

# Legacy of Landscape: The People & Heritage of Lough Erne

## January 2022 Newsletter Issue No.2

**Happy New Year Everyone!**

We are really pleased that the delivery of the 'Legacy of Landscape – The People & Heritage of Lough Erne' project is going from strength to strength – we would like to celebrate and share some of the activities that took place in 2021 and give you information on a very busy programme for 2022! We are planning a series of events, both online and face-to-face, volunteer training workshops, Archaeology field schools and much, much more, we do hope that you can join us in some of these activities!

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## About us

These 5 projects are focussed on discovering, celebrating and preserving the culture and traditions of the Lough Erne region, both past and present.

Supported through funding from the [National Lottery Heritage Fund](#), The Community Foundation and the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership this innovative heritage programme will be delivered in collaboration with the [Centre for Community Archaeology](#) (CCA) and the [Centre for Data Digitisation and Analysis](#) (CDDA) at Queen's University Belfast. Please follow some of these links to read more about the Centre's involved.

We are grateful for the continuing support of the team at the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership and the ongoing advice from Catherine Scott (Fermanagh & Omagh District Council – Fermanagh County Museum), Ronan McHugh (Historic Environment Division, Department of Communities) and all those from the Lough Erne region who continue to be so generous with sharing their knowledge, their time and enthusiasm.

The five distinct projects are:-

- *Memories: Life on the Erne*
- *Studying Vernacular Buildings*
- *Enniskillen: The Development of the Island Town*
- *Mapping the Built Heritage of the Islands*
- *Power & Pageantry: Exploring Fermanagh in the Times of the Maguires*

This exciting heritage programme focusses on the delivery of working closely with the communities around Lough Erne to explore the stories and heritage of the past, and to make sure that we find innovative ways to celebrate the unique cultural traditions, buildings, industries and people of the Erne.

We look forward to hopefully meeting you in person at one of our future events.

**The Queen's University Team**



## News from the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership

On behalf of the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership, Queens University Belfast (QUB) is leading on the delivery of this exciting two year project. Through this project we aim to bring together the expertise of various specialists in the field of built and cultural heritage to work with the communities around Lough Erne to identify, promote, conserve and celebrate some of the unique heritage features and stories of this area.



**Elmarie Swanepoel,**  
Programme Manager

To support the 2022 endeavours QUB are delighted to have Dr. Heather Montgomery on board. Heather will be our new QUB Heritage Officer and over the next few weeks she will be contacting everyone that's already registered to have a chat and discuss the up-coming activities and see how we can help you to get involved.



**Dr. Heather Montgomery**  
Heritage Officer

Oral history is a powerful resource in County Fermanagh that can help us understand how our ancestors lived in the recent past. As such, we place great importance on the collection of oral testimony from across the county as part of our programme. To achieve this objective, we recognise that training is required for volunteers and we have designed an online campus specifically to enable participants to learn how to conduct and record oral history interviews. Securing oral histories for future generations is an important part of our remit and to facilitate this we intend to embed the collected narratives into an interactive Memory Map that will showcase the unique story of Lough Erne, while linking diverse themes by both people and place.

If you have any questions or would like to register for any of these events or activities, please contact Dr. Heather Montgomery by

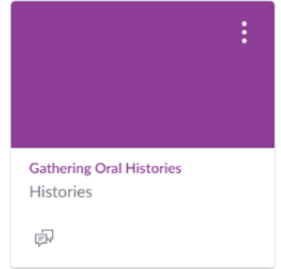
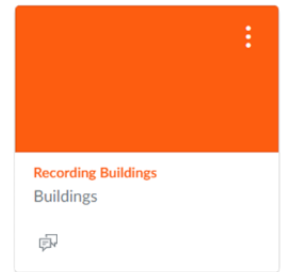
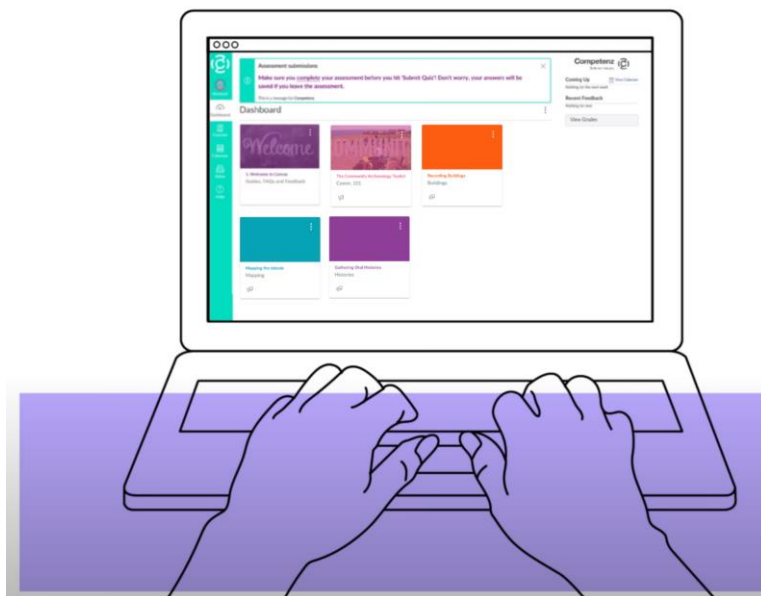
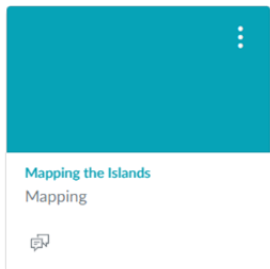
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## Learning Resources: In a virtual environment!

### Lough Erne Online Heritage Campus



Due to the continuing Public Health Crisis everyone has had to move to new ways of communicating and learning, this project has successfully embraced these new technologies, thus enabling continued learning and conversations in the virtual world!

The LELP Online Heritage Campus is a free online learning resource which is built on the CANVAS virtual learning platform utilising the expertise developed with our flag-ship and innovative Community Archaeology Toolkit. Please take a look at our up-coming modules and events and see if you would like to get involved. Volunteers who engage with the various projects are enrolled and can then interact with a series of bespoke educational resources generated to meet the learning outcomes of each of the place-based project activities. Heather will be your point of contact for support both online and by mobile.

#### The modules:-

- Gathering Oral Histories - Check out this [Oral History Step-by-Step-Guide](#)
- Studying Vernacular Buildings
- Community Archaeology
- Mapping the Islands



## Gathering Oral Histories 24<sup>th</sup> January – 18<sup>th</sup> February

**24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY – 18<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY 2022**

**LEARN HOW YOU CAN  
CONDUCT AND RECORD  
ORAL HISTORY  
INTERVIEWS, AND HOW  
BEST TO TRANSCRIBE  
AND PRESENT YOUR  
RESULTS, HEATHER WILL  
SUPPORT THIS MODULE,  
AT YOUR OWN PACE  
AND TIME.**



- “I am very happy with my experience at the moment!”
- “I think the subject content is very interesting. It is just great to be learning more about oral history in general. I am looking forward to putting the theory into practice.”

- “I'm a little behind, so not sure whether the 'take your time' approach is the best. Would it be better with more time constraint?”
- “There are opportunities to interact with other students however, I feel that maybe there should be more encouragement given to do so as there hasn't been a lot of interaction between students, unless of course I am doing something wrong.”

Heather is now in place to support this module – she will interact with you and ensure that everyone is further supported in their learning.

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## Engagement Programme: January - February 2022

### Share your Photographs and Memories!

We are delighted to begin this element of the project and for you to share your photographs and memories of Fermanagh and life on the islands. To support the project we will also be running a digital scanning day on the 23rd March 2022. At this event you can bring along old photographs relative to the project to be professionally digitised and practice some of your oral history skills (venue to be confirmed).

#### Making a living

Farming, Fishing, Industry, House Building

- **Domestic life**

Food, housing, Hearth, Family, Community, Gender Roles, Childhood

- **Culture & folklore**

Music, Entertainment, Traditions, Place-Names, Place-Lore (*Dindshenchas*)

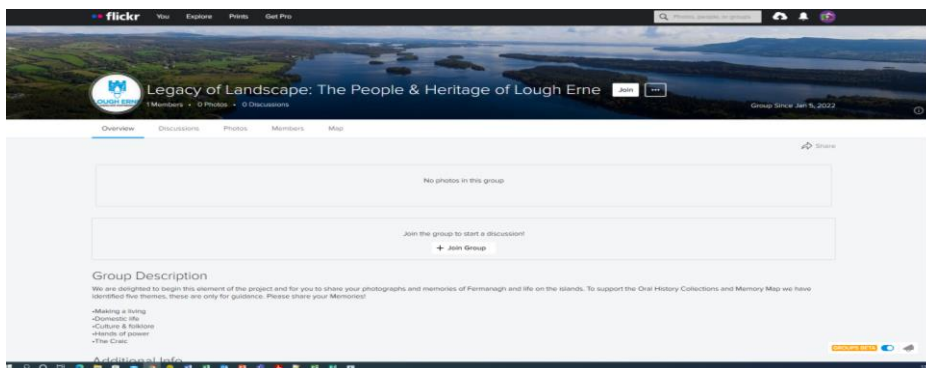
- **Hands of Power**

Elites, War, Imprisonment, State Institutions, Government

- **The Craic**

Fermanagh Fancy, Dialectic, Words, Humorous Stories

Please follow this easy guide to ensure you upload your treasured photographs successfully [Flicker Upload Guide](#)



If you have any difficulty joining or uploading content, please contact Anthony Anderson

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## Engagement Programme – Upcoming and Supporting Activities

### LEARNING RESOURCES: In a virtual environment!

will continue to be offered to support you in 2022. Dr. Heather Montgomery will be available to give support and advice through the resource, mobile and regular Zoom calls.

### MEMORY MAPPING: LIFE ON LOUGH ERNE

oral history gathering/recording will continue through the lifecycle of the project, with a view to add your stories to the project Memory Map.

### THE STUDY OF VERNACULAR BUILDINGS

second season of surveying to be conducted in the summer on a monthly basis to continue the training of a volunteer surveying team that can then conduct independent local surveys .

### PEOPLE, POWER, PLACE & PAGEANTRY

a second community-based archaeological excavation to be conducted in the Lisnaskea landscape in May 2022 as part of an investigation into the Maguire lordship of Fermanagh in the medieval period.

### MAPPING BUILT HERITAGE OF THE ISLANDS

this project will identify and map a selection of previously occupied islands on the lough and will aim to investigate what life was like for the people who lived on them .

### ORAL HISTORY ROADSHOWS

the team will deliver a series of face-to-face events to support and share oral history collecting, the first of which will be 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

### LEGACY PROJECT: MEMORY MAP – LIFE ON LOUGH ERNE

collating the results of the five projects together for curation as an online GIS-based resource.

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## Key Virtual Events 2021

Don't worry if you missed any of our previous events, you can still access them all by clicking on the photos/links on the right hand side.

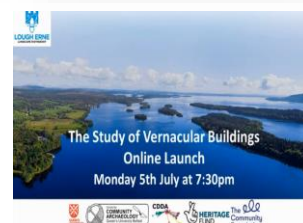
The project had a **virtual launch** on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021,  
Please see the Launch Highlights

Please see the full interview with our guest speaker  
**Ciaran McMenamin** – Fermanagh native, author and actor.

Highlights of the virtual launch of our '**Study of Vernacular Buildings**', 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Film of the successful '**Back to the Backstreet**'  
Archaeology Excavation – Presentation Evening Event  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

BBC News: **Enniskillen: Children unearthing  
their town's forgotten streets**







## Gallery 2021



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