



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

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A few words from our QUB Project Heritage Officer..

Wherever you go in the world, you're sure to meet people who tell the most wonderful stories; Well, Fermanagh is no exception, and given the response we have had to our Oral Histories online learning tool kit, there is no shortage of folk who want to gather these stories, memories and wonderful hidden histories of Fermanagh.

It has been a pleasure to have engaged with you all, via our VLE, but also fantastic to have met some of you (virtually), via our weekly MS Teams surgeries. We would like to encourage you to now come along and undertake some Oral History gathering for real!

We are also delighted to have on board **Mr Anthony Anderson**, a **Senior IT Officer** from CDDA, who will look to help and advise you on transcribing and making ready your recordings for upload to the Memory Map.



**Dr. Heather Montgomery**  
Heritage Officer



**Mr Anthony Anderson**  
Technical Support

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## Upcoming Event - What's the Craic! – Oral History Day

### Please come and Join Us!

on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

11am – 7pm

at Fermanagh House, Enniskillen

We are looking to build on the success of our online virtual learning tool and hear some of your stories about Fermanagh and its rich heritage.



**To Book a place on the day, please get in touch with Heather by:-**

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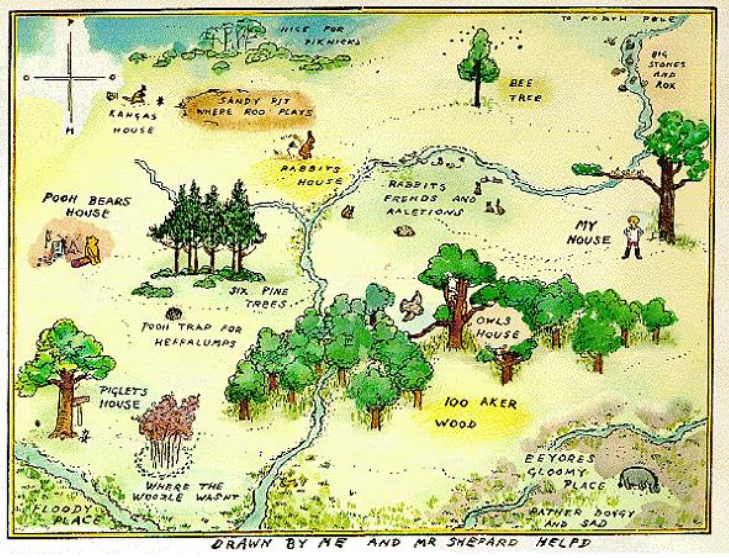
- **Share** your story over a cuppa, one of our team will be on hand to record you, a friend, or group with an interesting tale to tell!
- **Record and Remember** someone's story, use the skills learned from the recent VLE 'Gathering Oral History' course.
- **Participate** join one of the team and enrich your skills, it would be great if you could go out and record for our Memory Map, helping us to create a legacy of shared histories.
- **Technical Support**, showcasing how to collate and transcribe your recorded story lead by CDDA Senior IT Officer **Anthony Anderson**
- **Photographs** to support the event we are providing a digitisation service, we can capture your supporting pics, that will again enrich the Memory Map!

To support the Craic, please be assured of time, privacy and tea/coffee biscuits!  
We are all looking forward to see you on the day....



# Memory Mapping

## What is a Memory Map? Place vs Space



Memory maps are representations of places, which in some way, hold or feature within the memories of communities.

A key reason for tying people's memories to maps is the idea that we 'remember'. Memory maps are a way of plotting written stories, sounds, videos, recordings, photo's that explore people's memory of the past in documentary ways within a publicly accessible space.

**We are hoping to gather some interesting stories around these five themes:-**

**Making a living**

Farming/fishing; Industry; Building surveys

**Domestic life**

Food/housing; Hearth/family/community/gender roles/childhood/building surveys

**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



## Share your Pics!

# 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*)

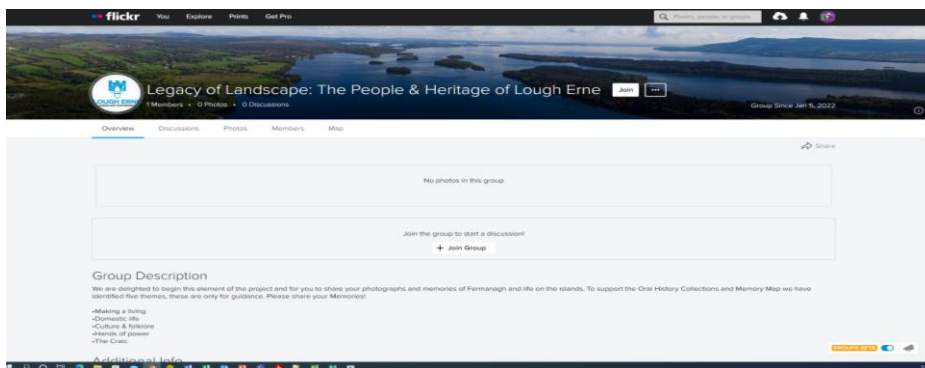
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Elites, War, Imprisonment, State Institutions, Government

- **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 at Fermanagh House, Enniskillen**

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

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

If you have any questions or would like to register for any of these events or activities, please contact Dr. Heather Montgomery by **Email:-** [h.a.Montgomery@qub.ac.uk](mailto:h.a.Montgomery@qub.ac.uk) or **Mobile Number:-** 07857251035



## About the Projects

Lough Erne Landscape Partnership <https://lelp.org.uk/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/LoughErneLP/>

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.

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