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Newsletter of The Cork Folklore Project



HSE Investment in Cork Folklore Project



Memory Mornings Series Announced



CFP Outreach Hub Continues to thrive



Musgrave Group Sponsorship agreed for CFP



Educational Workshops bring folklore to schoolchildren



22nd CFP Journal Released

And More...



Archive 22 Out Now

Memories of the 'big snow' of 1947, going 'Downtown' to Cork City in 1964, as well as the life and career of a Cork newspaper printer are just some of the subjects explored in the 22nd edition of *The Archive*, the annual journal of the Cork Folklore Project, published recently. Bantry Bay Steamship Company, The Blueshirts, a reflection on the Contemporary Folk Song in Cork and Jack Lyons' musical journey are also included in this edition. *The Archive 22* was part funded by Cork City Council Local Heritage Grant.

Available at Cork Folklore Project Outreach Hub (North Cathedral Visitor Centre)

New community outreach post

A major collaboration between the Cork Folklore Project and the Community Work Department of the HSE has been announced. Kieran Murphy (right) has been appointed as Oral History Outreach Officer, funded by the HSE, to work on a part time basis over the following two years under the management of the Cork Folklore Project. The role will be focused on the use of oral history (the recording of people's memories, stories and testimony), to impact positively across Cork City and will include work on Grattan Street Medical Centre, older people's groups as well as research work on the use of oral history with patients dealing with dementia.



For more information, contact communityfolklore@gmail.com



Outreach Hub Developments

In 2018, CFP opened our Outreach Hub at the North Cathedral Visitor Centre, ran by our partners Northside Community Enterprises. The Hub opens up a greater opportunity for the public to visit with the project and to find out about our work. As well as hosting interactive features, we hold workshops, memory events and public tours to strengthen the connection between the people of Cork and its folklore.





Our new Memory Wall!

The CFP Memory wall was created with partial funding from the Heritage Council under the Local Community Heritage Grants Scheme, as well as investment from Northside Community Enterprises. The wall presents over 100 categorised samples of our audio material, which can be listened to on this fully interactive touchscreen.

Opening times:

Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm &
Friday 8:30am-3:30pm

Memory Night 2018

In November, over 100 people assembled at the CFP Outreach Hub to hear a selection of stories from across Cork. Stories, from the humorous to the poignant, engaged the audience who afterwards shared their own memories and anecdotes with the crowd. The Deputy Lord Mayor Tomás Moloney was in attendance and the event closed with a few songs from Liam McCarthy who has also been recorded by CFP.

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PRESENTS

**A Night of
Memories
& Stories**



Memory Mornings Coming in Spring

Due to the overwhelming interest in our memory event held in November, 2018, CFP aims to run a series of 'Memory Mornings'. These events will be open to the public and will showcase samples of our material, collected over many years. We also hope that the events will help identify other people for interview across Cork. Keep an eye on www.corkfolklore.org for updates. Sponsored by Musgrave Group

Educational Workshops



In the autumn 2018, the Cork Folklore Project, in association with the North Cathedral Visitor Centre, ran a series of folklore and educational workshops at the new **Cork Folklore Project Outreach Hub**. The workshops gave children an opportunity to engage with the stories, memories and folklore collected by the project over the last 22 years in fun, creative and engaging ways. During the workshops, the children had a chance to play an interactive quiz exploring the life of children in Cork in the past, to listen to some of the stories and memories recorded by the project, play the old street games, and listen to Cork folk tales.

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In 2018, Musgrave Group agreed a sponsorship of CFP to enable our project to strengthen our outreach initiatives. The funding will enable CFP to host an increased amount of public memory events across 2019, which provide direct access to our archival material to the general public. These events have proven hugely popular in the past but have been restricted due to a lack of funding. We are immensely grateful to Musgrave Group for their recognition of our work and their commitment to the cultural health of Cork City.

Online Catalogue Development

We are in the final stages of development of our online archival catalogue. When the catalogue finally goes 'live' this summer, users will be able to browse ten collections from our large archive, this will consist of over one hundred interviews. We hope to have the complete archival catalogue up in time, making our material easily accessible throughout the world. For future updates on the catalogue check www.corkfolklore.org

Cork Folklore is now also on Instagram!

Cork Folklore Project began an Instagram page in August of 2018 with the hope of engaging people from all over the world and showing just a tiny facet of what the project is about. 940 followers later and we have successfully introduced ourselves to a new audience.

We used the app heavily over the Christmas period with festive memories of Cork City under the decoration of an Advent Calendar which proved hugely popular.

2019 opens new doors for us and hopefully far more camera shutters!

Donal Ring: I knew Rory, he used to go into Crowleys...

[A friend] said to me, 'Do you remember the day that you said to Rory Gallagher, you should cut your hair?'

Says I, I don't remember it at all!

You did he said! He was going into Crowleys shop, and you were walking down the footpath and I was with you and you said,

'Hello Rory you should cut the hair it is getting very long' [laughs]

And he didn't cut his hair at all I can tell you!

He [Rory] was a great man as well.

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