Centre with our partners, not least National Museums Northern Ireland as it develops the Ulster-American Folk Park.

**John Gilmour**

**Chairman,**

**Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster and Mellon Centre for Migration Studies**
Sir Peter Froggatt with Scotch-Irish Trust and MCMS colleagues, Cultra Manor, February 2017

Tree-planting in memory of Eric Montgomery (1916-2003), 15 July 2016
Visiting the Rogan House: John Gilmour, Sir Peter Froggatt, Lady Norma Froggatt, James Ross Mellon II, Duchess of Abercorn

Back in the MCMS Library, in the shadow of Thomas Mellon (1813-1908)
Visit of Montgomery Family

We were delighted to welcome Mrs Joan Montgomery and members of her family on 12 November 2016 to participate in the tree-planting in honour of her late husband, Eric Montgomery, the first Director of the Ulster American Folk Park.
HIGHLIGHTS
2016-2017

DCAL/DfC priorities: contributing to ‘Treasure House’ project of National Museums of Northern Ireland based at Ulster-American Folk Park


Seventeenth Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School (October 2016): keynote lecture on ‘A Twisted Root: Ancestral Entanglements in Ireland’ by Dr Patricia Craig, acclaimed literary critic and anthologist.


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 Seamus Heaney Home Place, Bellaghy
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 the Accounting Officer 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 Searth, Head of Public Services, and Ms Janet Hancock. The University of Ulster was represented by Professor John Wilson, Director of the Institute of Ulster-Scots Studies, to October 2010 and until June 2016 by Dr William Kelly. Queen’s University is represented by Dr Olwen Purdue, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics.

From its inception in 1998, the Management Committee was chaired by Sir Peter Froggatt, Chairman of the Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster, until his retirement in February 2017. Since then the Committee is chaired by the new Chairman of the Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster, Mr John Gilmour.

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 (until March 2017), 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.
[To lever resources to maximise positive social, economic and educational impact 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 of its 9 heritage collections, along with Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Derry, Downpatrick, Enniskillen, Omagh and Newry:

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 2016-2017 was 18,644, a small increase on the previous year (18,481). At the same time there was a small decrease in the number of remote queries being dealt with by MCMS staff to 924 compared to 1,014 in the previous year. Organised groups visiting the Library over the course of the year are listed in Appendix 2.

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.

Twenty-First Ulster-American Heritage Symposium, June 2016

Hosting the Ulster-American Heritage Symposium every four years has been a major commitment of the Centre since 1996 and we are delighted to report that we were able to host another very successful meeting in June 2016 (see cover photo). The new Minister of the Department for Communities, Paul Girvan, was unfortunately unable to attend but the new Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council, Councillor Mary Garrity, kindly welcomed delegates to the opening reception at the Silverbirch Hotel, and Ms Irene Knox, Chief Executive of LibrariesNI, joined the Chairman in welcoming the delegates at the opening session, and Mr Gilmour gave the opening presentation, ‘The Ulster-American Folk Park: Forty Years in the Making (1976–2016)’.

Other highlights of this year’s meeting included the keynote lecture by Dr Bill Smith, formerly Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Group on the Ulster-Scots Academy (MAGUS), based on the activities and achievements of the group (2011-2015), and the visit to Dublin on the final day for the lecture by Professor David Dickson in Trinity College on ‘Ulster and Dublin, 1700-1900: An evolving relationship’ with an opportunity to visit the newly opened ‘Epic Ireland’ visitor centre in the Custom House Quay Building. The implications of the opening of Epic Ireland for the long-term ambition of NMNI to develop the Ulster-American Folk Park as a Museum of Migration for the whole island were discussed. The full symposium programme may be viewed at: http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/events/UAHS_2016/UAHS_2016.html.
Welcome from Mrs Irene Knox, Chief Executive Libraries NI

Keynote lecture: ‘Forty Years On: the story of the Ulster-American Folk Park’, John Gilmour
Remembering 1916: ‘Of bicycles and fallow fields...’: a short play written and presented by the Omagh Robins Drama Group

At the Conference dinner (left to right): Professors Catherine Shannon, Margaret Mac Curtain, Maureen Murphy, and Christine Kinealy
Walking ‘Historic Omagh’ with guide Vincent Brogan (right)

Folk Park guide, Heather Montgomery, preparing for lecture in Mountjoy Meeting House
QUB MA Public History module
Five MA students who had enrolled for the Public History module in the spring semester successfully completed their internship. The students were – Anne-Marie Ardill (London), Kimberly Camillieri (Boston), Cliodhna Nic Bhranair (Belfast), Katie Phelan (Kildare) and Barry Welsh-Rush (Limavady). Having participated in the Fair Day of 1916 in the Folk Park over Easter, the students presented their posters for assessment on 12 May. The Centre received very positive feedback via staff in the School of History regarding the internships. Drs Fitzgerald & Lambkin also participated in the module launch seminar at Queen’s on Friday 4 March.
QUB Public History Colloquium
Drs Fitzgerald & Lambkin attended a two day Colloquium organised by Drs Olwen Purdue and Leonie Hannan (QUB) which was held on the 12 & 13 May 2016 in the Ulster Museum and the McClay Library at Queen’s. On the afternoon of Friday 13th Dr Fitzgerald participated on a panel discussing public history.

QUB Postgraduate Field Trip
On Saturday 8 October 2016 a party of 28 postgraduate students from the School of History lead by Professor Mary O’Dowd visited the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies and toured the Ulster American Folk Park. Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald hosted the group and facilitated discussion concerning Public History. Following lunch in MCMS Library the party (including Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald) travelled to Lissan House, near Cookstown and toured the house. The party then made the short journey to Tullahogue Fort to explore the newly refreshed interpretation of the site.

QUB Public History Seminar
Dr Fitzgerald acted as facilitator at an event run by the Heritage Project at Belfast Porhouse on Thursday 13 October 2016. Working in conjunction with Drs Olwen Purdue and Leonie Hannan (QUB) and Louise Canavan (Archivist, Belfast Charitable Society) the Heritage Project is a new initiative designed to encourage partnerships between university researchers and heritage practitioners. This networking event was specifically designed to assist independent heritage providers and help disseminate useful information and encourage connectivity.

QUB International Summer School and MCMS
On Tuesday 5th July Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald presented a lecture to the international Summer School at Queen’s and two days later on Thursday 7th July a party of xx students visited MCMS and toured the Ulster American Folk Park.
MCMS and University of the Basque Country Summer School, 18-19 July 2016
Dr Fitzgerald spoke at the University of the Basque Country annual Summer School in San Sebastian on 19 July in a two day special seminar on Diaspora in the Twenty first century. Following a presentation entitled ‘Diasporas in Parallel: Irish and Basque migration in comparative frame’ to 40 international students, Dr Fitzgerald participated in a panel discussion.

MCMS and Cavan Genealogy ‘Warp and Weft’ event
Working in partnership with Cavan Genealogy and the Cavan 2016 Committee MCMS delivered a two day programme on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 October 2016. The Friday event took place in Belturbet library, Kiltyclogher Heritage Centre (Leitrim) and the Seven Horseshoes, Belturbet. The second day effectively incorporated our annual Literature of Irish Exile event. The full programme may be viewed at:
http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/events/17TH%20LIE%202016/LIE_Oct_2016.html

MCMS and Omagh and Fermanagh Council
Working in partnership with Omagh & Fermanagh Council and NMNI, MCMS held a very successful event on 20 August, ‘A Taste of Culture’. Following an interactive quiz in the Folk Park assembly room a group of visitors from Omagh and Enniskillen toured the Old World exhibits before ethnic food samples were sampled in the Ship and Dockside Gallery. In total over 350 visitors enjoyed the event. Another similar event is scheduled for June 2017.

MCMS and AGI/ASGRA
On Monday 20 September Dr Fitzgerald addressed the Accredited Genealogists of Ireland and ASGRA (the Scottish equivalent) at a joint meeting held at PRONI. Dr Fitzgerald talked on
‘Ower the Sheugh’: considering Irish and Scottish migration across the narrow sea in historical perspective.

**MCMS and AEMI**
Between 28 September and 1 October Dr Fitzgerald attended the annual meeting of the Association of European migration Institutions in Santiago de Compostela, Galicia, Spain. Dr Fitzgerald presented a paper entitled ‘Diasporas in Parallel: Irish and Basque migration in comparative frame’. MCMS will host the AEMI meeting in September 2020.

**MCMS and UHF**
On Wednesday 22 June 2016 the UHF Summer School visited MCMS following their visit to Baronscourt and the UHF Autumn School repeated this itinerary on Friday 9 September.

**QUB/TCD Postgraduate Field Trip**
MCMS has been approached by Dr. Olwen Purdue (QUB) and Dr. Ciarán O’Neill (TCD) to repeat the successful joint field trip to Derry undertaken in 2015. The fieldtrip is now scheduled for 24/25 March 2017 and will be made up of approximately 30 MA students engaged in the Public History programmes in both universities. We will be collaborating with Libraries NI who will provide a presentation room for us in Derry branch library.

**QUB MA module**
Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald contributed a seminar on Diaspora and Migration to the Autumn MA module on historiography on Thursday 8 December. Dr Fitzgerald subsequently acted as first marker on two module essays presented by the students. MCMS will again contribute a second seminar in the Spring MA semester.

**MCMS and IHS (Ulster Branch) memorial seminar for Prof. Keith Jeffery**
Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended a memorial seminar for the late Prof. Keith Jeffery held at QUB on 8 December 2016.

**QUB Winter Graduation**
Dr Fitzgerald was delighted to attend the Winter Graduation ceremony at Queen’s on 9 December in which Lesley Donaldson was awarded her M.Res degree (with distinction). Lesley remains connected to MCMS and is pursuing research relating to the Smyth collection housed on the Irish Emigration Database.

**MCMS and University of the Basque Country**
Following on from Dr Fitzgerald’s participation in the University of the Basque Country Diaspora Summer School event in July 2016, Mr Imanol Galdos, Head of Cultural Programmes with the San Sebastian City Council, is due to visit MCMS and UAFP on 18/19 March.

**MCMS and visiting students**
Jordan McKeown, a final year undergraduate at Dundee University, undertaking a dissertation on Ulster-American emigration, spent the week 3-6 January undertaking research in MCMS.
MCMS and event to celebrate the contribution of Dr. Bill Macafee

Working in conjunction with Dr William Roulston (UHF) and Linde Lunney (RIA) MCMS hosted a special seminar on Saturday 3 December 2016 to celebrate the contribution of Dr Bill Macafee (formerly UU). The seminar was attended by 51 guests. The full programme may be viewed at: http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/events/Bill_Macafee/Bill_Macafee.html.

Dr Bill Macafee (fourth from right) with Liam Corry, Graham Mawhinney, Linde Lunney, Brenda Collins, William Roulston, and Paddy Fitzgerald
QUB/TCD Postgraduate Field Trip
MCMS, working in collaboration with Dr. Olwen Purdue (QUB) and Dr. Ciaran O’Neill (TCD) repeated the successful joint field trip to Derry undertaken in 2015. The fieldtrip took place on 24/25 March 2017 and involved 23 MA students engaged in the Public History programmes in both universities. We are particularly grateful to Ann Duffy for allowing us space in Derry Central Library to meet for discussion. During the fieldtrip the group visited the Siege Museum, The Free Derry Museum, Ebrington Square, the Peace Bridge, The Guildhall, St. Columb’s Cathedral and toured the Walls with Mark Lusby (Friends of Derry’s Walls).

QUB MA Public History module
Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald participated in the introductory seminar in the Public History MA module at Queen’s on 23 February. They also attended the presentation evening at QUB when students discussed their internship posters. Dr Fitzgerald was asked to assess three of the posters as module coursework. In addition Dr Fitzgerald was invited by Dr Kieran Connell (QUB) to talk to UG students on the BA module in Public History at QUB on 31 March 2017. Finally, Dr Fitzgerald was asked to attend the Programme Evaluation Meeting at QUB for the proposed new MA course in Public History as a partner organisation representative. The new MA programme is due to commence in September 2018. From September 2017, the ‘Public History’ internship module will be extended as a ‘strand’, throughout the year.

**MCMS and QUB postgraduate supervision**
Dr Fitzgerald continues to supervise the MRes. dissertation of Frank McHugh. Dr Fitzgerald also continues to supervise the research of Patrick Davidson, who had also been enrolled on the MRes in Irish Local History. Dr Fitzgerald continues to act as part supervisor (with Dr Dominic Bryan) to Elaine Ni Bhраonain who is enrolled as a doctoral student with the Institute of Irish Studies, QUB and undertaking research on the history of the Irish in New York City.

**MCMS and research students**
On Sunday 26 June Dr Fitzgerald met with Taylor Hickox, a final year high school student from New Mexico completing a project on the Great Famine. On Monday 5 September Dr Fitzgerald met with Jordan McKeown, a final year undergraduate at Dundee University undertaking a dissertation on Ulster-American emigration, 1782-1815.

**MCMS and Micheál O’Cléirigh Institute, UCD**
Dr Fitzgerald presented an academic seminar paper at the Micheál O’Cléirigh Institute, UCD. The paper entitled ‘Redefining Irish Migration Studies’ was presented on Friday 17 February, 2017

**MCMS and Heritage Project networking event**
Dr Fitzgerald has been invited to participate in a second event organised by the Heritage Project (QUB) and scheduled for 18 May 2017 at Clifton House, Belfast. The theme of the seminar will be heritage and philanthropy.

**MCMS and University of the Basque Country Summer School, 18-19 July 2016**
Dr Fitzgerald was invited to speak at the University of the Basque Country annual Summer School in San Sebastian on 19 July 2016 in a two day special seminar on Diaspora in the Twenty first century.

**MCMS and University College Dublin**
Dr Fitzgerald presented a paper entitled ‘Irish Migration Patterns, 1690-1820’ at the Míchéal Ó Cléirigh Summer School, Rosnowlagh on Saturday 28 May and participated as a discussant in a History Ireland Hedge School event in the afternoon.

Dr Fitzgerald addressed the Irish Genealogical Research Group open Day at the Dublin City Public Library and Archive on Saturday 21 May. His subject was Irish Internal Migration.

The Director has been invited to contribute to a panel on ‘Academia and the Northern Ireland Conflict’ at the next annual conference of the Political Studies Association of Ireland, to be held in Belfast, 7-9 October 2016.

**MCMS and Ironbridge Museum conference**

Dr Fitzgerald has had a paper proposal accepted for a major international conference at Ironbridge Museum, Shropshire entitled ‘Bridge: The Heritage of Connecting Places and Cultures’ to be held 6-10 July 2017. The paper is entitled ‘Across the Bridge of Hope: crossing divides in an Irish migration context’.

**MCMS and the XXII Ulster-American Heritage Symposium**

MCMS are in the early stages of planning with Prof. Mark McGowan (University of Toronto) for the 22nd meeting of the Ulster-American Heritage Symposium scheduled to be hosted by the University of Toronto in June 2018. The call for papers should be issued shortly.

**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 2.

**Publications**

A full listing of publications for which Centre staff have been responsible this year can be found in Appendix 3.

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.

*Seventeenth Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School 2016*

The Sixteenth Literature of Irish Exile Autumn School took place on Saturday 15 October 2016.
Sixteenth MCMS Annual Migration Studies Lecture 2017
This year’s lecture, given by Dr Jacinta Prunty (NUI Maynooth), ‘People on the Move: Evidence from the Irish Historic Towns Atlas’, Dr Jacinta Prunty (NUI Maynooth).
Jacinta Prunty (right) with Catherine McCullough (UAFP) and Paddy Fitzgerald

MCMS Visit of Ulster Historical Foundation Autumn School
QUB IIS Summer School
On 5 July 2016 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.

MCMS and UAFP Bluegrass festival
As usual MCMS played host to the Tony McCauley memorial lecture series during the Folk Park’s annual Bluegrass festival. On Saturday 3 September 55 people attended the talk by Rodney McElrae.

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 4, bringing the total book stock to 17,337.
Margaret Mannion presents a family history to the Library, 11 October 2016
Visit from the Campbell House Museum, St Louis, Missouri: Robert and Thomas Gronski (2nd and 4th from left) with Alan McFarland Peter Kelly, Liam Corry, Thomas Gronski
National Libraries Day 2016

We are pleased to record the following testimonials from colleagues and friends about the value to them of the MCMS Library, received in connection with National Libraries Day 2016.

Folk Park Guides Richard Whybray and Thelma Loane
Folk Park Curator Fiona McClean

Researching the Brig Union, shipwrecked off Rathlin, replica at Ulster American Folk Park

Folk Park Curator Liam Corry

INVITING, FRIENDLY, WARM, FULL OF LEARNING, FULL OF ENJOYMENT.
Strule Cafe Manager, Shane
I love books and the library here at the Ulster American Folk Park is a fabulous resource for the staff to have right on our doorstep.

As a house interpreter at the UAFP the library plays a very important role with regards the historical research and interpretation I require in relation to my job.
Visit of Skip Gordon and Connie Dover, 28 May 2016
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.

Ms Walker issued an invitation to the launch of LibrariesNI first digital collections project relating to letters sent by librarians to the Chief Librarian of Belfast from the front during the First World War, ‘The Library Men of World War One’. The launch will take place at 2.00 pm on 29 June in Belfast Central Library.

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 on 22 June 2016, attended by the Chairman, Mr Gilmour and the Director.

MCMS and Department for Communities (DfC)
Dr Fitzgerald attended a stakeholders meeting at PRONI organised by DfC on 26 August. The meeting represented an opportunity for DfC bodies to review objectives set out in the most recent Programme for Government.

The Chairman and Mr Gilmour reported on the last Accountability Meeting held with Ciarán Mee (DfC) at UAFP on 22 June.

The Director tabled Paper (3a), DfC Organisation Chart, which had been received from Mr Mee subsequent to the meeting. This indicates that the DfC official with immediate responsibility for the oversight of MCMS from September 2016 is Allison Cosgrove, who is responsible to Fergus Devitt, within the directorate of ‘Active Communities’, which includes Libraries NI and PRONI.
The subsequent letters (Paper 3) from the Deputy Secretary Mr Ian Maye (20 July) and Mr Mee (21 July) were discussed.

MCMS and UAFP Treasure House Project
Urban Villages Project, 21 March 2017
MCMS and UHF
Christine Johnston participated in a training course entitled ‘Irish Genealogy Essentials’ held in UHF between 6-10 February, 2017. The Foundation has been very generous in sponsoring Christine’s place on the course.

MCMS and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
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 5.

Staff news

We congratulate our Digitial Officer, Ms Jenny Browne, on her wedding on 3 May 2016 and becoming Mrs Jennifer Wilson. Her last day with us was 31 March 2017. We are grateful for her time with us and we wish her well in her new duties in Libraries NI.

We are delighted to have Mr Brian McCrory continuing to work with us as a volunteer.
Staff Development Day 2017
This year’s Staff Development Day was to the newly opened Seamus Heaney Home Place in Bellaghy and to Magherafelt Library.
APPENDIX 1
Business Plan Performance Targets, 2016-2017

Over the year 2016-2017 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 2016-2017

2/4/16 Visit to MCMS by group from Fiddle Bus 3. Included introduction to MCMS followed by presentation by Richard Hurst, NMNI Visitor Services Manager

6/4/16 Clare Beggan, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald

14/4/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended unveiling of Ulster History Circle Blue Plaque in honour of Oliver Pollock, at Bready

20/4/16 Field trip to MCMS and UAFP by 2nd year HND Traditional Music students from Ballyfermot College for Further Education, Dublin Dr Fitzgerald met with Louise Canavan, Archivist at Clifton House Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald met with William Roulston at UHF Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Scotland, Ulster and North America Migration Connections’ to Doagh and Toome Local History Group in Toome House Community Centre, Toome

21/4/16 MCMS/UAFP finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, Dr Fitzgerald, P Kelly and C Johnston

22/4/16 Dr Fitzgerald and QUB intern students visited Abingdon Collection, Omagh

27/4/16 Visit to MCMS by group from Craigavon Area Patchwork Guild, including presentation by Pat O’Donnell, Assistant Curator UAFP West Tyrone Historical Society held monthly meeting in MCMS, including presentation by Audrey Scales “Where have the Paintings Gone?” World War II and the Disappearing Artwork

3/5/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Stronge Court, Portadown and Barbour Court, Enniskillen

4/5/16 Dr Fitzgerald met with Conor Graham, Irish Academic Press, and Anthony Russell at Canal Court Hotel, Newry re Famine Conference volume Dr Fitzgerald met with MA student P Davidson

5/5/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Giboney Court, Cookstown

10/5/16 Visit by Treasure House groups from Ardnaskea Court, Coalisland and Church Mews, Dungannon

12-13/5/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended QUB MA Public History conference

17/5/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Templar Court, Lurgan

18/5/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Marriot House and Brennan Court, Magherafelt

19/5/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended Donegal Irish Diaspora Conference at Letterkenny Institute of Technology. Dr Fitzgerald delivered a presentation on contribution to book being launched

20/5/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended Historic Towns Seminar in Dublin

21/5/16 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation on Internal Migration in Ireland to Irish Genealogical Society in Pearse Street Library, Dublin

22/5/16 Visit by Grolier Club, New York City, for introduction to MCMS and presentation on Migration by Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald

24/5/16 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Dr B Lambkin, Dr P Fitzgerald, C Johnston, P Kelly and P McNulty
Visit by Treasure House group from Bessie Bell, Newtownstewart and Somme Park, Londonderry (15)

25/5/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Legion Court, Banbridge (9)
27/5/16 Dr Lambkin attended unveiling of blue plaque to commemorate first US Consul in Belfast, James Holmes
27-28/5/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended Micheál Ó Cléirigh Summer School, Rossnowlagh
28/5/16 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Irish Migration Patterns 1690-1820’ at above Summer School (50)
28/5/16 An Audience with Skip Gorman, accompanied by Connie Dover held in MCMS to coincide with Country in the Park music weekend at Ulster American Folk Park (25)

3/6/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended PRONI Users forum meeting
Dr Fitzgerald met with Frank McHugh in Enniskillen
8/6/16 Dr Lambkin met with Dr William Roulston, UHF, in Belfast, Dr Lambkin met with Lorraine Barry, QUB GIS Unit
14/6/16 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, Dr Fitzgerald, C Johnston, P Kelly and P McNulty
16/6/16 MCMS Management Committee meeting held at UAFP
22/6/16 UHF Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Family History Conference group visited MCMS (22)
Dr Lambkin attended DfC Accountability meeting at UAFP
XXI Ulster-American Heritage Symposium ‘Historic Omagh’ Guided Walking Tour with Vincent Brogan (12)
XXI Ulster-American Heritage Symposium Welcome Buffet Reception held at Silverbirch Hotel, Omagh (65)
22-25/6/16 XXI Ulster-American Heritage Symposium hosted by MCMS
28/6/16 Foodfest event (20 August) planning meeting held in MCMS with representatives from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
30/6/16 Tom and Mary Sullivan, Cavan, visited to meet with Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald re MCMS and Cavan 1916 Commemoration Conference 14-15 October 2016

1/7/16 Dr Fitzgerald met with student Patrick Davison
Mindfulness Museum project group visited MCMS (8)
5/7/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald taught at QUB Conflict Transformation and Social Justice International Summer School, Belfast (15)
Dr Fitzgerald attended meeting of William Carleton 25th International Summer School
6/7/16 Staff event to celebrate Ulster American Folk Park’s Fortieth Anniversary
7/7/16 MCMC/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, Dr Fitzgerald, C Johnston, P Kelly and P McNulty
QUB Conflict Transformation and Social Justice International Summer School group visited MCMS for teaching and visit to UAFP (80)
Mr Robert Carson (former Landscape Architect with Ferguson & Mcllveen) accompanied by his daughter Sara visited for lunch with Dr Lambkin and John Gilmour to mark UAFP Fortieth Anniversary
15/7/16 James Mellon and Duchess of Abercorn visited MCMS; included lunch with Sir Peter and Lady Froggatt, Dr Brian Lambkin and J Gilmour
19/7/16 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Diasporas in Parallel: Irish and Basque Migration in Comparative Frame’ at The University of the Basque Country Summer School 2-day seminar, ‘The Basque Diaspora in the Twenty-First Century’ in San Sebastian, Spain (40)
21/7/16  Hope Vere Anderson, Hope Vere Heritage Tours, visited with group of American visitors, with particular interest in their Scotch-Irish heritage (11)

25/7/16  Dr Fitzgerald met with Anthony Russell in Armagh

29/7/16  Dr Fitzgerald met with Dr William Roulston, UHF, in MCMS

1-4/8/16  Dr Fitzgerald attended 25th William Carleton International Summer School at Corick House, Clogher

2-3/8/16  Dr Lambkin attended 25th William Carleton International Summer School at Corick House, Clogher

2/8/18  Visit by Treasure House group from Stronge Court, Lurgan and Barbour Court, Enniskillen

9/8/16  Visit by Treasure House group from Coalisland and Dungannon (16)

10/8/16  Visit by Treasure House group from Magherafelt (8)

11/8/16  Meeting in MCMS re ‘A Taste of Culture’ event on Saturday 20 August

16/8/16  Relatives of the late Mr Patrick C MacCulloch, author of ‘The Campbell Quest’, visited MCMS

Patrick Davidson, student, visited MCMS and met with Dr Fitzgerald

20/8/16  A Taste of Culture multi-cultural food event hosted by MCMS, organised in conjunction with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council and UAFP (70)

23/8/16  Visit by Treasure House group from Bessie Bell, Newtownstewart and Somme Park, Londonderry (17)

26/8/16  Dr Fitzgerald attended Dept for Communities event held in PRONI

1/9/16  Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald met with Dr William Roulston, UHF, in Belfast


5/9/16  Jordan McKeown, undergraduate student at Dundee University, met with Dr Fitzgerald in MCMS re his dissertation

7/9/16  Follow-up meeting to discuss Taste of Culture event held on 20 August

9/9/16  UHF Tracing Your Irish Ancestors Autumn Family History Conference group visited MCMS for introduction and use of resources (28)

13/9/16  Visit by Treasure House group from Dungannon and Coalisland (15)

Dr Fitzgerald attended meeting of William Carleton Society

14/9/16  Visit by Treasure House group from Barbour House, Enniskillen (11)

16/9/16  Dr Leonie Hannan, Research Fellow at the Institute for Collaborative Research in the Humanities, QUB, visited to meet with Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and Catherine McCullough, NMNI

Dr Fitzgerald met with Tom and Mary Sullivan in Lisnaskea re Warp and Weft event on 14 and 15 October

19/9/16  Dr Lambkin met with International Appalachian Trail delegates in MCMS (20)

Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation to Irish and Scottish genealogists in PRONI

Dr Fitzgerald met with Anthony Russell in Armagh re Famine in Ulster volume

21/9/16  MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald, C Johnston, P Kelly and P McNulty

Visit by Treasure House group from Marriott House and Brennan Court, Magherafelt (6)

22/9/16  Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended Ulster Architectural Heritage Society introductory session on techniques for researching, recording and promoting historic buildings, held in Omagh Community House
MCMS visited by Alan McFarland with Tom and Robert Gronski, St Louis, MO. Tom is Board Member and Senior Researcher at Campbell House Museum, St Louis, MO.

23/9/16 Dr Rory Sweetman, University of Otago, New Zealand, visited MCMS

26/9/16 Ann Duffy, Heritage Services Manager, attended LNI Heritage Services Managers’ meeting in Enniskillen library

27/9/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Bessy Bell, Newtownstewart and Somme Park, Londonderry

28/9/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Legion Court, Banbridge (9)

Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Irish and Basque Diaspora: A comparative analysis’ at 26th AEMI Conference ‘European migrant diasporas and cultural identities’ hosted by Consello da Cultura Galega, Santiago de Compostela

28/9/16- Dr Fitzgerald attended 26th AEMI Conference ‘European migrant diasporas and cultural identities’ hosted by Consello da Cultura Galega, Santiago de Compostela

1/10/16 Visit by Treasure House group from, Bessy Bell, Newtownstewart and Somme Park, Londonderry (19)

30/9/16 Macmillan Coffee Morning held in MCMS (47)

6/10/16 Visit to MCMS by representatives of the twin towns of Rathfriland, Co Down and City of Armstrong, BC, Canada. Included presentation on Catherine (O’Hare) Schubert (born Catherine O’Hare in Rathfriland 1836) the first European woman to enter British Columbia overland from Eastern Canada. Presentation delivered by her descendant Jessie-Ann Gamble (40)

Patrick McClean, MNMI, visited MCMS to meet with Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald for briefing on MCMS and family history, prior to delegation from Tourism NI/Tourism Ireland to Atlanta

7/10/16 Dr Lambkin delivered presentation ‘Academia and Acknowledgement’ to Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference in Europa Hotel, Belfast (28)

8/10/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald led QUB MA field trip, including visits to MCMS, UAFP, Lissan House, Cookstown and Tullyhogue (20)

11/10/16 Presentation to UAFP and MCMS staff by Frank Collins, UAFP, on the Campbell/McFarland connection (7)

Visit by Treasure House group from, Bessy Bell, Newtownstewart and Somme Park, Londonderry (19)

12/10/16 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, Dr Fitzgerald, C Johnston, P Kelly and P McNulty (12)

Visit by Treasure House group from Barbour Court, Enniskillen

Donna Moughty, genealogist from Florida, visited with group of American genealogists researching their family histories (7)

Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘1718 and all that’ at Monreagh Heritage Centre, Donegal (25)

13/10/16 Dr Fitzgerald facilitated a workshop for Independent Heritage Providers at Clifton House, Belfast (15)

14/10/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended day one of ‘Warp and Weft: A two day exploration of diasporic links, ancestral entanglements, revolution and war’ held in Belturbet Library, Co Cavan - event hosted by The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies in collaboration with The Cavan Ireland 2016 Committee and Cavan Genealogy (12)

15/10/16 XVII Literature of Irish Exile (Day two of Warp and Weft) held in MCMS, with guest speaker Dr Patricia Craig who delivered presentation ‘A Twisted Root: Ancestral Entanglements in Ireland’.

In the afternoon Dr Johanne Devlin Trew and Prof Elizabeth Crooke, Ulster University, introduced The Great War in Memory, Writing and Drama, featuring poetry and
prose readings and drama performance from the Fermanagh Writers Group, the Omagh Robins WW1 Drama Group and others (80)

18/10/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Templar Court, Lurgan (8)
Presentation in MCMS by Alan McFarland on Campbell family to Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald and members of UAFP Curatorial and Visitor Services staff

19/10/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Marriott House and Brennen Court, Magherafelt (7)

20/10/16 MCMS Management Committee meeting held at UAFP
Two presentations to North West College Tourism and Heritage students in MCMS by Richard Hurst, UAFP Visitor Services Manager and Catherine McCullough, Head of Learning & Partnership, NMNI (29)
Ann Duffy, LNI Heritage Services Manager, delivered presentation ‘Community Engagement through the Decade of Commemorations 2012-2022’ to CILIP’s Autumn Gathering in Glasgow City Hotel (50)

25/10/15 Visit by Treasure House group from Cookstown and Dungannon (20)

26/10/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Banbridge (7)

27/10/16 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Emigration from Ireland 1607-2016: An Overview’ to Moneymore Community Group in Moneymore Old Courthouse (20)
A Duffy attended Heritage Service Managers meeting in Lisburn City Library; Dr Lambkin joined part of Heritage Service Managers meeting

28/10/16 Sinead McCartan and Robbie Hannan, NMNI, visited to meet with Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald

1/11/16 MCMS seasonal opening hours implemented. From today opening hours reduced to: Tuesday to Friday 10.00am-12.30pm 1.00pm-4.00pm Saturday 11.00am-12.30pm 1.00pm-4.00pm Closed Sunday and Monday

3/11/16 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Irish Internal Migration’ to Randalstown Historical Society (30)

4/11/16 Meeting in MCMS with Dr Patrick Fitzgerald, Ann Duffy and Catherine McCullough and representatives from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, Goodwill, Women of the World and Omagh Ethnic Communities Support Group to discuss A Taste of Culture event

8/11/16 Visit from Treasure House group from Ardnaskea, Coalisland and Church Mews, Dungannon (15)

9/11/16 Visit from Treasure House group from Barbour Court, Enniskillen (10)
Dr Fitzgerald attended Irish Famine Network meeting in Strokestown House

12/11/16 Visit to MCMS and UAFP by Mrs Joan Montgomery and family members prior to tree-planting ceremony and unveiling of plaque as part of UAFP 40th Anniversary celebrations. Sir Peter and Lady Foggatt, Peter Kelly, John Gilmour, Phil Mowat, David Moore and Gerry Broderick also attended

15/11/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Templar Court, Lurgan and Cookstown (13)

16/11/16 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by B Lambkin, P Fitzgerald, C Johnston, P Kelly and P McNulty
Visit by Treasure House group from Marriott House, Magherafelt and Brennen Court, Cookstown

17/11/16 Meeting in MCMS with Catherine McCullough and Patrick O’Kane, UAFP and Pauline Clarke, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council to discuss Foodfest/Taste of Culture event to be held Saturday 17 June 2017
Meeting in MCMS with Centre staff, Pat O’Donnell and Fiona McClean,
UAFP and Stephen Weir and Emma Campbell, NMNI to discuss forthcoming Urban Villages project

19/11/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended FULS AGM in Ó Fiaich Library, Armagh

22/11/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Bessie Bell, Newtownstewart and Somme Park, Londonderry

Dr Lambkin attended launch in Stormont of book by Professor Christine Kinealy 'Frederick Douglass in Éirinn'

23/11/16 Visit by Treasure House group from Legion Court, Banbridge

24/11/16 Dr Stacey Graham, Research Professor for Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, accompanied by PhD student visited MCMS with Pat O'Donnell, UAFP

25/11/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended seminar in Ulster Museum on the display and interpretation of difficult objects

2/12/16 Dr Fitzgerald attended PRONI Users Forum meeting

3/12/16 MCMS hosted 'Honouring A Lifetime in Family & Local History: A Tribute to Bill Macafee'

8/12/17 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald led QUB MA seminar 'Migration in Irish Historiography' in Graduate School, QUB

9/12/16 Student group from Slippery Rock University, Pennsylvania, visited for presentation by Dr Lambkin 'Migration in Irish History'

10/12/16 Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation 'Migration between Ireland and Scotland; Scotland and Ireland' to Tyrone Family History Society in Omagh Library

19/12/16 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended DfC workshop in Ulster Museum, Belfast

20/12/16 MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by B Lambkin, P Fitzgerald, C Johnston, P Kelly and P McNulty

Frank McHugh met with Dr Fitzgerald to discuss MRes dissertation

24/12/16-2/1/17 inclusive

4-6/12/17 Jordan McKeown, History undergraduate student at Dundee University, visited to research dissertation

10/1/17 MCMS team meeting to discuss MCMS Business Plan Review

Dr Fitzgerald attended William Carleton Society committee meeting in Augher

11/1/17 Student group from Elon University, North Carolina, visited for presentation by Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald on Irish Migration

24/1/17 Taste of Culture meeting held in MCMS

Frank McHugh met with Dr Fitzgerald to discuss MRes dissertation

25/1/17 Dr Lambkin attended PRONI digital map launch

West Tyrone Historical Society held monthly meeting in MCMS

26/1/17 Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended lunch in Cultra to mark retirement of Sir Peter Froggatt from Scotch-Irish Trust
28/1/17  Sixteenth Annual Irish Migration Studies lecture, ‘People on the Move: Evidence for Migration from the Irish Historic Towns Atlas’ delivered in MCMS by Dr Jacinta Prunty, Editorial board member of the Irish Historic Towns Atlas, Head of the History Department at Maynooth University (NUI) and director of the MA in Historical Archives (34)

1/2/17  MCMS team meeting to continue discussion on Business Plan

2/2/17  A Duffy attended Heritage Services Managers’ meeting in Belfast

7/2/17  MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting

9/2/17  Visit to MCMS and UAFP of Derry Mensshed Group (14)

10/2/17  Meeting re Spinning a Yarn event

16/2/17  MCMS Management Committee meeting held in UFTM, Cultra (17)

16/2/17  Visit to MCMS and UAFP of Derry Mensshed Group

17/2/17  Dr Fitzgerald delivered presentation ‘Redefining Irish Migration Studies’ at Seminar in UCD (18)

21/2/17  Grace Sweeney, Below the Radar, visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald re forthcoming TV programme

23/2/17  Katie Tate, QUBN undergraduate student visited to meet with Dr Fitzgerald to discuss dissertation on US forces in N Ireland during World War 2

24/2/17  Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald attended Community Relations Council Decade of Centenaries workshop in PRONI

3/3/17  Dr Fitzgerald attended PRONI Users Forum meeting

4/3/17  NI Blue Badge Guide trainees visited MCMS as part of site visit (40)

7/3/17  Visit from Treasure House group from Dungannon, Coalisland and Cookstown (18)

9/3/17  MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, Dr Fitzgerald, P Kelly; P McNulty; C Johnston

11/3/17  Dr Lambkin delivered presentation ‘Neighbours, Landlords and Tenants on the Mountjoy and Abercorn Estates’ to Tyrone Family History Society in Omagh library (26)

15/3/17  Katie Tate, QUB undergraduate student, met with Dr Fitzgerald to discuss dissertation

16/3/17  MCMS team meeting to discuss MCMS website

21/3/17  Brief MCMS/UAFP Finance meeting attended by Dr Lambkin, Dr Fitzgerald, P Kelly, P McNulty and C Johnston

23/3/17  SIP Visit (Urban Villages Project) to MCMS for presentation on Patchwork by Pat O’Donnell, Assistant Curator, NMNI/UAFP (20)

24-25/3/17  Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald led field trip to Londonderry with student groups from TCD and QUB (22)

28/3/17  SIP Visit to MCMS for presentation on Patchwork by Pat O’Donnell, Assistant Curator, NMNI/UAFP (14)

Visit from Treasure House from Stronge Court, Portadown (6)
APPENDIX 3
Publications

Fitzgerald, Patrick (2016), Introduction to Sixth reprint of R.J. Dickson, Ulster Emigration to Colonial America, 1718-1775 (UHF), vii-xvi

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


MCMS, Epic Ireland and Irish Independent supplement
Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald accepted an invitation from Epic Ireland to contribute a short (900w) introductory article for a special supplement on Ireland’s Emigration Story, published with the Irish Independent (see copy attached).

MCMS, Epic Ireland and Irish Independent supplement
Drs Lambkin and Fitzgerald accepted an invitation from Epic Ireland to contribute a short (900w) introductory article for a special supplement on Ireland’s Emigration Story to be published with the Irish Independent.

MCMS and family history publication
Dr Fitzgerald accepted an invitation to contribute a foreword to a book to be published in Toronto shortly. The volume is entitled Samuel and Nancy McClure: A Woodbridge Family Story and deals with emigrants who left counties Armagh and Tyrone for Upper Canada in 1820.
The Director completed study leave (March-May), working on book project, *Northern Ireland: Conflict, Metaphor, and Migration*.

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

**APPENDIX 4**

**Donations 2016-2017**

Donations of books to the Library were gratefully received from the following:

Ms G Burnside, Holywood, Co Down

Campbell House Museum, St Louis, Missouri, USA

Mr F Collins, Omagh

Devenish Heritage Association

Mr R Edgar, Portadown, Co Armagh

Dr M H Graham, Portland, Oregon, USA

Mr G T Hawbaker, Hershey, Pennsylvania, USA

The Heritage Council, Kilkenny

Ms J Lane, Maine, USA

Ms C McCullough, Ulster American Folk Park

Mr J McCurdy, Randalstown, Co Antrim

The Family of the Late Walter McFarlane, former UAFP Guide

Mrs R Martin, Castlerock, Co Londonderry

Mr J Muldoon, Belfast

Mrs M Russell, San Diego, California, USA
Dr R Sweetman, New Zealand

Mr G Woodman, Belfast

**APPENDIX 5**

**Training**

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<td>A Duffy, LNI Heritage Services Manager, attended Looking to the future training in Lisburn library</td>
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<td>C Johnston attended training in PRONI on their online resources</td>
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Accounts
(Extract from The Scotch Irish Trust of Ulster)
for the year ended 31 March 2017
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Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017

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#### Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 March 2017

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2017

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## Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017

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