

Newsletter

Of the Cork Folklore Project

**CORK
FOLKLORE
PROJECT**
RECORDING & SHARING
THE MEMORIES OF CORK

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**GOOD CAUSES
AWARDS**

**WE ARE A
FINALIST!**





Good Causes Award

Cork Folklore Project were so proud that in our 25th year, **out of 520 nominees** from across Ireland, we were one of only 36 organisations and projects in this year's National Lottery [#GoodCausesAwards](#).

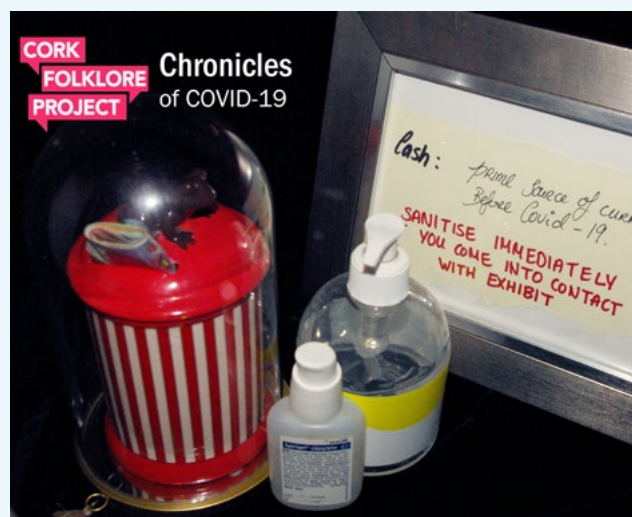
We were one of six finalists in the Heritage category and are really proud to have made it that far. The awards ceremony took place 29th of May, and while we did not claim the top prize, it was great recognition for our work over the last quarter of a century.

Chronicles of COVID collection project



We're working to bring 'Chronicles of COVID-19' submissions, which consist of hundreds of individual items including questionnaire responses, images and audio diaries, together in one online resource.

You can read more about the initiative here, on our under-construction resource [Covid Chronicles](#).



Landscapes of Memory



Landscapes of Memory is an international collaboration between the Cork Folklore Project and UMass Lowell in America, using oral history to explore the River Lee (Cork) and the Merrimack River (Low-

ell). The project worked according to an agreed methodological approach to interviews, which now form the basis of comparative reflections. The initial aim of the Project was to explore the way that the discipline of oral history could impact on our understanding of our immediate environments, in historic and contemporary contexts, as well as the changing relationship over time. In early June, a online symposium was held with CFP contributions from Kieran Murphy, Tomás Mac Conmara and Cliona O'Carroll.

“ The project has created a much deeper appreciation of the role the River Lee and Merrimack have played in Lowell/Cork. ”

CFP 25th Anniversary

This year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of our founding in 1996. Later in the year, we will mark the occasion with a series of events, reflecting on our work over the last quarter of a century.

If you have memories of the project you would like to share, we would love to hear from you at folklorearchive@gmail.com



Oral History for Health

One of our most significant collaborations in recent years is a two-year pilot initiative, supported by the Cork North Community Work Department of the HSE, that saw the appointment of CFP Community Outreach Officer, Kieran Murphy. In April 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, it was decided to suspend the project. We now hope that the project will recommence in August of this year. We are looking forward to seeing Kieran build on the great work he had done across 2019 and early 2020.

Contact us at:
communityfolklore@gmail.com



Catching Stories

Have you visited 'Catching Stories' to listen to oral testimony of infectious disease? www.catchingstories.org.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to the ongoing project: just contact us at www.corkfolklore.org

PR for Catching Stories
www.irishtimes.com

Archivoz

The Cork Folklore Project was featured in the May 2021 edition of Archivoz in an interview with our Manager, Dr Tomás Mac Conmara. In the interview, Tomás speaks about his research, the work of the Cork Folklore Project, the importance of memory and the art of oral history.

“The experience of each person leaves behind a unique landscape of existence.”

Check it out at:
www.archivozmagazine.org

