

Annual Report

2023



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The Heritage Council





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Message from our Chairperson



It gives me great pleasure to introduce our Annual Report for 2023 which provides a comprehensive overview of the breadth of our work this year.

The report highlights the progress we have made to support the heritage sector, the steps we have taken to deliver on the goals from our newly published strategic plan, *Our Place in Time*, and outlines how we are responding to the new challenges we face.

Throughout 2023, the Heritage Council continued to develop new programmes, partnerships and strategic initiatives which will be hugely beneficial to the heritage sector.

Sixteen biodiversity officers were appointed to new roles in local authorities around the country this year, an advisory committee on the restitution and repatriation of cultural heritage was established in partnership with the Department of Tourism, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media, and we celebrated the first graduates of the All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme – a unique cross-border initiative aiming to preserve heritage building skills that are at risk of being lost.

We are in a position to deliver these, and many other, vital contributions to our sector thanks to eight consecutive funding increases. received from Exchequer Funding of €14,300,000, an increase of €2,900,000 on 2022. This means that we can continue to support heritage practitioners, local authorities, community groups and heritage organisations through our pre-existing and highly effective grant schemes and programmes, but that there is also scope to adapt to new challenges and pursue fresh ideas.

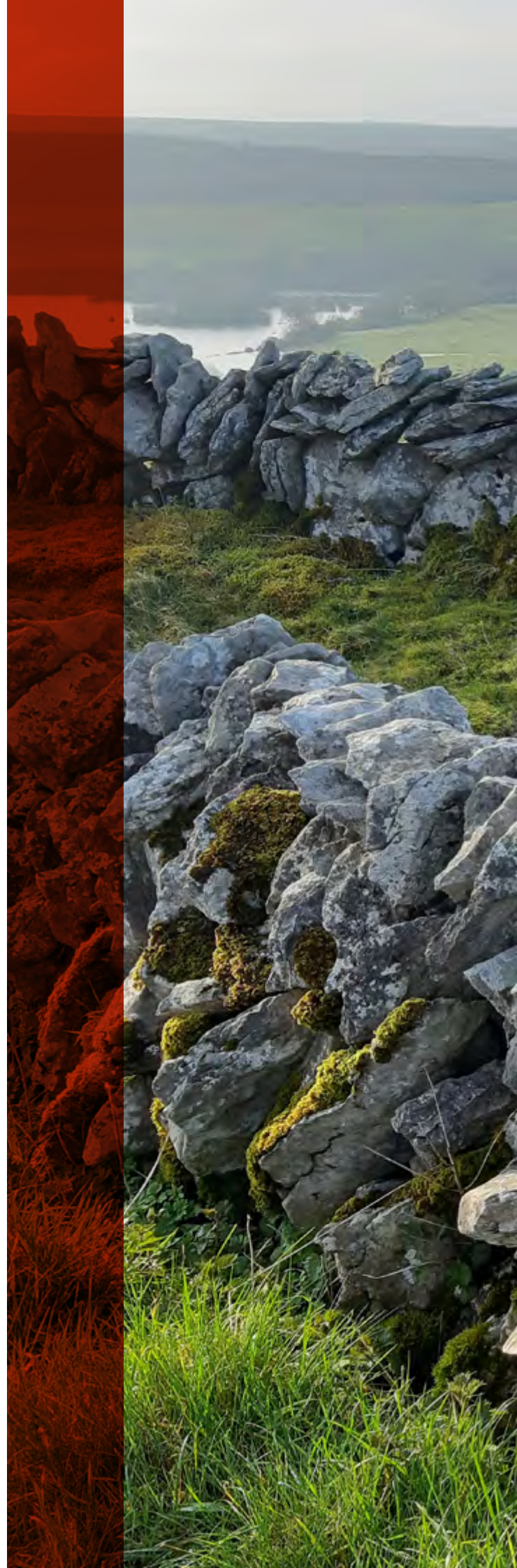
It is thanks to the hard work and commitment of the Heritage Council staff, its partners and Department colleagues that we have continued to deliver for the sector, but also to expand and improve during this period. Thanks to all of you for what you have done in 2023 to make this possible.

I would like to pay particular tribute to our local authority partners and the County and City Management Association (CCMA) for their assistance and cooperation with our rolling out of the Biodiversity Officer Programme this year. Their input and partnership have been as invaluable this year as every year. Our gratitude must also go to the many volunteers throughout the country who work tirelessly to protect and raise awareness of their local heritage. They are the bedrock of everything we do.

I would also like to acknowledge the work and commitment of my fellow Council members, who give so willingly of their time and expertise throughout the year. We welcomed a new member this year in Professor Mark Scott, Professor of Planning and Dean of Architecture in University College Dublin, and his contributions have already proved invaluable.

A final word of thanks to the Chief Executive of the Heritage Council, Virginia Teehan, who works tirelessly and diligently to deliver on the Council's mandate, and to the entire staff of the Heritage Council for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Martina Moloney
Chairperson



Message from our CEO



2023 was a year of further growth and learning for the Heritage Council.

It began with the launch of our new strategy, *Our Place in Time*, which outlines an ambitious programme of work over the next five years. In this time, we will develop our in-house research capacity allowing us to regularly generate metrics and data measuring the value of heritage to our economy and attitudes towards heritage in society. This will strengthen our ability to provide policy advice to Government and others but will also help us identify areas in need of greater support and attention.

Through research carried out by the Heritage Council in 2023, for example, we now know that between the ages of 13 and 18, there is a significant drop in terms of engagement, interaction and interest in heritage. In 2023, we began the process of addressing this deficit by appointing a Heritage in Education Policy Development Officer who will be responsible for introducing a heritage programme at post-primary level.

The unprecedented growth of our organisation and our budget over the last five years has enabled us to do more for our sector than ever before. But this growth brings with it an added sense of responsibility and obligation which we take very seriously.

In 2023, we saw a 40% increase in applications for funding through our Heritage Organisation Support Fund. It is wonderful to see so many heritage-focused organisations engaging with us and seeking to develop projects, but we need to do

more to ensure that we can assist every organisation in need of our support.

It was also a year in which the Heritage Council took a closer look at its statutory obligations – one of which is its role as a prescribed authority in the Planning and Development Act. We commissioned a review of our work in the area of planning and have already begun to see the results of our implementation of the recommendations through our successful submissions to several developments early in 2024.

I want to thank the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH), including Ministers Darragh O'Brien TD and Malcolm Noonan TD, both of whom have been incredibly supportive of the Heritage Council this year and in previous years.

I would also like to thank our partners in local government, especially the local authority heritage officers and biodiversity officers, as well as all my hardworking colleagues here in the Heritage Council.

Finally, I would like to thank our Chair Martina Moloney, and all Council members for their support and valuable contributions to all of our work throughout the year.

Virginia Teehan

Chief Executive Officer





2023: Continuing to grow and to build



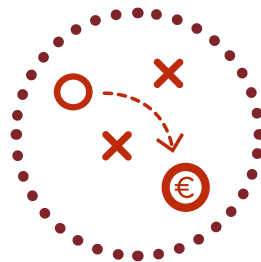
€15,586,622
Total income 2023
(15% increase on 2022)



€8,193,980
Grant funding 2023
(24% increase on 2022)



53%
of budget allocated
to grants in 2023



€2,211,596
Strategic
programme funding
(41% increase on 2022)



€161,376
Expenditure on
policy
(63% increase on 2022)



16%
increase in staff
numbers at the
Heritage Council in
2023

Where our grant money went in 2023



About the Heritage Council



Who we are



identify



protect



preserve



enhance

The Heritage Council is a public body whose role is to propose policies for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of our national heritage.

As far as our work is concerned, heritage includes the following:

- monuments
- archaeological objects
- heritage objects such as art and industrial works
- documents and genealogical records
- architectural heritage
- flora
- fauna
- wildlife habitats
- landscapes
- seascapes
- wrecks
- geology
- heritage gardens
- parks
- inland waterways
- archives and manuscripts
- museum artefacts

We work in partnership with local communities, local authorities, voluntary groups, government departments and national cultural institutions to support projects that will have a positive and enduring social and economic impact.

What we do



Propose policy to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage on heritage issues including sustainability, landscape management, climate change and more.



Promote interest in heritage in schools and support a wide range of professional development programmes dealing with landscape, planning, museums, traditional skills and more.



Raise awareness of heritage through National Heritage Week and our work with partners, particularly at the local authority level.



Work with local communities to support jobs, education and heritage tourism in our local areas.



Help to support and maintain a network of highly-skilled heritage professionals such as conservators, thatchers, builders, ecologists, architects, archaeologists, curators, archivists and others.



Provide core funding to heritage groups and civil society organisations in supporting the needs of the sector and helping to achieve shared aims.



Our Council



Back row, L to R: Michael Farrell, Fionnuala May, Deirdre McDermott, Sammy Leslie, John Pierce

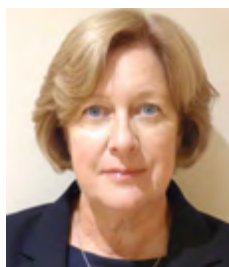
Front row, L to R: Sheila Pratschke, John Patrick Greene, Virginia Teehan (CEO of the Heritage Council), Martina Moloney (Chairperson), Mary Tubridy, Patricia O'Hare

(Not present: Mark Scott)



Dr Martina Moloney

Board member of the Heritage Council (2005 – 2010), former Chief Executive, Louth and Galway County councils, member of the Arts Council (2016 – 2021), member of the National Oversight and Audit Commission for Local Government (2014 – 2021)



Fionnuala May

County Architect of Fingal County Council (2011 – present), member of the Heritage Council's Standing Committee on Architecture (2000 - 2010), member of Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI) council (2016 – present), board member of the Irish Architectural Archive



Michael Farrell

Former Corporate Secretary and Director of Human Resources at UCC, Chief Executive at Clinical Research Ireland (2020 – 2022), Interim Chief Executive of the Royal College of Physicians (2018 – 2019)



Dr John Patrick Greene

Member of the Royal Irish Academy Standing Committee on Archaeology (2023 – present), Chief Executive and Museum Director of EPIC, the Irish Emigration Museum (2019 – 2023), Consultant/Owner of Greene Associates (2017 – 2019), Chief Executive of Museums Victoria in Melbourne (2002 – 2017), Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London (1985 – present)



Sammy Leslie

Custodian, Castle Leslie Estate (brand) (1991 – present), trustee of Castle Leslie Preservation Trust (2005 – present), trustee of Birr Castle (1990s – 2023), trustee at Irish Heritage Trust (2004 – 2016)



Deirdre McDermott

Architect, planner, urbanist and principal at Deirdre McDermott and Associates (2002 – present), former President of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) Ireland and current Advisory Committee Officer of ICOMOS International



Dr Patricia O'Hare

Assessor with the Heritage Council Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) (2016 – present), Research and Education Officer for Trustees of Muckross House, Killarney (1995 – present)



John Pierce

Director, Irish Peatland Conservation Council (2021 – present), trustee with the Charitable Infirmary Charitable Trust (2018 – present), Chair of An Taisce (2017 – 2019), Director of Global Marketing Group Fujitsu (2016 – 2017)



Sheila Pratschke

Chair of the Arts Council (2014 – 2019), Director at Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris (2007 – 2013), Director of the Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Annaghmakerrig (2001 – 2006)



Dr Mary Tubridy

Director and Head of Research at the Irish Uplands Forum (2008 – present), Chairperson of the Irish Uplands Forum (2003 – 2008), Principal of Mary Tubridy and Associates (1995 – present), Post-doctoral researcher UCD (1980 – 1982) and TCD (1982 – 1995)



Professor Mark Scott

Professor of Planning and Dean, School of Architecture, Planning & Environmental Policy, University College Dublin (2002 – present), Board member of the Regional Studies Association (2021 – present), Chair of the Technical Working Group for National Land Use Review Phase 2 (2023 – present)

Our staff



L to R: Catherine Casey, Cathy Connelly, Lesley-Ann Hayden, Maria Walsh, Pearse Ó Caoimh, Shay Kelleher, Tara Fitzgerald, Virginia Teehan (CEO), Lisa Shortall, Susan Garrett, Ronan Healy, Ian Doyle, Eoin Ó Donnchadha, Anna Meenan, Ger Croke, Richard Brennan

(Not present: Aalia Kamal, Michael O'Brien, Anne Barcoe, Amanda Ryan, Martina Malone, Marian Maguire, Maria Dempsey, Christena Ryan, Triona Byrne, Lorcan Scott)

Organisational structure

VIRGINIA TEEHAN
Chief Executive Officer

HEADS OF SERVICE

IAN DOYLE
Head of Conservation

BEATRICE KELLY
Head of Research and
Policy (*January to July*)

LISA SHORTALL
Head of Research,
Learning and Culture
Heritage (*From September*)

MICHAEL O'BRIEN
Head of Business Services

PEARSE Ó CAOIMH
Head of Communications
and Public Affairs

RICHARD BRENNAN
Head of Finance

CATHERINE CASEY
Head of Climate Change

PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS

ALISON HARVEY
Planning Officer (*January to August*)

SHAY KELLEHER
Planning Officer (*From January 2024*)

COLM MURRAY
Architecture Officer (*January to
February*)

TRÍONA BYRNE
Architecture Officer (*from August*)

ANNA MEENAN
Traditional Farm Buildings Grant
Scheme Programme Manager

LORCAN SCOTT
Wildlife Officer

MARIAN MAGUIRE
Grants Administrator

EOIN Ó DONNCHADHA
Heritage in Education Policy
Development Officer

MARIA WALSH
Heritage in Schools Programme
Manager

LESLEY-ANN HAYDEN
Museum Standards Programme for
Ireland Programme Manager (MSPI)

AALIA KAMAL
Cultural and Inclusive Heritage
Officer

VALERIE KELLY
Community and Public Engagement
Officer (*January to August*)

CATHY CONNELLY
Corporate Services Officer

AMANDA RYAN
Grants Manager

RONAN HEALY
National Heritage Week Programme
Manager

MARIA DEMPSEY
Finance Manager

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

ANNE BARCOE
PA to Chief Executive and
Chairman

MARTINA MALONE
Executive Officer,
Communications

GERARD CROKE
Administrator

CHRISTENA RYAN
Administrator

SUSAN GARRETT
Clerical Officer

TARA FITZGERALD
Clerical Officer

Staff updates in 2023



Lisa Shortall was appointed as Head of Research, Learning and Cultural Heritage in September.



Triona Byrne was appointed as Architecture Officer in August.



Eoin Ó Donnchadha was appointed as Heritage in Education Policy Development Officer in October.



Shay Kelleher was appointed as Planning Officer in January 2024.



Marian Maguire was appointed as Grants Administrator in May.



Our former Head of Policy and Research, **Beatrice Kelly**, retired in July this year. We wish to thank Beatrice for her 26 years of service to Heritage Council during which she made a significant contribution to the organisation and to the heritage sector.

She was responsible for initiating and managing a variety of hugely successful programmes during her time here, including:

- ▶ The establishment of heritagemaps.ie
- ▶ Facilitating the development of the Beara-Breifne Way project and the Pilgrim Paths Project
- ▶ Irish Co-ordinator for European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018
- ▶ Establishment of the Waterways Corridor Studies to recognise and seek ways to realise the inherent potential of Ireland's waterways as a heritage, amenity and tourism resource
- ▶ ...and much more.

We wish Beatrice a long and fruitful retirement.

2023: Highlights and New Developments



January



Our wildlife officer Lorcan Scott engaging with young people during the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in Dublin

The Heritage Council launches its new visual identity and branding



February

Our Place in Time, the Heritage Council's Strategic Plan 2023 – 2028, launches at the Royal College of Physicians in Dublin.



Our Council at the launch -

Front row, L to R: Sammy Leslie, John Patrick Greene, John Pierce, Malcolm Noonan TD (Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform), Fionnuala May, Michael Farrell

Middle row, L to R: Sheila Pratschke, Martina Moloney (Chairperson), Patricia O'Hare, Mary Tubridy, Deirdre McDermott, Virginia Teehan (CEO of the Heritage Council)

Back row, L to R: Steven Matthews TD (Chairperson of the Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage), John Creedon (Broadcaster)

March

Launching our Citizen Science Kit Pilot Programme. County Libraries will now have ecology equipment freely available for citizens looking to collect information about biodiversity in their local area



April

The first biodiversity officers appointed under new programme are celebrated at the Heritage Council



May

The Heritage Council welcomes Professor Mark Scott as the latest member of its Council following his appointment by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage



The Heritage Council establishes a partnership with the National Museum of Ireland to deliver the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) Programme, the leading organisation championing and supporting community archives in Ireland

Pictured: The Skehana & District Heritage Group – collecting, sharing and preserving oral history

June



New Heritage Council education programme for primary schools emphasising vital role of peatlands in battle against climate change and biodiversity loss is launched by Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Charlie McConalogue T.D.

Minister McConalogue with Heritage Council CEO Virginia Teehan, Heritage Council Chairperson Martina Moloney in the Donegal peatlands with pupils from Crannóg Buí National School in Ardara, Donegal.

The Heritage Council participates for the first time in European Archaeology Days – a pan European event celebrating archaeology in all its forms. Four heritage specialists provided workshops for over 200 children at our headquarters for the event



A new expert committee to advise Government on issues relating to the restitution and repatriation of culturally sensitive objects in Ireland is announced. The Heritage Council will serve as an oversight body and provide the secretariat

July

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien visits Heritage Council Headquarters



Members of the Council and Heritage Council executive visit Heritage Council-funded sites and projects across county Waterford



At the Ardmore Round Tower and graveyard



The Council of the Heritage Council at the Woodstown Viking site in Waterford

August

A new partnership is initiated with Teagasc to jointly coordinate a programme of events for National Hedgerow Week



Heritage Council and Teagasc staff with Minister Pippa Hackett and Minister Malcolm Noonan for the launch of National Hedgerow Week

Deadline closed in August for our Heritage in Schools recruitment campaign looking to appoint over 50 new heritage specialists to our panel



The new specialists pictured here at Langton's Hotel in Kilkenny during their induction day later in 2023

September



Our Adopt a Monument conference brought together people from the built heritage sector to celebrate the success of the scheme and the work done by all participants

Pictured: The Society for Old Lucan being presented with an award at the Adopt a Monument conference

We welcomed the public into our headquarters for Culture Night to celebrate the life of Rosie Polden, who lived there in the 1950s when it was still the Bishop's Palace

Pictured: Actor Rosey Hayes performs for guests at the Heritage Council depicting the life of former resident of the Bishop's Palace, Rosie Polden, for Culture Night 2023



Engaging with farming and rural communities at the ploughing championships in Laois

Susan Garrett and Aalia Kamal of the Heritage Council at our stand during the Ploughing Championships



October

Our built heritage team visited Scotland to see the Engine Shed and the Scottish Lime Centre Trust, two facilities dedicated to promoting traditional skills and Scotland's built heritage with the aim of replicating the approach in Ireland



November



Our Irish Walled Towns Network held its annual conference in Limerick

IWTN members being given a tour of Limerick City walls during their annual conference

The results of a Heritage Council survey reveal the lack of existing training in traditional skills (thatching, joinery, masonry etc.) and absence of young people entering the sector. Shortages are most common in stone masonry and among lime practitioners



November (contd.)

Our National Heritage Week awards ceremony takes place in Gloster House, Co. Offaly, celebrating the achievement of our event organisers



Guests and nominated event organisers at Gloster House in Offaly for the Heritage Council's National Heritage Week awards ceremony



Carlow's Brigid Fox is presented with the Heritage Hero award by Síle Seoige at the 2023 National Heritage Week awards ceremony

December

The Heritage Council publishes a booklet celebrating 25 years of heritage officer work



Heritage Council CEO Virginia Teehan, Minister for Heritage Malcolm Noonan, Chair of the Heritage Officer Network Amanda Pedlow and Chairperson of the Heritage Council Martina Moloney at the launch of the Heritage Officer 25-year celebration booklet in Kilkenny

Strategic Programmes



Local Authority Heritage Officer Programme

The Heritage Officer Programme is a key strategic partnership between the Heritage Council and local authorities. It was established in 1999 to raise levels of heritage expertise within local authorities.

Scope of Heritage Officer work



Advice and information



Collect data and conduct research



Promote best practice



Raise awareness



Inform policy at local and national level

Budget 2023

€757,359. Increased from €657,890 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

In 2023 we welcomed two new Heritage Officers to the fold in counties Laois (Thomas Carolan) and Clare (John Treacy). The network also elected a new Chair, Offaly Heritage Officer Amanda Pedlow, to represent the group.

The Heritage Council provides both financial and non-financial support to Heritage Officers appointed to Local Authorities. The non-financial support is primarily delivered through the Heritage Officer Training and Development Programme which is organised in conjunction with the Local Authority Heritage Officer Network. In 2023 for the first time the training was held jointly with local authority Biodiversity Officers which emphasised the collaborative approach to the delivery of these two key national programmes.

Training was held in Offaly, Wexford, Cork and Kilkenny, and covered a diverse range of areas including climate and heritage, heritage-led re-generation, Irish language, inclusion and accessibility, communications, heritage legislation, and heritage in education.

2023 highlights

The Heritage Officer Network will be 25 years old in 2024. To celebrate this, the Heritage Council worked with the Network to produce a booklet, *Opening the door to Ireland's heritage*, featuring one key heritage project from each local authority from the last three years which collectively, highlight the enormous contribution the Network has made to the preservation of our heritage over the last quarter of a century.



Heritage Officers at the launch of the booklet, *Opening the Door to Ireland's Heritage*, in Kilkenny



Heritage Officers in Cork at one of four training and development days throughout the year

Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN)

Established by the Heritage Council in 2005, the role of the Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) is to unite and co-ordinate the efforts of local authorities involved in the management and conservation of historic walled towns in Ireland, both North and South. There are 32 member towns in the network.

Budget 2023

€745,173. Increased from €403,708 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

A total of €652,337 was paid out in grants funding to member towns in 2023. This is the largest amount paid out under IWTN schemes since 2010. Total funding to member towns over the lifetime of the network is now over €9.25 million.

One new member town – Navan, Co. Meath – joined the network in 2023, bringing the total number of members to 32.





The Youghal branch of the IWTN organised the hugely successful Youghal Medieval Festival

2023 highlights

A number of successful festivals and events took place in member towns for National Heritage Week, while a visitor study commissioned by Youghal Medieval Festival calculates that the one-day festival is worth in excess of €860,000 to the local economy.

A training day for members on the soft-capping of historic masonry walls took place in Castledermot, Co. Kildare in October.

The IWTN Annual Conference on the theme of Early Buildings in Our Historic Towns, was held in Limerick in November.

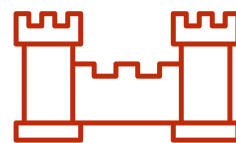


Total funding to member towns drawn down in 2023: **€652,337**

Conservation/Capital Scheme: **€529,233** to 11 projects

Events & Interpretation Scheme: **€123,104** to 13 projects

Largest amount paid out under IWTN schemes since 2010.



Total grants funding paid out 2007-2023: **€9,129,843.58**

Of which Conservation/Capital Scheme: **€7,537,521.85**

Of which Events/Interpretation Scheme: **€1,592,321.73**

Plus additional non-grants funding over lifetime of network: **€9,273,755.94**

Heritage in Schools

The Heritage in Schools scheme is an initiative that facilitates visits to primary schools by a range of specialists on Ireland's natural, cultural, and built heritage.

Budget 2023

€663,486. Increased from €507,148 in 2022.



2,657
visits



999
schools



66.5k
children



5%
increase on visits
delivered in 2022



Over 200 primary school students participated in our European Archaeology Days workshops

Progress in 2023

2,657 visits to 999 schools were delivered this year with an estimated 66,500 children reached. This represents a 5% increase on visits delivered in 2022.

A summer programme was also offered where specialists worked with local disadvantaged children during the summer including those from Ukrainian, Traveller and Direct Provision communities, as well as primary schools running July Provision programmes.

Support to schools wanting to avail of Forest School programmes continued in 2023 and, as well as providing a free six-week programme to five schools, we offered heavily subsidised rates to all schools.

2023 Highlights

The Heritage Council participated for the first time this year in European Archaeology Days – a pan European event celebrating archaeology in all its forms – by inviting children to its grounds to learn about archaeology. Four heritage specialists provided workshops for over 200 children from local schools.

Following a successful campaign, 50 new heritage specialists were recruited for the 2024-2027 panel. The new panellists include ten fluent Irish speakers, cover ten gap counties and gap topics in 12 counties. This brings the total number of specialists on the Heritage in Schools panel to 145.

National Heritage Week

National Heritage Week (NHW) is an annual programme of events run by the Heritage Council celebrating Ireland's natural, built and cultural heritage.



Enjoying an archaeological dig during a National Heritage Week event

Budget 2023

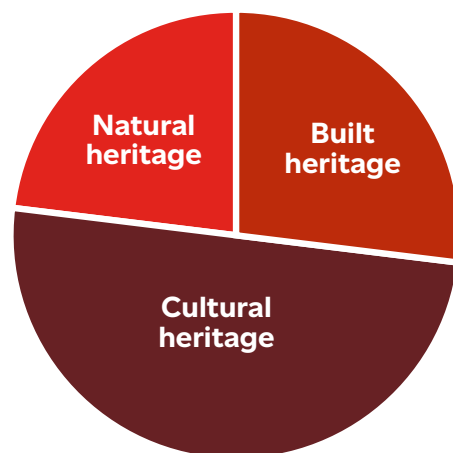
€639,336. Increased from €510,027 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

This year, a new project manager (Ronan Healy) was recruited to run the programme in-house for the first time in several years. This development saw the Heritage Council renew its focus on building long-term relationships with its NHW partners, including a new partner in 2023, the National Lottery.

There were over 1,900 events organised, an increase of 15% on 2022. Many of these events focused on the 2023 theme of Living Heritage that focused on our traditional crafts and skills such as dry-stone walling, thatching, and butter making!

National Heritage Week Projects by focus area



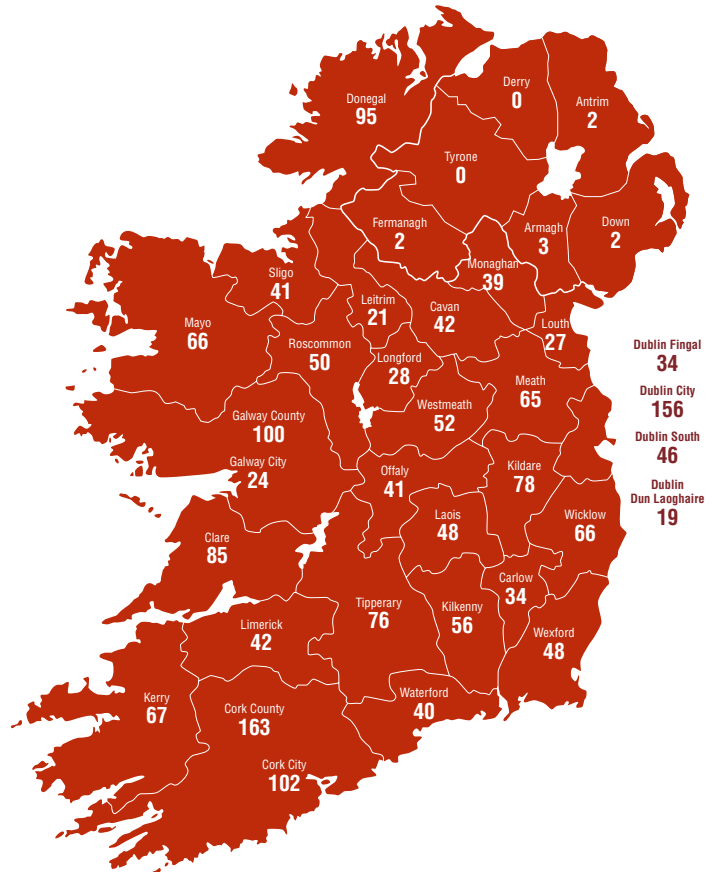
2023 highlights

National Heritage Week was launched in 2023 at the workshop of Ireland's last traditional tinsmiths, Tom McDonnell with James Collins, and offered the public a chance to think about the hidden traditional skills that are around us and in need of preservation.

This year, the Heritage Council also organised its own event for Wild Child Day welcoming hundreds of families into its HQ to enjoy a range of activities provided by heritage specialists from our Heritage in Schools panel.

The National Heritage Week Awards in October took place in the historic location of Gloster House, Co. Offaly where award winners and those shortlisted were recognised for their exceptional contributions to heritage during National Heritage Week.

National Heritage Week Projects by County



Heritage Council CEO Virginia Teehan, and Minister for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, at the workshop of tinsmiths James Collins and Tom McDonnell for the launch of National Heritage Week

Local Authority Biodiversity Officer Programme

The Biodiversity Officer Programme is a partnership between the Heritage Council and local authorities. The programme aims to ensure a Biodiversity Officer is employed by every local authority by the end of 2024.

The Biodiversity Officers will work at the city and county level collecting data on biodiversity, carrying out conservation projects, developing policy, providing

advice and information and raising awareness.

It is being led by the Heritage Council, which provides funding for the salary costs of each officer.

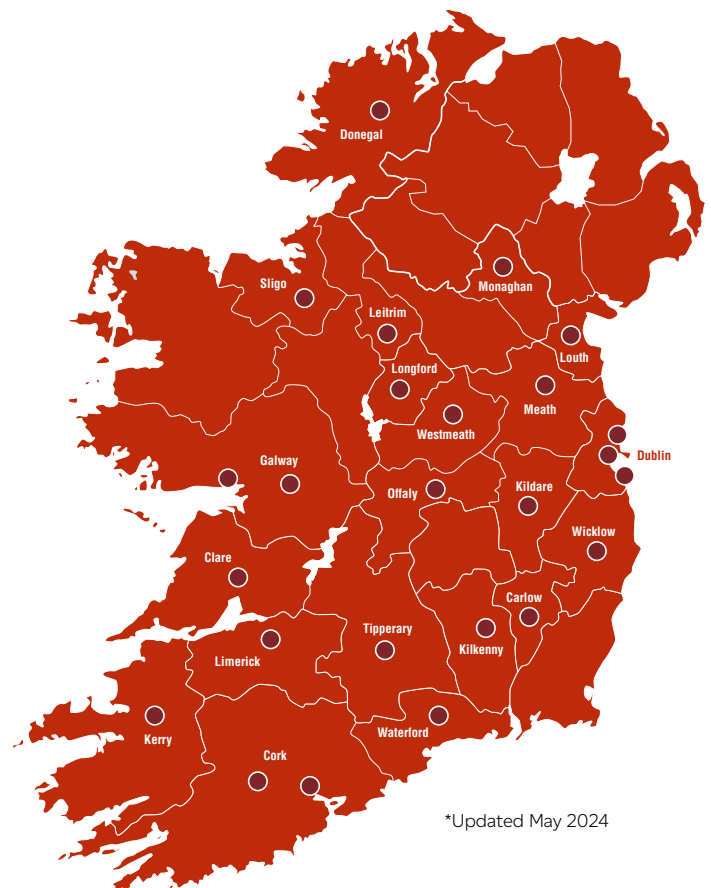
Budget 2023

€511,499. First full year of programme.



An owl chick from the barn owl project in Offaly

Local Authorities with Biodiversity Officers





Biodiversity Officers from across the country with Heritage Council and Bord na Mona staff visiting a peatland regeneration site in County Offaly as part of the Biodiversity Officer training and development programme, September

Progress in 2023

By the end of 2023, 16 Biodiversity Officers had been appointed through the Heritage Council programme, contributing to a total of 24 Biodiversity Officers across 20 local authorities. This achievement puts the Heritage Council on target to have a Biodiversity Officer in every local authority by the end of 2024 and a Biodiversity Action Plan in each local authority by 2026.

2023 highlights

In Offaly, the biodiversity officer's barn owl project involved monitoring and erecting nest boxes in partnership with BirdWatch Ireland, and resulted in an increase in the barn owl population locally.

In Clare, the biodiversity officer worked with the Bishop of Killaloe and the Laudato Si' Officer to sign up ten Catholic parishes to carry out biodiversity actions including pollinator friendly management on church grounds.



The Return to Nature kit assembled by the Clare Biodiversity Officer to help carry out biodiversity actions around the county

Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN)

The Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) is the leading organisation championing and supporting digital community archives in Ireland.

Its main aim is to encourage and support communities to collect and share their local history and heritage online.

Budget 2023

€117,488. First year of Heritage Council partnership with the programme.

Progress in 2023

The Heritage Council established a partnership with the National Museum of Ireland to deliver the Irish Community Archive Network (iCAN) Programme, with a new full-time iCAN Project Assistant starting in early 2024.

As a result of Heritage Council support, the iCAN Community Funds provided 19 grants to groups across the five counties in the network.

The Heritage Council, National Museum of Ireland, Local Authority Heritage Officers and communities make up the four key partners in the delivery of iCAN.

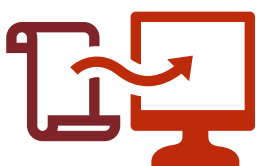


Speaker panel, iCAN DRI Conference: Supporting Community Archives into the Future, September 2023

2023 highlights

A successful iCAN launch event was held on 31st May 2023 in Laragh, County Wicklow. All iCAN partners were represented and 60 people attended.

Heritage Council support has enabled the continued expansion of the iCAN network during 2023. Five websites were launched in August as part of Heritage Cork as well as the Clonlara Heritage Archives website from Clare. An additional two new websites (Kilkeedy Heritage Group and Tulla are near completion) as well as important IT upgrades to several other group's websites. There has also been a successful information and recruitment campaign for new groups in Wicklow and Tipperary with 11 new applications received as a result.



Digitisation



Virtual Tours

The funds enabled the purchase of essential equipment for gathering, digitising, sharing and promotion of material, plus a range of worthy projects from the digitisation of paper collections, the preservation and enhancement of archival film footage and the development of a virtual tour.

Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI)

The Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) is an accreditation scheme for the Irish museum sector. It aims to raise professional standards in collections care, museum governance and management, and visitor services. There are 74 sites/ participants in the programme in 2023.

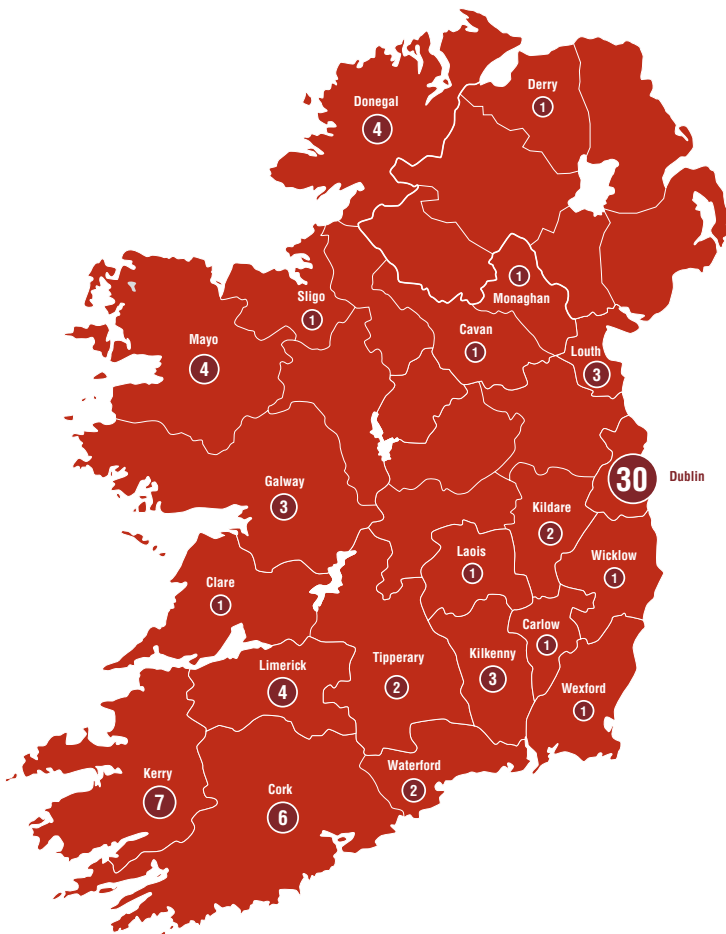
Budget 2023 €57,042.

Progress in 2023

Six new museums were invited to begin the process of accreditation in 2023. These were:

- ▶ 14 Henrietta Street
- ▶ Photo Museum Ireland
- ▶ Derrynane House, OPW
- ▶ The Anatomy Museum, TCD
- ▶ Ballinglen Museum of Art
- ▶ Kylemore Abbey

MSPI Participants



2023 Highlights

The MSPI Awards Ceremony took place at Kilkenny Castle in July with MSPI accreditation certificates presented to:

- ▶ Carlow County Museum
- ▶ Chester Beatty
- ▶ Cork Public Museum
- ▶ Donegal County Museum
- ▶ Drogheda Museum Millmount
- ▶ Glenveagh Castle Museum, NPWS
- ▶ Michael Davitt Museum
- ▶ Muckross House
- ▶ Muckross House Research Library
- ▶ Muckross Traditional Farms
- ▶ Nano Nagle Place
- ▶ Tipperary Museum of Hidden History
- ▶ The Glucksman, University College Cork

For those that received MSPI accreditation certificates on behalf of their organisations, it was a tribute to the time, commitment and vision of all involved that they continued to strive to achieve and maintain the MSPI Standards.

The programme also delivered training workshops in the following areas to its participants looking to achieve accreditation:

- ▶ Basic Care of Collections
- ▶ Exhibitions
- ▶ Fire Mitigation
- ▶ Sustainability
- ▶ Carbon Literacy
- ▶ Museum Documentation

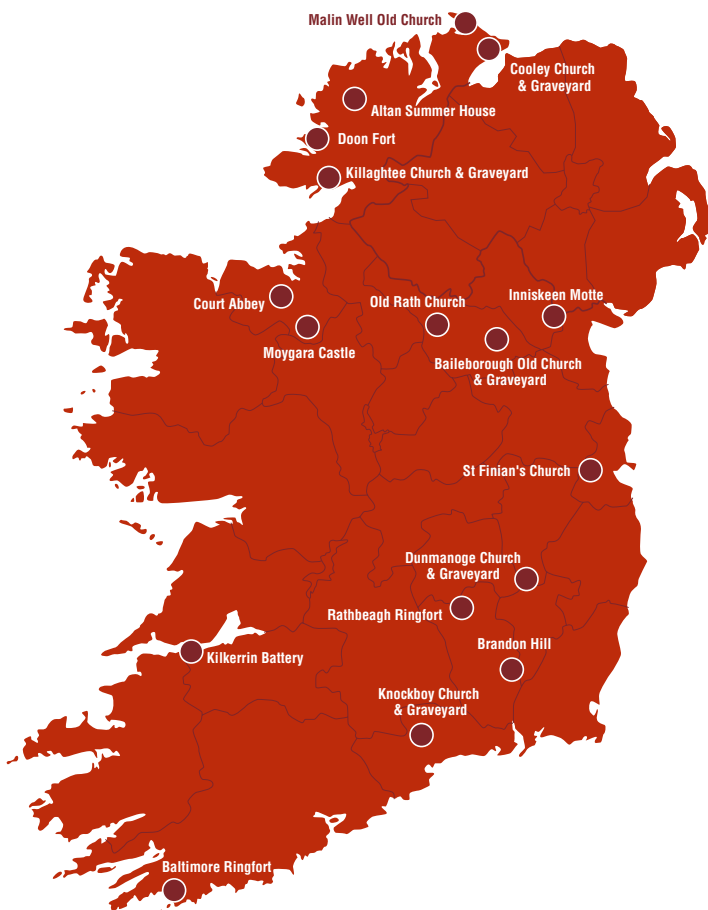


All accredited museums at the awards ceremony in Kilkenny Castle

Adopt a Monument

The Adopt a Monument (AaM) scheme provides expertise, mentoring and support to encourage communities to ‘adopt’ a monument in their area to ensure ongoing maintenance and greater protection through increased civic value. There are currently 17 participants in the scheme adopting a monument.

AaM Participants



Budget 2023

€56,951. Increased from €56,222 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

Throughout Ireland communities are learning about and conserving heritage sites as part of the Heritage Council's Adopt a Monument scheme. A one-day conference was held in September to find out about the archaeological methods used to investigate sites, what is involved in conservation projects, what funding supports are available and much more. Speakers included members of experienced Adopt a Monument scheme groups, alongside heritage professionals and representatives from funding bodies.

Mentor awards were presented at the conference to groups that joined the scheme in 2019 to celebrate their achievements.

Five new groups were selected to join the scheme in 2023. These were:

- ▶ Cooley cross and graveyard, Moville, Co Donegal
- ▶ Altan Farm Summerhouse, Dunlewey, Co Donegal
- ▶ Rathbeagh ringfort, Co Kilkenny
- ▶ Baileborough church and graveyard, Co Cavan
- ▶ Court Abbey, Lavagh, Co Sligo

2023 Highlights

A paper entitled ‘Well-being and community archaeology in Ireland’ based on the experiences of this scheme was published in the *Journal of Irish Archaeology*.

An Archaeology Ireland ‘Heritage Guide’ to St Finian’s Church, Lucan, Co. Dublin – one of the 2019 Adopt a Monument groups – was published.



Sharon Greene and Society of Old Lucan Group with Heritage Guide to St Finian’s and Mentor Award



Sharon Greene AAM and Paula Harvey Doon Fort

HeritageMaps.ie

The Heritage Maps project, coordinated by the Heritage Council, is an online facility which allows users to look at a wide range of built and natural heritage data sets in map form. It can be used to create customised maps where one can identify specific points of interest (Ireland's high crosses, historic graves, UNESCO sites, round towers etc.) and study local flora and fauna. You can access heritage maps [here](#).

Budget 2023 €51,988

Progress in 2023

A full project review of the HeritageMaps platform was commissioned this year with Belfast-based Geolytical, which was appointed to undertake this review to address issues including storage, management, collation and gathering of datasets.

The review was completed in December with recommendation to be considered in 2024.

2023 Highlights

Together with Irish Rail and Atlantic Technological University Galway (ATU), the Historic Railways of Ireland dataset was launched. This features finely detailed information on all current and closed railways on the island of Ireland. Students in ATU created the dataset and enriched it with data provided by Irish Rail and HeritageMaps.ie. This dataset will grow to form a repository, to be managed by Irish Rail, whereby rail enthusiasts can upload text and images relating to all points on the dataset.

ATU students at the launch of the Irish Rail project displaying the Historic Railways of Ireland dataset



Heritage Keepers

Heritage Keepers is a free programme for schools and communities which enables these groups to work together to explore the built, natural, and cultural heritage of their local place, and then plan actions to enhance their place. It is a Heritage Council partnership with Burrenbeo Trust.



Studying our natural heritage as part of the Heritage Keepers Programme

Budget 2023

€34,876. Increased from €31,630 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

This year saw a 50% increase in the number of community groups and schools participating in the programme (ten schools and ten groups) with the Heritage Council funding the additional participants.

Funded actions completed included wildlife pond building, heritage trail construction, publishing of booklets on local built heritage, historic photography exhibition and tree planting among many others.

The programme involved working directly with 350 people while completed actions impacted at least 5,000 people.



Pupils celebrating their participation in the Heritage Keepers Programme

Collaborative Town Centre Health Check

Created in 2016, the Collaborative Town Centre Health Check (CTCHC) programme aims to establish a robust approach to undertaking 'health checks' in historic Irish towns through surveys and subsequent actions based on findings.

Budget 2023 €34,031

Progress in 2023

As the Town Centre First office was developed and as envisaged by the Government Town Centre First policy, the Heritage Council wound down its involvement in town centre health checks and concentrated on concluding the review of its role in the planning process and in examining the emerging Planning and Development Bill (see report on the activities of the Heritage Council Planning Committee). The Heritage Council Planning Officer role was vacant from August to December 2023.

2023 Highlights

Town centre health check reports were published for Blarney and Cloghroe in Co. Cork in May this year. Minister for Heritage Malcolm Noonan launched the reports which highlighted the strengths and opportunities of these historic town centres.

These reports measure citizens' perceptions of their towns' commercial, heritage and cultural assets, as well as measuring public satisfaction with accessibility and cultural facilities.



Alison Harvey, Planning Officer with the Heritage Council, Jeanette Fitzsimons, lecturer with the Centre for Planning Education and Research at UCC, and Minister for Nature, Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, at launch of the Blarney and Cloghroe CTCHC health check

Training and Upskilling



All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme

Developed by The King's Foundation in partnership with the Heritage Council and Northern Ireland's Department for Communities, this programme trains craftspeople with an interest in heritage skills to work on historic buildings and sites throughout the island of Ireland.

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme is a 12-month course which supports those working in the construction sector to push their skills to the next level and continue on their journey to becoming the next generation of traditional master craftspeople.

Budget 2023

€92,856. Increased from €57,218 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

In 2023, after public advertisement, the programme selected seven students on the full time 12-month course for 2023/2024. As in the first year, the course will provide opportunities to gain practical experience in heritage building skills as well as the opportunity to work towards a Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Heritage Skills (Construction).

The industry placements are a valuable opportunity for programme participants to work alongside heritage construction professionals to gain first-hand experience while completing projects onsite. The placements involve participants working for 35 weeks with a variety of craftspeople and traditional construction companies around the island of Ireland.

2023 Highlights

This programme ran for the first time in 2022/2023 and six students completed the inaugural year of the programme, representing a diverse and skilled cohort of craftspeople:

- ▶ Emmanuel Buule (Joiner from Belfast)
- ▶ Anthony Duignan (Joiner from Westmeath)
- ▶ Oliver Flood (Blacksmith from Dublin)
- ▶ Hannah Glass (Decorative Finisher from Maynooth)
- ▶ Mary Hallinan (Blacksmith from Tipperary)
- ▶ Jack Murphy (Blacksmith from Roscommon)

These craftspeople were celebrated at an event in Kilkenny early in 2024 which was attended by Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien TD, and Minister for Heritage Malcolm Noonan TD.



Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien listening to the first graduates of the All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme at Rothe House in Kilkenny

Conservation Internship Programme

The Conservation Internship Programme provides support to national cultural institutions to enable them to offer internship placements to the very best conservation graduates. The internships, ranging from nine to 12 months in length, enable interns to develop highly specialist skills while working in world-class heritage institutions, supporting them to establish their professional careers through caring for objects in Ireland's national collections of cultural heritage.



Reuben Ruxton, Heritage Council Conservation Intern at the National Gallery of Ireland

Budget 2023

€39,787. Increased from €33,402 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

Three interns completed 12-month internship placements at national cultural institutions: the National Library of Ireland, the Chester Beatty Library and the National Gallery of Ireland (which included a six-month placement at Dublin City Gallery, The Hugh Lane).

Intern specialisms included painting conservation, paper conservation as well as books and manuscripts.

2023 Highlights

The achievements of the Programme were celebrated at a winter seminar held at the Chester Beatty Library in December 2023. It was an opportunity for the three current interns to give presentations on their work to conservation peers and sectoral colleagues. The very high standards of both the treatments they presented and their presentation skills was a great testimony to the interns themselves, their host institutions and the impact of the internship programme overall.



Maria Montcalm, Heritage Council Intern at the Chester Beatty

Fundamentals of energy renovation for traditional buildings

The Heritage Council continued its partnership with DASBE of the Technological University of the Shannon on the Certificate in Energy Renovation of Traditional Buildings. People who gain this accreditation will know how to prepare a condition survey, how to identify defects and how to make informed decisions prior to a retrofit.

In September 2022 the 24-week course commenced with 40 graduates in 2023. Participants have included architects and other specifiers, local authority professionals, BER assessors and construction contractors. The course recommenced in September 2023 with 39 participants.



Supporting the Heritage Sector

The Heritage Council provide funding for the operational costs for the three organisations featured in this section, having been identified as key strategic initiatives.

The Heritage Council maintains a role in appointing the Chair and Board Members for both the Discovery Programme and the National Biodiversity Data Centre.



National Biodiversity Data Centre

The National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) is a Company Limited by Guarantee, subject to oversight by the Heritage Council. Its main role is to acquire, collate, validate and make available data in respect of Ireland's biodiversity in order to document wildlife resources and monitor and record changes over time. In so doing, it supports national initiatives to maintain and enhance biodiversity, including recording of species and habitat information relating to the terrestrial, freshwater, marine, rivers and wetland environments.



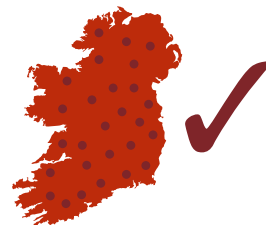
Expenditure 2023 €1,143,197

Progress in 2023

The NBDC's All-Ireland Pollinator Plan was conceived in response to threat of extinction facing one third of our wild bee species. It brings together different sectors across the island of Ireland to create a landscape where pollinators can survive and thrive.



At the end of 2023, **89% of the 186 actions** in the plan have been completed or are in train. These figures demonstrate the positive engagement and real commitment from all partners.



As of 2023, **all 42 Councils** across the island have now formally partnered with the Pollinator Plan and have committed to taking actions on the public lands they manage.

2023 Highlights

Following a decision by Government, the National Biodiversity Data Centre was established as a Company Limited by Guarantee, with oversight provided by the Heritage Council. The Centre's Board of Directors is chaired by John McCarthy, a former Secretary General of the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, and Liam Lysaght is CEO.

This decision by the Government placed the National Biodiversity Data Centre on a secure footing with its own strong governance structures and an ability to better deliver on its ambitions for future growth.

The Board developed and approved the NBDC's Strategic Plan 2024–2028, which identifies the framework and objectives to guide its work over the next five-year period..



Chair of the NBDC John McCarthy at the launch of the Strategic Plan



Minister Malcolm Noonan addressing attendees at the launch of the Strategic Plan

Discovery Programme: Centre for Archaeology and Innovation Ireland

Established in 1991, the mission of the Discovery Programme is to explore Ireland's past and its cultural heritage by conducting advanced research in Irish archaeology and related disciplines, and by disseminating its findings widely. The Discovery Programme is a Company Limited by Guarantee and employs 17 staff, compared to nine in 2021. The Discovery Programme is led by Dr John O'Keeffe, CEO. Tom Dowling chairs the Board of Directors.

Expenditure 2023 The grant allocation was **€900,000**. Increased from €814,000 in 2022.



At the CHERISH End of Project Conference: Ambition, Delivery and Legacy, held in Dublin in March 2023

Progress in 2023

In 2023 the Discovery Programme hosted an end-of-project conference in Dublin Castle for the CHERISH Project. The main objective of CHERISH was to increase capacity and knowledge of climate change adaptation for the Irish Sea and Coastal communities.

The Discovery Programme, along with many partners, formed the core CHERISH Project team. This project benefitted from European Regional Development Funding and support from the Heritage Council.

A highlight of the conference was the launch of the CHERISH Toolkit, which provides a guide to the approaches that can be taken to monitoring and understanding the impacts of past, present and near-future climate change on heritage sites and landscapes along our coast and seas. The toolkit is free to access online at <https://cherishproject.eu/en/tool-kit/>

2023 Highlights

The Discovery Programme supported the Heritage Council's Adopt a Monument scheme and in 2023 worked with local communities at Dunmanogue, County Kildare, where they conducted an extensive geophysical survey, as well as recording the ruined church at Killaghtee, County Donegal.

Irish Landmark Trust

Irish Landmark Trust (ILT) is a non-profit organisation that finds interesting and unusual properties (such as lighthouses, castles, and gate lodges) in need of conservation and gives them new life. Since 1992, the Irish Landmark Trust has been turning historic buildings into self-catering holiday accommodation. The Irish Landmark Trust is structured as a Company Limited by Guarantee. It employs 12 staff and is led by Niamh Lunny, CEO. Michael O'Boyle chairs the Board of Directors.

Budget 2023

€345,000. Increased from €329,489 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

In 2023 Irish Landmark Trust celebrated 30 years of saving, sharing and sustaining built heritage in Ireland. This coincided with the launch of the new strategic plan for the organisation from 2023 – 2028.



ILT 30 Years event: Founding and present Board members of ILT with Minister Malcolm Noonan & CEO of The Heritage Council Virgina Teehan

A grant award of €200,000 from the Historic Structures Fund phased over two years has enabled ILT to complete the restoration of Goggin Cottage, an important late-18th century thatched cottage that has been in continual ownership of the Goggin family since it was built. The cottage is in an original state with no running water and once the restoration is complete, will provide holiday accommodation for a family of four.

The Heritage Council provided an additional €85,000 in funding to support the conservation of the cottage.

The cottage will be ready to receive its first guests in summer 2024.

2023 Highlights

Irish Landmark Trust and the Heritage Council collaborated on another successful event for Heritage Week 2023. All properties in the Republic of Ireland held open days for National Heritage Week 2023. Approximately 3,500 people visited ILT properties on the open day for a self-guided tour.



Exterior of Goggin Cottage in February 2024, the former 'lean-to' has been repurposed as a bathroom and utility room for the cottage.



Interior of Goggin Cottage, lime rendering in process – not a straight line in sight! Note area beside chimney where the original layers of lime render have been left exposed.

National Traveller Heritage Strategy

The Heritage Council recognises that there is an urgent need to establish a national strategy that protects, preserves, and promotes Traveller cultural heritage. In view of this, it has committed to developing and delivering a national Traveller Heritage Strategy, supported by a workplan and resources, to ensure that there is a strong network of strategic, sustainable and community-led support for Traveller cultural heritage. In doing so, the Heritage Council acknowledges the profound inherent value of Traveller culture and heritage, the centrality of Travellers to Irish heritage and the important role of cultural heritage in tackling systemic racism, inequality and exclusion.

In 2023, the Heritage Council, together with the Irish Traveller Movement, established the Traveller-led National Traveller Heritage Strategy Working Group, convened by Owen Ward of University of Galway. Membership of the working group includes representatives from ten Traveller organisations (both regional and national organisations), the National Museum of Ireland, Department of Local Government, Heritage and Housing and Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. The overall objective and expected outcome of the working group is to develop a National Traveller Heritage Strategy and implementation workplan by the end of 2024.



Our Cultural and Inclusive Heritage Officer Aalia Kamal (right) is leading the development of the Traveller Heritage Strategy.

Privately Owned Heritage

Private owners act as custodians of heritage and it is essential that the Heritage Council works to support them as they fulfil the responsibilities of such vital stewardship. The heritage assets of the historic houses and estates of Ireland are made up of collections of archives, libraries, paintings, and artefacts, not to mention the architectural heritage of the buildings themselves and the demesnes or landscapes in which they sit.

The Heritage Council acknowledges the challenge faced by private owners in directing their time and resources to preserve the sheer variety of cultural heritage under their stewardship, while balancing the needs of their family homes.

As a first step in assisting private owners to develop a considered plan of action to address these competing needs, the Heritage Council partnered with Maynooth University's Centre for

the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates (CSHIHE) to develop a practical workshop to examine some of the issues that arise with preserving archival collections in the historic houses of Ireland. This workshop was held in Maynooth University in November 2023 and featured contributions from conservators, disaster preparedness experts, archivists and historians.

It is vital that professional best practice and the highest possible standards of collections care are applied to the stewardship of privately owned heritage. The Heritage Council fully supports skilled heritage professionals through its various programmes such as the Conservation Internship Scheme and endorses the use of accredited professionals in collections care. This new partnership with CSHIHE at Maynooth University is another step towards our aim of preserving Ireland's cultural heritage for the benefit of all.



Material Culture of Convents

In her report recording the Cultural Heritage of Convents: Buildings, Landscape & Material Culture, Prof. Gillian O'Brien wrote:

“Convents are (or were) ubiquitous, often dominating towns and villages. They were such a common feature of the landscape that they became almost invisible, and it is only now, as they are disappearing, that their significance is beginning to be recognised.

There has been limited scholarly interest in the history of convents and their associated buildings and landscapes. It is vital that these sites are recorded now before the inevitable destruction or transformation of the buildings as they are repurposed, sold or demolished. Generally, where the buildings are still in use as convents, they are very well maintained. However, they are closing at a fast rate and as soon as they are no longer in use as convents they are at immediate risk of deterioration. Convent buildings contain a wealth of architectural, artistic, social, historical and cultural significance which are best understood while still in their original use. Further research into, and recording of, this building type and associated landscapes is necessary and urgent.”

In 2023 the Heritage Council undertook a scoping exercise with Prof Gillian O'Brien to examine how best to support the cultural heritage of convents and religious houses in Ireland. This was done in the context of a growing need to protect, document, and

preserve of this area of cultural heritage, which is particularly vulnerable due to the significant demographic and social changes relating to convents and religious houses.



The 2023 scoping exercise enumerated, documented, and mapped surviving convent buildings in Ireland dating from a sample period of 1770 to 1850. This work was supplemented by a literature review and supported by an advisory group. The project objectives were to:

- ▶ To record the material culture, landscapes and architectural heritage of convents and religious houses across Ireland
- ▶ To increase awareness of the urgent need to record this cultural heritage.
- ▶ To establish best practice and support to enable these objectives.

Work on this project will continue in 2024.

Advisory Committee for the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage

In June 2023, Catherine Martin TD, Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and the Media, established the Advisory Committee for the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage. The committee is tasked to undertake research into international best practice within the field of provenance research, restitution and repatriation, as well as engaging with key stakeholders to assess the scope of relevant cultural heritage collections in Ireland. The objective of the committee is to provide policy advice and prepare national guidelines to support Irish cultural institutions in dealing with objects of unknown provenance in their collections.

The committee will be chaired by the Rt Hon. Sir Donnell Deeny, chairman of the UK government's Spoliation Advisory Panel and member of the Court of Arbitration for Art in The Hague. Membership of the committee will be drawn from the museum, archives and gallery sector, the civil service, and legal and ethical expertise, as well as representation from claimant communities. The Heritage Council, the statutory body with responsibility to propose policies relating to heritage objects as well as responsibility for the Museum Standards Programme of Ireland, serves as the oversight body for the advisory committee and will provide the secretariat.

The first meeting of the ACRR was held on 4 December 2023 and its work will continue in 2024.



Grant Schemes



Community Heritage Grant Scheme

This scheme supports projects that improve access and inclusion to heritage sites, projects that apply good heritage practice to the management of places, collections or objects (including buildings), and supports the purchase of essential equipment.

Expenditure 2023

€1,630,213. Increased from €1,521,911 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

149 applicants were offered grant funding for the Community Heritage Grants scheme in 2023, an increase of almost 10% on 2022.

A list of grant recipients from 2023 under this scheme is available from [here](#).



ReWild Wicklow's peatland restoration project at a site in the Wicklow Mountains called Barncullian Ridge



Physicians, Painters and Patients: Women in RCPI's art collection

2023 Highlights

A project from ReWild Wicklow was among the many that attracted attention this year. Their peatland restoration project at a site in the Wicklow Mountains called Barncullian Ridge, will have multiple benefits to water quality, climate change mitigation and biodiversity.

The peatland restoration will reduce the runoff of peat into the rivers at their source, improving the quality of the water downstream. The project has the potential to reduce the amount of peat in the headwaters of the Avonmore River Catchment to the east of the mountains and the Liffey River Catchment to the west.

The project will also help crucial species such as the threatened Irish hare, red grouse, merlin and multiple other species of birds.

Elsewhere, the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland received funding for a fascinating project entitled, 'Physicians, Painters and Patients: Women in RCPI's art collection'.

The project highlights the previously hidden role of women in RCPI's art collection – not only women as physicians but also women as patients and female artists. The project saw the conservation and digitisation of all artworks of or by women in RCPI's collections. New plaques were commissioned for artworks on display in RCPI's home on 6 Kildare Street, identifying and celebrating the previously unrecognised women artists.

A new project website 'Changing Perceptions: Women of Art and Medicine at the RCPI' has also been launched making the new research and digitised images available online to a wider audience.

Heritage Organisation Support Fund

The Heritage Organisation Support Fund (HOSF) aims to build the capacity of non-governmental organisations working in the heritage sector in Ireland by providing funding towards their core costs.

Expenditure 2023

€1,351,742. Increased from €918,824 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

This scheme was previously called the Heritage Capacity Fund, but its name was changed to the Heritage Organisation Support Fund this year to better reflect the purpose of the scheme.

Interest in this scheme increased significantly this year with a 40% increase in applications for funding from 66 to 93. Of the applications submitted, we were able to fund 37.



Cruit Éireann | Harp Ireland benefited from HOSF funding this year.

2023 Highlights

Many excellent and worthy organisations were the beneficiaries of funding under the HOSF this year.

These included the Institute of Conservators-Restorers in Ireland (IC-RI) who promote the practice of conservation of historic and artistic material to internationally accepted standards within Ireland.

Funding will enable the IC-RI to address the training needs of members and facilitate the professional training of newcomers to the profession.

It also ensures that the practice of conservation in the island of Ireland continues to adhere to internationally accepted standards and will assist the Council's commitment to collections care through its support of the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland.

Cruit Éireann | Harp Ireland (CÉHI) has also benefited from funding this year. This is a collective of harp players working together to promote the harp as a national instrument, gain recognition for its unique status and secure its sustainability.

CÉHI's inclusion on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanities has enabled them to begin sustaining their organisational capacity to support harping in Ireland and worldwide. Support from the Heritage Council has enabled CÉHI to promote and develop this 1,000 year-old harping tradition in communities all over Ireland.

Traditional Farm Buildings Grant Scheme

The Traditional Farm Buildings Grant scheme protects the ordinary buildings used in agriculture. Efforts focus on the retention, repair and reuse of existing materials not only for their heritage value but also for the inherent durability of many historic building materials. The scheme is managed in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine which funds the scheme.

Expenditure 2023 €1.25 million.

Progress in 2023

This year, participation in the scheme was expanded to include not only those participating in ACRES (the main agri environment scheme) but also to include those partaking in European Innovation Partnerships and the Organic Farming scheme.

Seventy buildings as well as several other related farm structures benefitted from grant payments in 2023 with the increase in the maximum grant to €30,000 of significant assistance.

2023 Highlights

Some noteworthy wildlife discoveries were made on two separate projects in Cavan. A barn owl nest with four chicks was found in the roof of a late-19th century hay barn of unusual design at Lakeview Organic Farm. Due to the red list status of barn owls in Ireland this was a particularly happy discovery. The straw stored in the barn was probably providing a habitat for mice and

shrews as well as a readily available food source for the resident barn owls, and the owner tells us that the chicks could be heard snoring in their nest from 11pm every evening.

The same ecologist also discovered that Griffith Lodge and Farm, also in Cavan, was a very important site for bats, with seven species recorded on site. There were such large numbers of *Nathusius's Pipistrelle* bats present on this farm that the possibility of a maternity roost on site was considered probable and further research was carried out. The roost of the male was discovered and, as there is such good evidence for a maternity roost here, it is expected to carry out further research next year. Because there are no known maternity roosts of the *Nathusius's Pipistrelle* bat in the Republic of Ireland (although one is suspected to be in Wexford), this could be a discovery of national importance



The home of a pair of Barn Owls and four chicks in Cavan

Historic Towns Initiative

The Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) is a joint undertaking by the Heritage Council and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage which aims to promote the heritage-led regeneration of Ireland's historic towns. The scheme also encourages the specific re-use of historic buildings.

Expenditure 2023 €771,660.

Progress in 2023

Eleven projects were offered grant funding for the Historic Towns Initiative in 2023. This included four conservation projects in the following towns:

- ▶ **Castleisland**, Co. Kerry
- ▶ **Ballina**, Co. Mayo
- ▶ **Bantry**, Co. Cork
- ▶ **Monaghan**, Co. Monaghan (this project received approval for a two-year project in 2022)

Meanwhile, heritage-led regeneration projects were approved in the following towns:

- ▶ **Macroom**, Co. Cork
- ▶ **Duleek**, Co. Meath
- ▶ **Ramelton**, Co. Donegal
- ▶ **Enniscorthy**, Co. Wexford
- ▶ **Ballymote**, Co. Sligo
- ▶ **Carlow**, Co. Carlow
- ▶ **Drogheda**, Co. Louth

2023 Highlights

Bantry Library, Co. Cork

Bantry Library lies at the heart of the town centre and forms part of the main shopping area in this West Cork town. Located on a slope within the town it forms a key focal point. The building is an important exemplar of international modernist architectural styles. Moreover, in its form it draws on the influence of the prehistoric local megalithic wedge tombs.

The 2023 project involved the careful conservation of several necessary external elements to safeguard the building from falling into further disrepair and ensure the building remained in use as a public library.



Bantry Library exterior entrance

‘Home is on Main Street’ - Rejuvenation of Castleisland, Co. Kerry

This project supported conservation and upgrading work to four historic structures on Main Street to ensure they remained in use. These projects included the installation of new timber sliding sash windows, a new ground-floor shopfront and removal of tiling from the ground floor of a vacant property. Meanwhile, lime rendering, the stitching of a gable and roof repairs were carried out on another building.

This work has had a significant impact on the built fabric of the town and has supported owners in keeping and bringing vacant buildings back into use. The employment of skilled craftspeople and practitioners has also had a positive impact providing local employment and detailed conservation advice and guidance to practitioners during the project.



Castleisland project - before



Castleisland project - after

Heritage Stewardship Fund

The Heritage Stewardship Fund supports the work of staff in state agencies and third-level institutions with responsibilities for heritage programmes, in particular, staff with responsibilities for stewardship of and access to collections, archives, buildings, monuments, and habitats. The scheme assists heritage specialists who play a key role in the heritage infrastructure of Ireland and who are vital to the delivery of national policy and plans and who may be operating in organisations whose core remit is fully focused on heritage.

Expenditure 2023

€425,952. Increased from €274,330 in 2022.

Progress in 2023

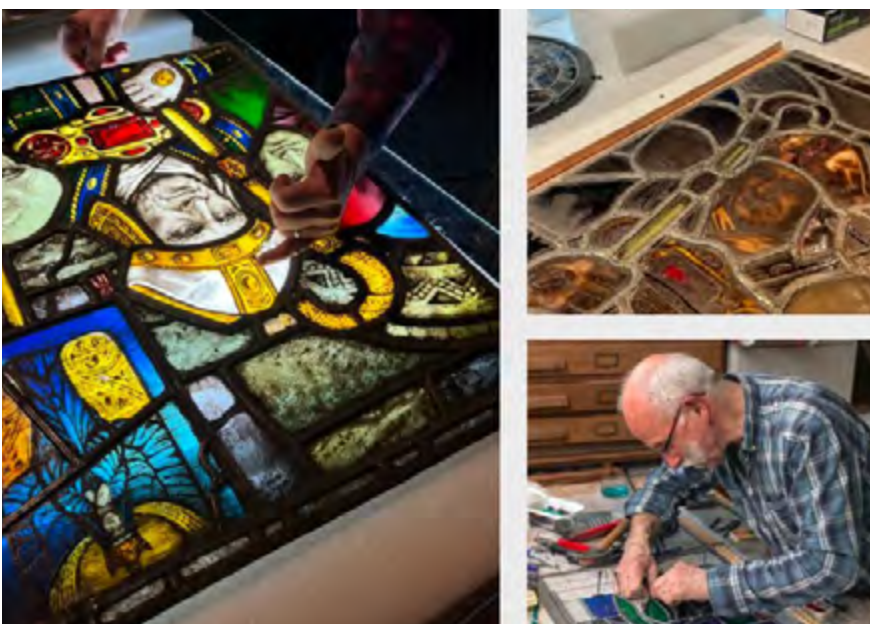
Twenty-four applicants were offered grant funding for the Heritage Stewardship Fund in 2023.

2023 Highlights

The Crawford Art Gallery in Cork received funding under this scheme to provide urgent conservation work (preventative conservation framing) to three Harry Clarke stained glass panels, which was carried out by stained glass conservator, Philip Crook.

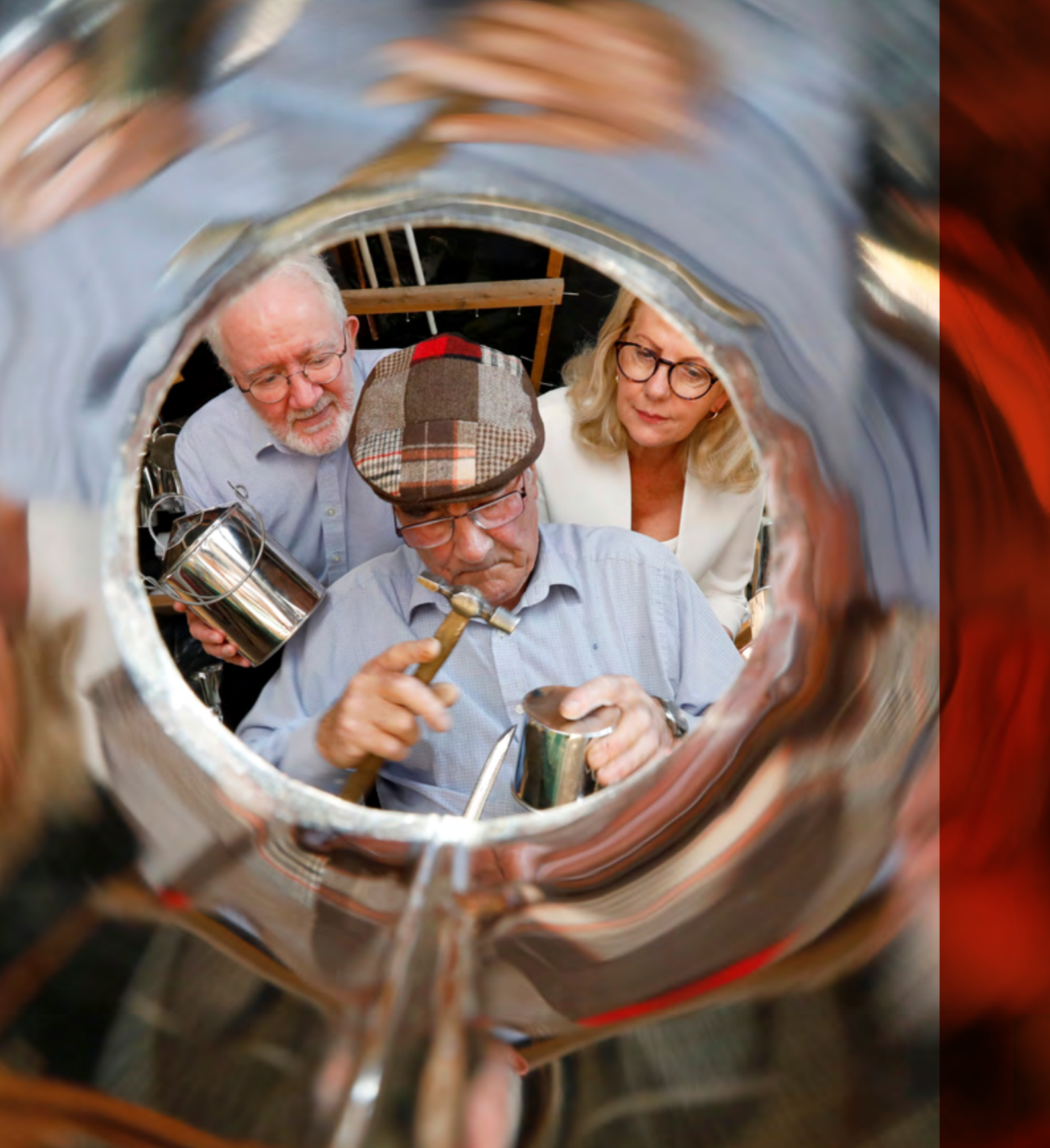
These 123-year-old panels are the earliest surviving examples of Harry Clarke's work and are of enormous historical importance. The project outcome has enabled them to survive into the future, and allows the Gallery to display these works to the public in a safe and non-damaging way but also allows them to be safely de-installed and transported if required.

The panels will form a significant focal point of the Gallery's planned Harry Clarke retrospective in 2027 in advance of the centenary of his death in 2031.



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Research



Introduction

As outlined in our Strategic Plan, research is key to maintaining a true evidence-based vision for the Heritage Council. It will become an integral part of our engagement with society, adding value and richness to all aspects of our work. A research function gives us increased capacity to fulfil our policy advisory remit. Information generated through research is critical to the successful delivery of our objectives and the measurement of the effectiveness and impact of the heritage sector. Several key data-gathering exercises were initiated and completed in 2023 which will deliver baseline data necessary to complete the measurement of impact. The section that follows provides an overview of research undertaken or initiated this year.

Awareness and Understanding of Irish Heritage

In Autumn 2023, Behaviour and Attitudes (now Ipsos B&A) carried out a national demographic survey on public attitudes to heritage. Over 1000 adults from all demographics were surveyed by questionnaire and through focus groups on their awareness and understanding of heritage. The research sought to develop understanding of the views of the general public in relation to the importance and significance of heritage, its awareness of heritage bodies, schemes and sources of information, perceptions of current

issues relating to heritage, perceptions of the value of heritage to economy and society, and levels of awareness of and engagement with The Heritage Council's programmes, media campaigns and events.

The collated results were very clear and showed that the general public strongly associated heritage with the history of Ireland, and a collective past, tradition and culture. The next strongest association was with built heritage and archaeological sites, while natural heritage had a low level of spontaneous association.

Key insights from the research revealed that there is strong pride in heritage in Ireland (65% agree strongly) and similarly strong agreement that heritage should be protected (68%) and that heritage protection is everyone's responsibility (54%).

There is also an opportunity to create greater engagement with heritage. Just 10% agreed strongly they are personally involved in heritage but 52 % agreed strongly that they would like to know more about heritage, and 34% agree strongly that they would like to see more programs on TV about heritage. One in five (21%) agreed strongly that events organized during the Decade of Commemorations increased interest in heritage.

Schools are identified as key to engagement with the public on heritage. 42% agreed strongly that schools should play a more active role in heritage



education. 25% agreed strongly that community groups are the best stewards of heritage in local areas. There is strong agreement at 42% that community groups should be given more acknowledgement for their work in heritage.

It is positive to see that it is a minority belief that the government spends too much on heritage (10% strongly agree), and that protection of heritage is a barrier to addressing the Irish housing crisis (11%). However, the public do see challenges; 16% strongly believe that heritage is well protected in the Irish planning process, 31% strongly agree that heritage is at risk from climate change and 15% strongly feel that the heritage in Ireland is aimed at foreign visitors and tourists.

Funding Opportunities for the Heritage Sector

Crowe Ireland was commissioned to scope the funding landscape for the heritage sector. The Heritage Council supports key stakeholders to deliver actions and interventions to protect and promote heritage of all kinds across the country. As such, it is necessary to ensure that

potential stakeholders are aware of the avenues available to them to support their work. Ensuring that the heritage sector has access to the right people, the right structures, and the right opportunities is central to the long term and successful development of the sector. Access to sufficient funding is therefore key to partners delivering on their ambitions and the Heritage Council can deliver on the promise of the *Our Place in Time* strategy for the sector.

During this research, over 60 sources of funding were identified that have relevance for the heritage sector in Ireland across national and international agencies, private organisations, charities, and European Union projects. The funds include schemes covering built heritage, natural heritage, and cultural heritage as well as capacity and administration funding. Funding streams include state funding as well as smaller funding from sources at home and abroad. These programmes offer funding ranging from several hundred euro to support small events and volunteer-led interventions to hundreds of thousands for large scale multi-annual projects.

Exchequer Funding of the Heritage Sector

The Heritage Council, in its mission to develop a wide understanding of the vital contribution that our heritage makes to social, environment and economic wellbeing, wanted to appreciate the scale of funding provided to the Heritage Sector by the Exchequer. Crowe Ireland were commissioned to provide an analysis of exchequer allocations from 2019 to 2023 inclusive within the Republic of Ireland.

The research contextualised funding for the heritage sector, to understand how it has developed over time and the present trajectory of funding over the last five years. Its main findings were that

- ▶ Funding for the Heritage Sector has increased by €170.2 million between 2019 and 2023 or by 174% from €97.6 million to €267.8 million
- ▶ Funding for the key Heritage Bodies as increased from €70.1 million in 2019 to €139.5 million in 2023 or an increase of 99% over the same period
- ▶ Included in this is a funding increase of €7.7m for the Heritage Council from €6.6 million in 2019 to €14.3 million in 2023, a 117% increase

Mapping the Heritage Sector

Profiling heritage stakeholders provides essential data for policymakers to make informed decisions regarding heritage management and conservation. It allows for a better understanding of stakeholders' perspectives, concerns, and needs, which can then be incorporated into heritage-related policies and regulations.

Understanding the various stakeholders involved in heritage protection, preservation and conservation allows for better coordination and collaboration in protecting Ireland's rich cultural, built and natural heritage. By knowing who the stakeholders are and what their interests and contributions are, strategies can be developed to ensure the conservation of important heritage sites and assets.

Profiling Ireland's heritage sector can support a more inclusive, participatory and sustainable approach to heritage management. It will help to ensure that diverse interests and perspectives of different groups can be taken into account, promoting the long-term preservation and enjoyment of Ireland's rich cultural, built and natural heritage.

In September 2023, M-CO were commissioned to undertake a mapping of Ireland's heritage stakeholders by identifying and setting out the varying roles and responsibilities of heritage organisations operating across the State and local government sectors, NGO/ non-profits and additional professional associations and representative bodies. This complex work will conclude in 2024.

Publications





A Guide to the Habitats in Ireland - 2nd Edition

In 2023 the Heritage Council published the 2nd edition of our most requested publication, *A Guide to Habitats in Ireland*, which was first published in 2000 and written by Dr Julie Fossitt (who passed away in August 2022).

The need for a systematic publication standardising habitat description amongst Ireland's field ecologists was a long-sought action identified by the Heritage Council and others. In reality very little change was required, which is a testament to Julie's clarity and the focus of her work. The new edition also contains a short remembrance of Julie by Heritage Council Wildlife Officer Lorcan Scott and Julie's obituary (with the kind permission of the *Irish Times*).

The new edition was formally launched at Lough Boora Parklands in Offaly – Julie Fossitt's home county – in early 2024. The publication has been translated to Irish and is now available in digital and hard copy in both languages.



Opening the Door to Ireland's Heritage: A Collection of Local Authority Heritage Officer Projects

A special Heritage Council publication featuring stories from heritage officers in every county was published in late 2023 to mark 25 years since the Heritage Officer Network was founded.

In a partnership between the Heritage Council and local authorities, the first heritage officers were appointed in 1999 in Kerry, Sligo and Galway with the aim of raising awareness of heritage issues within the local authority and among local communities. Since then, the heritage officer network has become synonymous with the protection and promotion of Ireland's heritage and, for the first time in 2021, every local authority in the country had appointed somebody to the role.

The booklet details one key heritage project from each local authority from the last three years which collectively

highlight the enormous contribution that the Network has made to the preservation of our heritage over the last quarter of a century.

While highlighting the important work they do, the stories in the publication also offer a stark insight into what may have been lost were it not for the heritage officers. Mangan's Clock in the heart of Cork city may have fallen into disrepair. The most historic buildings in Ballyshannon or Listowel may have been left derelict and allowed to crumble. The natural beach and dune habitats along the coast of Wicklow may have become irrevocably degraded and the craftsmanship of dry-stone walling on Inis Oirr may have receded.

The publication can be read in full on the Heritage Council website.



Holy Wells

Ireland's holy wells are sacred places steeped in long-held traditions and customs. They hold an important place in Ireland's cultural heritage and religious tradition, offering visitors a peaceful place for personal devotion, prayer and healing.

A new publication from the Heritage Council provides an account of their traditions, folklore, biodiversity value and origins. It is authored by archaeologist Tamlyn McHugh who has carried out surveys and research on Irish holy wells.

The booklet is richly illustrated with images from the National Library collections as well as modern photography. It also provides guidance on how to care for holy wells telling us that sometimes we should just 'leave well alone'. It is also available in Irish.

It continues the 'Our Ancient Landscapes' Heritage Council series, previous titles have included Rock Art, Ogham and Hunter Gatherers. All are available from the Heritage Council website.

Education and Public Engagement



Heritage Council Staff – Civic Engagement in the Heritage Sector

During the year, Heritage Council staff make significant contributions to a variety of regional and national working groups and steering groups, committees and subcommittees, and other similar groups with a view to affecting positive change for the heritage sector.

This section documents the specific nature of this engagement.

Virginia Teehan **Chief Executive Officer**

Council of Directors of National Cultural Institutions: Member

National Planning Advisory Forum: Member

Royal Irish Academy: Member

Section 1003 Selection Committee: Member

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Expert Advisory Committee for the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage: Member of the Secretariat

Maria Walsh **Heritage in Schools Programme Manager**

Maria works on an ongoing basis with Education Support Centres throughout Ireland. In 2023 this work involved support for local heritage programmes with schools in Carlow, Clare, Kerry and Meath. She also works with Kerry County Museum on the annual 'Explore Your Local Heritage Award' for primary schools in Co Kerry, judging entries and providing feedback on individual projects.

Ian Doyle **Head of Conservation**

Member Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland and European Association of Archaeologists

Northern Ireland Historic Monuments Council: Member

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Expert Advisory Committee on Intangible Cultural Heritage: Member

Aalia Kamal **Cultural and Inclusive Heritage Officer**

European Commission Expert Group on Cultural Heritage: Member

National Advisory Committee for the 1954 Hague Convention on Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict: Member

Irish Community Archive Network Advisory Group: Member

MENII Memories, MENII Voices (MMMV) Advisory Group: Member

Council of National Cultural Institutions Conservation and Collections Care Group: Member

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Expert Advisory Committee for the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage: Member of the Secretariat

Anna Meenan

Traditional Farm Buildings Grant Scheme Programme Manager

Built Vernacular Heritage (Thatch) Steering Group, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage: Member

Lorcan Scott

Wildlife Officer

National Parks and Wildlife Services' National Biodiversity Working Group: Member

National Parks and Wildlife Services' LIFE+IP Wild Atlantic Nature Programme Steering Group: Member

Comhairle na Tuaithe Working Group: Member

Lesser Horseshoe Bat, Species Action Plan Steering Group (National Parks and Wildlife Service): Member

Woodlands of Ireland Advisory Committee: Member

Community Wetlands Forum Advisory Committee Community Wetlands Forum: Member

Lesley-Ann Hayden

Programme Manager - Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI)

Lesley-Ann is a member of the board of directors of the Irish Museums Association (IMA). In that capacity she is also a member of the IMA's Public Relations Committee.

Eoin Ó Donnchadha

Heritage in Education Policy Development Officer

Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group on Heritage in Education (MAIGHNE): Convenor (2024)

Council of National Cultural Institutions Learning and Engagement Group (CNCI LEG): Member (2024)

Eoin is also a Fellow of the UK's Society for Education & Training, an Associate Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and a member of the Royal Society of Antiquaries Ireland.

Lisa Shortall

Head of Research, Learning and Cultural Heritage

European Commission Expert Group on Cultural Heritage: Member

Archives and Records Association: Registered Member (RMARA)

Irish Community of Trauma-Informed Archival Practice: Chair (until June 2024)

Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media Expert Advisory Committee for the Restitution and Repatriation of Cultural Heritage: Member of the Secretariat

Tidy Towns special heritage award

In 2023, the Heritage Council increased the prize offering for its Tidy Towns Special Heritage Award from €1,000 to €3,000, ensuring our winners were more adequately compensated for their contributions to heritage.

The award this year went to Williamstown in County Galway for the great work they did on their community-owned historical mill. This project shows just how much a community can achieve when they take an active interest in preserving their heritage and engage with traditional skills.

This group has shown great care for the building by working with highly respected heritage professionals and ensuring that the best principles of conservation are adhered to. The rethatching of the miller's cottage in the vicinity is also a great example of the benefit of passing on traditional skills and engaging with our living cultural heritage.

The added bonus of a biodiversity-conscious approach to the grounds management really set this project apart.



The restored mill at Williamstown



The Heritage Council celebrated the achievements of Williamstown at the site in 2023

The BT Young Scientist Exhibition

The Heritage Council attended the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS in January 2023, targeting the many young attendees with an interest in heritage. Our publications were very well received, especially by teachers and Irish speakers.

In 2023, in addition to displays on wildlife and biodiversity, the stand also ran workshops by Heritage in Schools ecologist Aengus Kennedy.

Many of these young people are the scientists, ecologists and researchers of tomorrow and this early introduction to heritage conservation and citizen science can pay rich dividends. By tapping into the curiosity and innovative spirit of young people, these programmes are designed

to cultivate the conservationists, ecologists and heritage advocates of tomorrow, ensuring the enduring protection and celebration of Ireland's rich heritage.



Heritage in Schools specialist Aengus Kennedy engaging with young people at the Heritage Council's stand

LEGO™ Competition – Heritage at Play

Our annual 'Heritage At Play' competition invites children of primary-school age to showcase an element of Irish heritage using LEGO bricks. The 2023 competition opened for entries in December. LEGO brick artist Jessica Farrell assisted with the difficult job of selecting the winners. She also provided some wonderful sample models with step-by-step instructions for the public to try. This year these included a pygmy shrew, a lapwing, and a button accordion.

Winning entries were showcased at a special exhibition at Kilkenny's Medieval Mile Museum which ran in early 2024. The exhibition concluded with an awards ceremony for the winners and runners-up in each category.

This year, we also digitised and collated in the form of workbooks all of the model instructions Jessica has completed over the years.



Roscommon's James Sturgeon took home first prize in the 4-7 year old category for his model of Newgrange

The Citizen Science Kit Pilot Programme



Our Wildlife Officer Lorcan Scott using the kit

In March this year, the Heritage Council launched the Citizen Science Kit Pilot Programme, an initiative that will empower the public to collect information about biodiversity in their local area.

Through the programme, and in partnership with Kilkenny County Council Library Service, people can now freely access specialised equipment in selected county library services around the country and collect valuable data by using the kit which includes nets, magnifying glasses and swatches to help identify species.

The initiative is designed to assist an increasingly engaged public, many of whom are eager to contribute to the preservation of our biodiversity but who lack the tools to do so. It is expected that the kits will be used by students looking to conduct their own studies, amateur ecologists wishing to produce their own biodiversity action plans and by community groups such as Tidy Towns, River Trusts and Field Clubs who want to gather information to bolster local biodiversity projects.

Working with the Irish Language

In 2023, the Heritage Council expanded the material it makes available bilingually by ensuring its public promotional campaigns were in both Irish and English. This included print, radio and digital ads appearing in local and national outlets for campaigns promoting National Heritage Week as well as our grant schemes.

We also issued 13 press releases in both Irish and English, and all of our grant scheme booklets were available in both languages.

A new award was also presented for the first time during the National Heritage Week Awards Ceremony for Best Irish Language Event. This award aims to encourage organisers of National Heritage Week events to incorporate and promote the Irish Language in their events and was won in 2023 by Togra Fiontar agus

Cultúr Uladh for their Féile Saibhreas na Síoraíochta event.

There were 35 events as Gaeilge during National Heritage Week 2023, a slight increase on 2022, but a number which is growing steadily year on year.

Irish language tours of our historic headquarters during National Heritage Week were also made available.

The Heritage Council also worked closely with the Gaeltacht-based grant recipients of our Community Heritage Grants to create two beautiful videos aiming to encourage Gaeltacht communities to consider applying for funding through our schemes.

These videos are available [here](#) and [here](#)



Togra Fiontar agus Cultúr Uladh won best Irish language event at the National Heritage Week award ceremony for their Féile Saibhreas na Síoraíochta event.

Promoting Diversity and Inclusion



Human Rights and Equality

The Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty places a statutory obligation on public bodies to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and protect the human rights of those to whom they provide services and staff when carrying out their daily work.

The Heritage Council has begun working towards an assessment of the human

rights and equality issues relevant to the functions of the organisation, which will report in 2024. Through the assessment process we will develop an action plan that will address any human rights and equality issues that are identified. Once in place, we will report annually on the implementation and progress against the commitments made through our action plan.

Coming to Your Natural Senses 2023

The Heritage Council's Coming to your Natural Senses programme focuses on bringing a heightened experience and awareness of the natural environment to people with sight impairment. Its aim is to enable persons with significant sight impairment to have a better experience of our natural world by providing some basic training on interpreting the sounds of biodiversity in and around their daily environment.

This year, Coming to Your Natural Senses welcomed a new crop of students and a new programme of classes:

- ▶ Cetaceans calls, sounds from the deep – with the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group
- ▶ Ireland's Wild birds & Animals – with the Heritage Council
- ▶ Bat Echoes in the Night – with Bat Conservation Ireland
- ▶ What's that bird – bird songs & calls? – with Birdwatch Ireland
- ▶ Exotic animals Dublin Zoo Education Team – with the Heritage Council

A visit to Dublin Zoo's Education Centre was a particular highlight in 2023. Over 30 participants attended and engaged in tactile activities, a sound quiz and a fascinating presentation given by the zoo's education team and their assistants.



A trip to Dublin Zoo was the highlight of the year for the Coming to your Natural Senses group for the visually impaired

Grant Schemes

The Heritage Council is particularly interested in grant applications that focus on improved access to, and therefore participation in, heritage activities by people with disabilities and minority groups. In 2023, we funded 24 projects which would come under the category of Diversity and Inclusion.

Our Community Heritage Grant Scheme projects included works to improve wheelchair access to historical buildings, an access and inclusion plan for people with autism and visual impairment, traveller oral history projects, conservation of a relic for

the Jewish community and LGBT+ archive training programme for young volunteers and film productions.

Other projects engaged with the Ukrainian communities to showcase the sharing of traditional crafts and skills.

Under the Heritage Stewardship Fund, projects included museums actively engaging with a local men's shed group, along with a project to raise awareness of faith-based communities of diverse cultures in Dublin.

NHW Award for Diversity and Inclusion

Every year, the Heritage Council celebrates diversity and inclusivity by event organisers during National Heritage Week by including a prize for 'Best Inclusive Event' during the award ceremony.

In 2023, the Hunt Museum were the winners of the award with its 'Seeing without Sight' exhibition.

This multisensory exhibition enabled visitors to Limerick's Hunt Museum to experience a selection of objects from its collection through tactile displays and audio descriptions. Live audio-described tours of the museum were led by museum docents and a number of visually impaired co-curators.

It was delivered through an inclusive co-creation process in which the group of blind and visually impaired co-curators harnessed their life experience of disability to produce accessibility design solutions that enriched the visitor experience and increased access and inclusion.



The Hunt Museum in Limerick won best inclusive award at the National Heritage Week award ceremony in November for its 'Seeing without Sight' exhibition.

Reporting on Climate



Climate Heritage

In 2023, the Heritage Council continued to advance its commitment to sustainable heritage conservation amidst the challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. Building on the foundation laid by our Strategic Plan 2023-2028, *Our Place in Time*, we have actively integrated climate considerations into our operations, with a particular focus on empowering heritage practitioners and enhancing the resilience of Ireland's heritage.

One of our key initiatives this year involved organising workshops for local authorities on integrating built and natural heritage into Local Authority Climate Action Plans. In partnership with the Climate Action Regional Office (CARO), we aimed to foster a collaborative approach towards heritage conservation within the framework of climate action. Following these workshops, the Heritage Council made submissions to all 31 local authorities, advocating for the inclusion of heritage considerations in their local climate action plans.



Speakers at the Heritage Council- CARO workshop for Heritage and Biodiversity Officers on developing Local Climate Action Plans, held 25th April 2023 in Portlaoise (L-R Anthony McNamara Dublin Metropolitan CARO, Breda Maher, East and Midlands CARO, Christine Baker, Heritage Officer Fingal County Council, Jacqui Donnelly, Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage, Lorcan Scott, Wildlife Officer the Heritage Council, Dearbhala Ledwidge, Kilkenny County Council Climate Action Co-ordinator, Suzanne Dempsey Laois County Council Climate Action Co-ordinator, Catherine Casey Head of Heritage and Climate Change The Heritage Council) at the Heritage Council - CARO workshop for Heritage and Biodiversity Officers on developing Local Climate Action Plans, held 25th April 2023 in Portlaoise.

Participation on working groups of the Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage (one of nine sectoral plans published in 2019 under the National Adaptation Framework) led to Heritage Council input to shaping training on climate heritage for local authority climate teams. This training was delivered as a webinar in June 2023 as part of the Local Authority Climate Action Training programme. The webinar comprised of three modules: Climate Change Impacts on Heritage, Intersections of Cultural Heritage with Climate Action and Policy and Developing Climate Adaptation Actions for Heritage.

Further demonstrating our commitment to global sustainability goals, during 2023 the Heritage Council entered the Sustainable Development Goals Champion Programme, announced by Minister Eamon Ryan in May 2023. The role of an SDG Champion is to act as an advocate and promoter of the SDGs and a good practice example of how an organisation can contribute to the SDGs and integrate them into their work and activities. This involvement underscores our dedication to contributing to the broader objectives of sustainable development and environmental stewardship at both national and international levels.

In recognition of innovative practices in heritage conservation, the Heritage Council introduced a new Sustainability and Climate Award to the National Heritage Week Awards programme. This award, presented to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Ireland (SPAB Ireland) in recognition of their working party event

at Rothaí Mill in Cavan, celebrates projects that exemplify sustainable approaches to conserving Ireland's heritage, encouraging wider adoption of such practices across the sector.

The Heritage Council also joined the Climate Heritage Network, a global collaboration of organisations committed to using cultural heritage to drive climate action and support the transition to a more sustainable future. This membership reflects our belief in the power of heritage to inspire and inform sustainable practices.

As reported elsewhere, the Heritage Council has also focused on capacity building through training in traditional building skills and the third-level course in the Technological University of the Shannon aimed at developing capacity in the construction industry on retrofitting of historic properties. These initiatives are part of our broader strategy to promote sustainable conservation techniques that respect the integrity of historic structures while enhancing their energy efficiency.



The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Ireland (SPAB Ireland) won our Sustainability and Climate Award at the National Heritage Week awards ceremony in November 2023 for their work on Rothaí Mill in Cavan.

Public Sector Climate Action Mandate

In accordance with the Heritage Council's responsibilities under the Public Sector Climate Action Mandate, this annual report contains details of greenhouse gas emissions, implementation of the mandate, sustainability activities and compliance with Circular 1/2020: Procedures for offsetting the emissions associated with official air travel.

Our Targets

The Public Sector Climate Action Mandate, as outlined by the Irish Government, sets out ambitious targets for all public sector bodies, including a 51% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and a 50% improvement in energy efficiency by 2030. It also aims for the public sector to demonstrate leadership in achieving net-zero emissions by 2050.

In addition to the summary data presented here, the Heritage Council uses SEAI's Public Sector Monitoring and Reporting System to report annually on implementation of the individual mandate requirements. Full data on energy use, emissions and energy efficiency for the Heritage Council and all of the public sector are available at the SEAI website .

Our People

The Heritage Council has established a Green Team with representation from all sections of the organisation and senior management. This group has received targeted Green Team training to help it become a driver of sustainability

throughout the organisation and has adopted a Green Team Charter. The Green Team has been instrumental in driving our sustainability agenda forward and has successfully implemented a range of initiatives aimed at reducing our environmental footprint and enhancing sustainability across our operations.

The Head of Climate Change is designated as the organisation's Climate and Sustainability Champion, with responsibility for implementing and reporting on the Climate Action Mandate. Training for all senior management in Climate Action leadership was procured in 2023 and will be delivered alongside all staff training during 2024. Principles of Green Public Procurement have been rolled out for all procurement across the organisation in line with the EPA Green Public Procurement Guidance and a draft policy on sustainable events has been prepared.

Our Way of Working

In 2023, our efforts to reduce energy consumption and emissions have continued, through initiatives such as energy-saving projects and the implementation of sustainable travel policies, and we are steadily decreasing our environmental footprint. Heritage Council direct energy consumption constituted 0.002% of the total public sector energy use in 2023. Despite this small percentage, our commitment to fulfilling the obligations set forth by the public sector mandate by 2030 is unwavering. Our dedication

is twofold: not only do we aim to make a tangible impact through our direct energy use reductions, but we also strive to set a precedent within both the heritage sector and the broader community.

Our headquarters in the former Bishop's Palace in Kilkenny, a protected historic building, present us with both a challenge in retrofitting for energy efficiency and an opportunity to demonstrate best practice in heritage conservation by adapting this structure for future sustainability. Our efforts may serve as a model for the public sector, showcasing how protected buildings can be innovatively managed to meet modern energy standards while maintaining and enhancing their heritage value.

Our energy performance in 2023 showed a continued commitment to achieving the targets set for the Public Sector. Despite the challenges of adapting to a post-pandemic working environment and the significant expansion of our activities, we have made progress in reducing our energy consumption and emissions.

Our energy-saving projects have contributed to a steady decrease in our overall energy use. In terms of energy consumption, we recorded a total of 200,000 kWh, marking a 9.5% decrease from 2022 and a reduction of 32.7% since the baseline year of 2009. This reduction is a testament to our concerted efforts to improve our energy efficiency and transition towards more sustainable energy sources. Further reductions will be required to meet our 2030 target. The majority of our energy use continues to be natural gas for heating, with electricity comprising

the remainder. We are exploring further opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of our headquarters, while respecting its status as an important historic structure, building on the energy strategy commissioned in 2023. As part of the building stock plan, the Heritage Council is now actively gathering data to assist in planning of retrofit and energy efficiency projects.

Our total CO₂ emissions for 2023 were 33,134 kg CO₂, a decline of 15% since last year, and a total emission reduction of approximately 18.57% since the baseline year, reflecting our ongoing commitment to minimise our environmental impact. The decrease in emissions is primarily attributed to our energy efficiency measures and a gradual national shift towards cleaner energy sources. Our 2030 target of 51% below baseline will require a total reduction of approximately 37% is needed to reach the 2030 target, an annual reduction of about 6.58% each year. We remain committed to exploring all avenues to reduce our emissions further, and will work with SEAI to achieve the required savings.

Our Buildings and Vehicles

Heritage Council travel policy is aimed at promoting the use of active travel and public transport options as an alternative to car use among employees and visitors, including the provision at our premises of secure and accessible bicycle parking and the installation in 2023 of an electric car charging point for use by staff, Council members and guests.

The Heritage Council does not operate

a fleet and transport emissions are not currently reported through the SEAI system, but business transport is recorded as part of our emissions profile and is under examination to achieve savings.

Circular 1/2020 Procedures for offsetting the emissions associated with official air travel

The Heritage Council is committed to the requirements of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER), to offset the greenhouse gas emissions associated with all Government air travel. In 2023 6,505 kilometres were travelled in air travel by Heritage Council staff, with an associated 0.72 tonnes of CO₂ emitted. The Heritage Council's liability, calculated using the prevailing rate of carbon tax (€48.5/tonne), was €34.51 and this liability has been paid to the Government's Climate Action Fund.

Leadership and Collaboration

The Heritage Council's commitment to the Public Sector Climate Action Mandate extends beyond its operational boundaries. By influencing our stakeholders in local authorities, heritage organisations and the wider community, we aim to foster a culture of sustainability and climate awareness across the heritage sector and beyond. Our Strategic Plan 2023-2028 lays a solid foundation for our efforts, and we are committed to working collaboratively with our partners and stakeholders to achieve our ambitious goals. We aim to ensure that Ireland's heritage is conserved for future generations, even in the face of the ever-evolving challenges posed by climate change and biodiversity loss.

Reporting on Planning



The Heritage Council Planning Committee met on eight occasions during 2023.

The Heritage Council is a prescribed body in the planning process and as such, a key element of the Planning Committee's activities was to commission a review of this aspect of its work. This review was concluded in 2023. The Planning Committee commented on various drafts of this report and at the May Heritage Council board meeting the detailed recommendations were discussed. The recommendations of the consultants' review contributed to a Heritage Council policy paper which was agreed by the Committee and subsequently approved by the board of the Heritage Council in November 2023. This will determine how the Heritage Council engages with the planning system as a prescribed body.

During 2023 the Planning Committee examined the Planning and Development Bill from a heritage perspective. A paper on the bill was prepared for the November Heritage Council board meeting. The publication of a revised version of the bill necessitated a redrafting of the paper. This was done in 2024.

In November, the Council completed a submission to the Planning Advisory Forum. Other areas covered by discussions in 2023 included Architectural Conservation Areas and the issue of vacancy.

Corporate Governance



The Heritage Council's policy is to maintain the highest standards of corporate governance in line with generally accepted policies and practices. The Council is committed to complying with the relevant provisions of the 2016 Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies and the Charities Governance Code. The Heritage Council has established an Audit, Risk and Finance Committee, which regularly reviews the system of internal control and engages external expertise in the carrying out of its functions, including the internal audit function, as appropriate. The Heritage Council is fully tax-compliant and does not engage in 'offensive' tax avoidance transactions.

Prompt Payments 2023

The Heritage Council is required to comply with the requirements of S.I. No. 580/2012 European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2012 and its predecessor, the Prompt Payments of Accounts Act 1997 (collectively known as the 'Regulations'). The Council's standard terms of credit taken, unless otherwise specified in contractual arrangements, are 30 days from the receipt of invoice. Procedures have been implemented that provide reasonable assurance against material non-compliance with the Regulations. While the procedures are designed to ensure compliance with the Regulations, they can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance material non-compliance with the 1997 Act and S.I. No. 580/2012.

A review of all payments made during the year ended 31 December 2023 shows 3,730 payments totalling €5,034,023 giving rise to an interest penalty of €520 under the above regulations.

With effect from 1 July 2011, the Heritage Council was required to comply with Government Decisions S29296 in relation to the 15-day prompt payment rule. The disclosures required in the Memorandum of Government (MoG) supporting the above decisions for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 are detailed in the table on the following page.

Details	Number	Value (€)	Percentage (%) of total number of payments made
Number of payments made within 15 days	3,249	3,670,993	87
Number of payments made within 16 days to 30 days	369	866,175	10
Number of payments made in excess of 30 days that were subject to late payment interest	6	49,737	0
Number of payments made in excess of 30 days that were not subject to late payment interest	106	447,118	3
Total	3,730	5,034,023	100

Council Membership

As of 31st December 2023, Council had seven (64%) female and four (36%) male members. As such the Heritage Council has not achieved the Government target of a minimum of 40% representation for each gender on state boards. The Heritage Council will continue to work with its parent department to ensure that these targets are met as future appointments are made to Council.

In 2023, the Heritage Council signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) or Service Level Agreements (SLA) with the following partners:

- ▶ National Biodiversity Data Centre (see 'Supporting the Heritage Sector' section)
- ▶ SLA with Discovery Programme (see 'Supporting the Heritage Sector' section)
- ▶ SLA with Irish Landmark Trust (see 'Supporting the Heritage Sector' section)
- ▶ Burrenbeo Trust - Heritage Keepers Programme (see 'Strategic Programmes' section)
- ▶ Local Authorities have individual Service Level Agreements in place for Biodiversity Officers and Heritage Officers (see details on our Local Authority Heritage and Biodiversity Officer Programmes in the 'Strategic Programmes' section)
- ▶ Maynooth University - Work on heritage in private ownership (see 'Supporting the Heritage Sector' section)
- ▶ Irish Research Council – Heritage Council funding
- ▶ Kings Foundation – All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme (See 'Training and Upskilling' section)
- ▶ National Museum of Ireland – MoU relates to Heritage Council support for the delivery of the Irish Community Archive Network Programme (see 'Strategic Programmes' section)

In relation to the organisations in receipt of Heritage Council funding, as seen in the ‘Supporting the Heritage Sector’ section, below lists the CEOs, trustees, board of directors and board members from the relevant organisations in 2023.

**National Biodiversity
Data Centre, Board of
Directors**

John McCarthy
(Chairperson)
Ciara Carberry
Dr Colm Lordan
Ted Massey
James Moran
Máire Ní Bhraonáin
Dr Micheál Lehane
Geraldine Tallon
Professor Yvonne Buckley
Collette Byrne
Dr Liam Lysaght (CEO)

**Discovery Programme,
Directorate**

Tom Dowling
(Chairperson)
Professor Eszter Bánffy
Robert Chestnutt
Professor Gabriel Cooney
Dr Stephen Mandal
Dr Nessa O'Connor
Steven Roberts
Rhonda Robinson
Paul Walsh
Dr John O'Keeffe (CEO)

**Irish Landmark Trust,
Trustees**

Michael O'Boyle
(Chairperson)
Galen Bales
Emer Bell
David Canty
William Cumming
Niall Meagher
Paul Murphy
Mona O'Rourke
Primrose Wilson
Marian Quinn
Caroline McErlean
David Lowe
Ethna Murphy
Niamh Lunny (CEO)

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General Information

Council Members

Martina Moloney
Michael Farrell
John Patrick Greene
Fionnuala May
Deirdre McDermott
Dr Patricia O'Hare
John G Pierce
Sheila Pratschke
Dr Mary Tubridy
Mark Scott

Council Secretary

Michael O'Brien

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Byrne Wallace
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Dublin 2
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Bankers

Bank of Ireland
46 Parliament Street
Kilkenny
R95 K857

Auditors

Comptroller and Auditor General
3A Mayor Street Upper
Dublin 1

Governance Statement and Council Members' Report

The Heritage Council was established under the Heritage Act 1995. The functions of the Council are set out in section 6 of this Act. The Council is accountable to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and is responsible for ensuring good governance and performs this task by setting strategic objectives and targets and taking strategic decisions on all key business issues. The regular day-to-day management, control and direction of The Heritage Council are the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and the senior management team. The CEO and the senior management team must follow the broad strategic direction set by the Council, and must ensure that all Council members have a clear understanding of the key activities and decisions related to the entity, and of any significant risks likely to arise. The CEO acts as a direct liaison between the Council and the management of The Heritage Council.

Council Responsibilities

The work and responsibilities of the Council are set out in the Standing Orders and Reserved Functions, which also contain the matters specifically reserved for Council decision. Standing items considered by the Council include:

- declaration of interests,
- reports from committees,
- financial reports,
- management accounts and,
- reserved matters.

Section 21 of the Heritage Act requires the Council of The Heritage Council to keep, in such form as may be approved by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, all proper and usual accounts of money received and expended by it.

In preparing these financial statements, the Council of the Heritage Council is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that it will continue in operation and,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Council is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, its financial position and enables it to ensure that the financial statements comply with S.21 of the Heritage Act 1995. The maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information on The Heritage Council's website is the responsibility of the Council.

Governance Statement and Council Members' Report contd.

Council Responsibilities contd.

The Council is responsible for approving the annual plan and budget.

The Council is also responsible for safeguarding its assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Council considers that the financial statements of The Heritage Council give a true and fair view of the financial performance and the financial position of The Heritage Council at 31st December 2023.

Council Structure

The Council consists of a chairperson and up to ten ordinary members all of whom were appointed by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The Members of the Council were appointed for a period of 5 years and met nine times in 2023. The table below details the appointment period for members:

Name	Role	First Appointed	Reappointed
Martina Moloney	Chairperson	03/11/2020	-
Michael Farrell	Ordinary Member	03/11/2020	-
John Patrick Greene	Ordinary Member	03/11/2020	-
Fionnuala May	Ordinary Member	19/07/2016	03/11/2020
Deirdre McDermott	Ordinary Member	03/11/2020	-
Dr Patricia O'Hare	Ordinary Member	03/11/2020	-
John G Pierce	Ordinary Member	03/11/2020	-
Sheila Pratschke	Ordinary Member	03/11/2020	-
Dr Mary Tubridy	Ordinary Member	03/11/2020	-
Mark Scott	Ordinary Member	28/03/2023	-

Sammy Leslie was first appointed as an ordinary member on 3 November 2020 and resigned on 9 February 2024.

Governance Statement and Council Members' Report contd.

Council Structure contd.

The Council has established two committees as follows:

1. The *Audit, Risk & Finance Committee (ARFC)* comprises three Council members and one external member. The meetings are also attended by the Chairperson of the Council. The role of the ARFC is to support the Council in relation to its responsibilities for issues of risk, control and governance and associated assurance. The ARFC is independent from the financial management of the organisation. In particular the Committee ensures that the internal control systems including audit activities are monitored actively and independently. The ARFC reports to the Council after each meeting. Michael Farrell was appointed as the Chairperson of the ARFC on the 11th November 2021. Other members of the ARFC are John Patrick Greene, Patricia O'Hare and Phil Walsh (external member) who was appointed on 15 January 2021. The Council Chairperson attend the ARFC meetings.
2. On the 6 August 2021 the Council established a Planning Committee. The role of the Committee is to advise on the use of Council's status as a prescribed body under the Planning and Development Regulations. The Committee reports to Council after each meeting. The members of the Committee are Fionnuala May (Chairperson), Deirdre McDermot, Sammy Leslie, Mary Tubridy, Rachel Kenny and Professor Mark Scott.

A schedule of attendance at the Council and Committee meetings for 2023 is set out on the following page. The expenses received by each member are included in Note 9 to the financial statements.

Governance Statement and Council Members' Report contd.

Name	Council	ARFC	Planning Committee	Expenses Claimed (€)
Number of meetings	9	6	8	
Martina Moloney	9	6	n/a	3,543
Michael Farrell	7	6	n/a	587
John Patrick Greene	7	4	n/a	280
Sammy Leslie	7	n/a	3	-
Fionnuala May	8	n/a	8	-
Deirdre McDermott	9	n/a	7	-
Dr Patricia O'Hare	9	6	n/a	16
John G Pierce	9	n/a	n/a	-
Sheila Pratschke	8	n/a	n/a	2,645
Dr Mary Tubridy	8	N /a	8	-
Mark Scott*	5	n/a	4	-
Phil Walsh	n/a	6	n/a	-
Rachel Kenny	n/a	n/a	6	-

* Appointed on 23 March 2023

The Heritage Council also serves as Secretariat to the statutory Advisory Committee on Restitution and Repatriation (ACRR). The Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media established the ACRR on 23 June 2023. The Heritage Council representatives on the Committee are Patricia O'Hare (Council member) and Virginia Teehan (CEO). The terms of reference of the committee are to advise the Government on issues relating to the restitution of culturally sensitive objects, to draft policy advice and national guidelines on the restitution of cultural heritage objects in Ireland that may have been illegally or unethically elicited or traded, and to provide guidance to cultural institutions, including the National Cultural Institutions on a range of matters relating to provenance research. The ACRR met for its first meeting on 4 December 2023.

Governance Statement and Council Members' Report contd.

Key Personnel Changes

During 2023 there was one post filled on the Management Team, comprising the Head of Research, Learning and Cultural Heritage. The previous officer retired after 26 years of service to the Heritage Council.

Disclosures Required by Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016)

The Council is responsible for ensuring that The Heritage Council has complied with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies ("the Code"), as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016 and the Annex published in 2020. The following disclosures are required by the code:

Employee Short-Term Benefits

Employee Short-Term benefits breakdown is included in Note 9 to the financial statements.

Consultancy Costs

Consultancy costs include the cost of external advice to management in the following areas and exclude outsourced 'business-as-usual' functions:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Legal advice	7,686	6,015
Legal advice on establishment of the NBDC as company limited by guarantee	44,882	85,846
Consultancy advice on the establishment of the NBDC as a company limited by guarantee	0	49,815
Business improvement & Governance	37,776	20,176
Human Resources & Recruitment	34,109	40,261
Internal Audit	24,184	36,040
S1003 Assessments	2,676	400
Pensions	11,978	8,919
Procurement	7,594	0
Total	170,885	247,472

Consultancy Costs include Professional Fees (€85,592) and Legal Fees (€52,569) disclosed in Note 8 to the financial statements; and Recruitment Costs (€32,725) disclosed in Note 9 (a) to the financial statements. Other consultancy costs included in Note 8 and Note 10 to the financial statements relate to outsourced 'business-as-usual' functions.

Governance Statement and Council Members' Report contd.

Travel and Subsistence Expenditure

Travel and subsistence expenditure is categorised as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Domestic		
Council & Committee*	15,410	9,105
Staff	64,264	33,219
International		
Council & Committee	0	0
Staff	3,452	1,351
Total	83,126	43,675

*Includes travel and subsistence of €7,071 paid directly to Council & Committee members in 2023 (2022: €5,285).

Legal Costs and Settlements

The Heritage Council did not incur any legal costs, settlements or conciliation and arbitration payments relating to contracts with third parties. All costs associated with general legal advice received by The Heritage Council is included in Consultancy costs above.

Hospitality Expenditure

The Statement of Income and Expenditure includes hospitality expenditure of €6,765 (€5,013 in 2022). The nature of hospitality expenditure does not facilitate a meaningful split between staff and clients as required by the Code of Practice. The Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies requires costs relating to the Employee Wellbeing Programme to be included under this category.

Gender Balance, Diversity and Inclusion

The Heritage Council has six (60%) female and 4 (40%) male members. The Council meets the Government target of a minimum of 40% representation of each gender in the membership of State Boards.

Governance Statement and Council Members' Report contd.

Statement of Compliance

The Council has complied with the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in August 2016 and its Annex published in 2020.



Martina Moloney
Council Chairperson
27 June 2024



Michael Farrell
Council Member
27 June 2024

Statement On Internal Control

Scope of Responsibility

On behalf of The Heritage Council, I acknowledge the Council's responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal control is maintained and operated. This responsibility takes account of the requirements of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (2016).

Purpose of the System of Internal Control

The system of internal control is designed to manage risk to a tolerable level rather than to eliminate it. The system can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or detected in a timely way.

The system of internal control, which accords with guidance issued by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, has been in place in The Heritage Council For the year ended 31 December 2023 and up to the date of approval of the financial statements.

Capacity to Handle Risk

The Heritage Council has an Audit, Risk & Finance Committee (ARFC) comprising three Council members, one of whom is the Chairperson, and one external member with financial and audit expertise. The ARFC met 6 times in 2023.

The Heritage Council has also appointed external consultants to carry out the internal audit function which is adequately resourced and conducts a programme of work agreed with the ARFC.

The ARFC has developed a risk management policy which sets out its risk appetite, the risk management processes in place and details the roles and responsibilities of staff in relation to risk. This Risk Management Policy & Operational Framework were reviewed and approved by the Council on 30 March 2023 and on the 7 December 2023.

Risk and Control Framework

The Heritage Council has implemented a risk management system which identifies and reports key risks and the management actions being taken to address and, to the extent possible, to mitigate those risks.

A risk register is in place which identifies the key risks facing The Heritage Council and these have been identified, evaluated and graded according to their significance. The register is reviewed and updated by the ARFC on a bi-annual basis. The outcome of these assessments is used to plan and allocate resources to ensure risks are managed to an acceptable level. The Council reviewed and approved the Risk Register on 6 July 2023 and 9 November 2023.

The risk register details the controls and actions needed to mitigate risks and the responsibility for operation of controls assigned to specific staff. I confirm that a control environment containing the following elements is in place:

Statement On Internal Control contd.

Risk and Control Framework contd.

- procedures for all key business processes have been documented,
- financial responsibilities have been assigned at management level with corresponding accountability,
- there is an appropriate budgeting system with an annual budget, which is kept under review by senior management,
- there are systems aimed at ensuring the security of information and communications technology systems,
- there are systems in place to safeguard the assets, and
- control procedures over grant funding to outside agencies ensure the adequate control over approval of grants and monitoring and review of grantees to ensure grant funding has been applied for the purpose intended.

Ongoing Monitoring and Review

Formal procedures have been established for monitoring control processes, and control deficiencies are communicated to those responsible for taking corrective action and to management and the Council, where relevant, in a timely way. I confirm the following ongoing monitoring systems are in place:

- key risks and related controls have been identified, and processes have been put in place to monitor the operation of those key controls and report any identified deficiencies,
- reporting arrangements have been established at all levels where responsibility for financial management has been assigned, and
- there are regular reviews by senior management of periodic and annual performance and financial reports which indicate performance against budgets.

Procurement

I confirm that The Heritage Council has procedures in place to ensure compliance with current procurement rules and guidelines.

Review of Effectiveness

I confirm that The Heritage Council has procedures to monitor the effectiveness of its risk management and control procedures. The Heritage Council's monitoring and review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control is informed by the work of the internal and external auditors, the ARFC which oversees their work, and the senior management within The Heritage Council responsible for the development and maintenance of the internal control framework.

Statement On Internal Control contd.

Review of Effectiveness contd.

I confirm that the Council conducted an annual review of the effectiveness of the internal controls for 2023 on 28 March 2024 which consisted of a Review of Internal Financial Controls and Internal Control Questionnaire.

Internal and External Audit

The Heritage Council has outsourced its internal audit function which is adequately resourced and conducts a risk-based programme of work agreed with the ARFC Committee. Internal Audit is responsible to the AFRC for providing independent and objective evaluation of risk management, control and governance processes within the Heritage Council. Internal Audit examines the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of systems, people, and processes to identify potential risks and areas for improvement. During 2023, one operational audit and one review of internal controls were completed by the Internal Auditor who reported their findings and recommendations to the AFRC.

These were as follows:

- Cyber Security Review - No high priority, seven medium priority and three low priority findings and recommendations.
- System of Internal Control (SIC) Review - No high priority, one medium priority and four low priority findings and recommendations.

Following on from the Cyber Security Review, the ARFC engaged a specialist company to identify any potential gaps between the Heritage Council's ICT infrastructure and security systems and the Cyber Security Baseline Standards (November 2021) issued by the Government of Ireland. The findings of this review were considered and accepted by ARFC at its February 2024 meeting. The Report and associated penetration tests highlighted some gaps and provided a prioritised plan of action for the Heritage Council to improve its cyber security position with a view to greater compliance with the baseline standard.

During 2023, the Comptroller and Auditor General reported to the AFRC on any findings and observations from their examination of business and financial processes as part of the external audit of the 2022 Financial Statements.

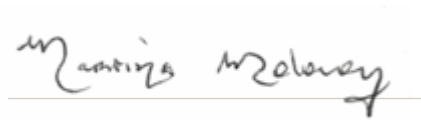
The implementation of outstanding audit recommendations is reviewed by ARFC at each meeting. This review includes updates on actions taken to implement outstanding recommendations and updates on implementation timelines. There are no "High Priority" weaknesses identified by the prior year audit conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General and internal audits conducted during 2023.

Statement On Internal Control contd.

Procurement

The Heritage Council was substantially compliant with procurement guidelines. A review of 2023 expenditure to suppliers was carried out by the Executive and presented to the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee in March 2024. This review did not identify any expenditure that was incurred in relation to goods and services where the procedures employed did not comply with procurement guidelines.

Compliance with public procurement guidelines is a high priority of the Council. There has been significant progress in this area over the last number of years and robust policies and procedures have been introduced and implemented. This area will continue to be monitored closely and action taken to address areas where non-compliance has been identified.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Martina Moloney", written over a horizontal line.

Martina Moloney
Council Chairperson
27 June 2024



Ard Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste **Comptroller and Auditor General**

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Heritage Council

Opinion on the financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Heritage Council for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required under the provisions of section 21 of the Heritage Act 1995. The financial statements comprise

- the statement of income and expenditure and retained revenue reserves
- the statement of comprehensive income
- the statement of financial position
- the statement of cash flows, and
- the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Heritage Council at 31 December 2023 and of its income and expenditure for 2023 in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 — *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland*.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as promulgated by the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are described in the appendix to this report. I am independent of the Heritage Council and have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the standards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Report on information other than the financial statements, and on other matters

The Heritage Council has presented certain other information together with the financial statements. This comprises the annual report, the governance statement and Council members' report, and the statement on internal control. My responsibilities to report in relation to such information, and on certain other matters upon which I report by exception, are described in the appendix to this report.

I have nothing to report in that regard.

Paula O'Connor
For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General

28 June 2024

Appendix to the report

Responsibilities of Council members

As detailed in the governance statement and Council members' report, the Council members are responsible for

- the preparation of annual financial statements in the form prescribed under section 21 of the Heritage Act 1995
- ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with FRS 102
- ensuring the regularity of transactions
- assessing whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate, and
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I am required under section 21 of the Heritage Act 1995 to audit the financial statements of the Heritage Council and to report thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas.

My objective in carrying out the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In doing so,

- I identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls.
- I evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures.

- I conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, on whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Heritage Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Heritage Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- I evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I report by exception if, in my opinion,

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- the accounting records were not sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Information other than the financial statements

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information presented with those statements, and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, I am required under the ISAs to read the other information presented and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or with knowledge obtained during the audit, or if it otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

Reporting on other matters

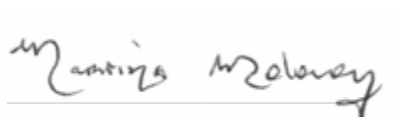
My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation. I report if I identify any material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit. I report if I identify any material instance where public money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them.

Statement Of Income And Expenditure And Retained Revenue Reserves For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Income			
Oireachtas Grants	2	14,863,820	12,133,510
Other Income	3	314,802	894,308
Net deferred funding for pensions	10 (c)	<u>408,000</u>	<u>509,000</u>
Total Income		15,586,622	13,536,818
Expenditure			
Grants	5	8,193,980	6,608,179
Policy Development	6(a)	161,376	99,032
Programmes	6(b)	2,211,596	1,565,732
Support for Heritage Infrastructure	6(c)	<u>1,504,756</u>	<u>2,575,076</u>
Total Grants, Policy & Infrastructure		12,071,709	10,848,019
Administration			
Establishment expenses	7	252,893	204,374
Office supplies and administration	8	443,920	540,931
Staff costs	9	2,303,985	2,012,471
Depreciation	11	<u>35,860</u>	<u>219,526</u>
Total Administration		<u>3,036,658</u>	<u>2,977,302</u>
Total Expenditure		15,108,367	13,825,321
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		478,255	(288,503)
Transfer from Capital Account	4	<u>69,019</u>	<u>111,623</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) after Transfer from Capital Account		547,273	(176,880)
Balance brought forward at 1 January		<u>503,003</u>	<u>679,883</u>
Balance carried forward at 31 December		<u>1,050,276</u>	<u>503,003</u>

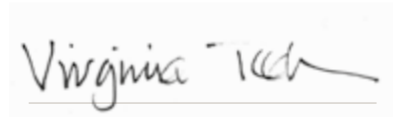
The Statement of Cash Flows and Notes 1 to 21 form part of these financial statements.



Martina Moloney
Council Chairperson
27 June 2024



Michael Farrell
Council Member
27 June 2024



Virginia Teehan
Chief Executive
27 June 2024

Statement Of Comprehensive Income For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Profit/(Deficit) for year		478,255	(288,503)
Experience (losses)/gains on retirement benefit obligations	10 (d)	(34,000)	113,000
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of retirement benefit obligations & demographic assumptions		<u>(407,000)</u>	<u>3,686,000</u>
Total actuarial (loss)/gain in the year		(441,000)	3,799,000
Adjustments to deferred retirement benefits funding		<u>441,000</u>	<u>(3,799,000)</u>
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		<u>478,255</u>	<u>(288,503)</u>

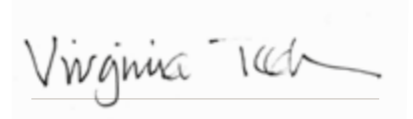
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Martina Moloney
Council Chairperson
27 June 2024



Michael Farrell
Council Member
27 June 2024



Virginia Teehan
Chief Executive
27 June 2024

Statement Of Financial Position As At 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Fixed Assets			
Property, plant & equipment	11	5,154,178	5,223,197
Current Assets			
Receivables	12	161,180	374,723
Cash and cash equivalents		<u>2,512,401</u>	<u>1,926,326</u>
		2,673,581	2,301,049
Current Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)			
Payables	13	<u>1,623,305</u>	<u>1,798,046</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>1,050,276</u>	<u>503,003</u>
Retirement Benefits			
Retirement Benefit Obligations	10(b)	(7,259,000)	(6,410,000)
Deferred Retirement benefit funding asset	10(b)	<u>7,259,000</u>	<u>6,410,000</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>6,204,454</u>	<u>5,726,200</u>
Representing			
Capital Account	4	5,154,178	5,223,197
Retained Revenue Reserves		<u>1,050,276</u>	<u>503,003</u>
		<u>6,204,454</u>	<u>5,726,200</u>

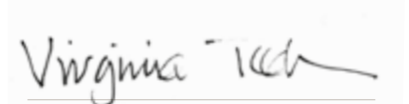
The Statement of Cash Flows and Notes 1 to 21 form part of these financial statements.



Martina Moloney
Council Chairperson
27 June 2024



Michael Farrell
Council Member
27 June 2024



Virginia Teehan
Chief Executive
27 June 2024

Statement Of Cash Flows For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Cash flow from operating activities			
Profit/(Deficit) for the year		478,255	(288,503)
Depreciation	11	35,860	219,526
Disposal of Assets		42,864	0
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables		213,542	(261,418)
Increase/(Decrease) in payables		(174,741)	841,133
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities		595,780	510,738
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments to acquire property, plant & equipment	4	(9,705)	(107,903)
Net Cash Flows from investing activities		(9,705)	(107,903)
Net increase /(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		586,075	402,835
Cash and Cash equivalents at 1 January		1,926,326	1,523,491
Cash and Cash equivalents at 31 December		2,512,401	1,926,326

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

Note 1. Accounting Policies

The basis of accounting and significant accounting policies adopted by The Heritage Council are set out below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and for the preceding year.

a) General Information

The Heritage Council was set up under the Heritage Act 1995, with a head office at Áras na hOidreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny. The Heritage Council's primary objectives as set out in Section 6 of The Heritage Act 1995 are as follows: to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage and to promote its appreciation.

b) Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of The Heritage Council for the year ended 31st December 2023 have been prepared in compliance with the applicable legislation, and with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council in the UK.

c) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, except for certain assets and liabilities as explained in the accounting policies below. The financial statements are in the form approved by the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with the concurrence of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform under The Heritage Act, 1995. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to The Heritage Council's financial statements.

d) Revenue

Oireachtas Grants

Revenue is generally recognised on an accruals basis; one exception to this is in the case of Oireachtas Grants which are recognised on a cash receipts basis.

Other Revenue

Other revenue is recognised on an accruals basis.

e) Grant Payments

The Heritage Council offers grants to various bodies and individuals to carry out works under its heritage grant schemes. When a grantee accepts the terms and conditions of a grant offer from Council, Council enters into a commitment with that grantee. That commitment is recognised as an accrual only when the grantee is seen to have fulfilled the full terms and conditions of the grant offer. Details of grant commitments at 31 December 2023 are given in note 16.

f) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, adjusted for any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

f) Property, Plant and Equipment contd.

equipment, other than freehold land and artwork, at rates estimated to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of each asset on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings	2.5%	Plant & Equipment	10%-20%
Office Equipment	20%	Office Furniture	10%-20%
Works of Art	0%	Computers (Hardware & Software)	25%
Motor Vehicles	20%	Reference Material and OSI Licences	20%

Residual value represents the estimated amount which would currently be obtained from disposal of an asset, after deducting estimated costs of disposal, if the asset were already of an age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

If there is objective evidence of impairment of the value of an asset, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Reserves in the year.

g) Capital Account

The capital account comprises income allocated for the purchase of fixed assets. It is amortised in line with the depreciation of the related assets.

h) Leasing

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and included in property, plant and equipment and depreciated in accordance with the Council policy.

i) Employee Benefits

Short-term Benefits

Short term benefits such as holiday pay are recognised as an expense in the year, and benefits that are accrued at year-end are included in the Payables figure in the Statement of Financial Position.

Retirement Benefits

The Heritage Council previously established its own defined benefit pension scheme, funded annually on a pay-as-you-go basis from monies provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and from contributions deducted from staff and members' salaries.

The Heritage Council also operates the Single Public Services Pensions Scheme ("Single Scheme"), which is a defined benefit scheme for pensionable public servants appointed on or after 1 January 2013. Single Scheme members' contributions are paid over to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform (DPER).

Pension costs reflect pension benefits earned by employees and are shown net of staff pension contributions which are retained by The Heritage Council. An amount corresponding to the pension charge is recognised as income to the extent that it is recoverable, and offset by grants received in the year to discharge pension payments. Actuarial gains or losses

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

i) Employee Benefits contd.

arising on scheme liabilities are reflected in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the amount recoverable from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

The financial statements reflect, at fair value, the assets and liabilities arising from The Heritage Council's pension obligations and any related funding and recognises the costs of providing pension benefits in the accounting periods in which they are earned by employees. Retirement benefit scheme liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method.

j) Critical Accounting Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the reporting date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that the actual outcomes could differ from those estimates. The following judgements have the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Impairment of Property, Plant and Equipment

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less cost to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units). Non-financial assets that suffered impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

Depreciation and Residual Values

The Council have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes, and in particular, the useful economic life and residual values of fixtures and fittings, and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

Retirement Benefit Obligation

The assumptions underlying the actuarial valuations for which the amounts recognised in the financial statements are determined (including discount rates, rate of inflation, rates of increase in future compensation levels, mortality rates and retirement age) are updated annually based on current economic conditions and for any relevant changes to the terms and conditions of the pension and post-retirement plans.

The assumptions can be affected by:

- (i) the discount rate, changes in the rate of return on high quality corporate bonds;
- (ii) future compensation levels, future labour market conditions; and
- (iii) mortality rates and age of retirement.

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 2: Oireachtas Grants

The amount of €14,863,820 comprises Grants from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Vote 34) and funding from the National Parks & Wildlife Service.

	2023	2022
	€	€
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage		
Administration Grant	7,141,000	5,761,000
Capital Grants	<u>7,200,000</u>	<u>5,683,666</u>
	<u>14,341,000</u>	<u>11,444,666</u>
Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage		
Non Capital Grants from National Parks and Wildlife Service	<u>522,820</u>	<u>688,844</u>
	<u>522,820</u>	<u>688,844</u>
TOTAL	<u>14,863,820</u>	<u>12,133,510</u>

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 3: Other Income

	2023	2022
	€	€
Contribution towards Traditional Farm Buildings Scheme (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Vote 30, Subhead C.3.1)	96,300	88,376
Faite Ireland - Grant to Support Heritage Week	30,000	30,000
Irish Walled Towns Membership Fees	73,665	67,484
Contribution of Local Authorities to Heritage Viewer Project	34,500	28,500
Bord Bia Contribution to Pollinator Co-Ordinator Post in National Biodiversity Data Centre	16,303	65,712
Heritage Week Advertising	4,000	4,000
Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland - Funding towards Research into Retrofit of Buildings	(29,308)	26,896
European Innovation Project LLOC2004 "Protecting Farmland Pollinators" (Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Vote 30, Subhead C.3.1)	39,071	318,397
EPA Contribution to Citizen Science Post in National Biodiversity Data Centre	16,383	67,000
National Museum Northern Ireland - Contribution to Irish Damselfly and Golden-ringed Dragonfly studies conducted by the National Biodiversity Data Centre	10,000	5,983
Bat Conservation Ireland contribution towards National Biodiversity Data Centre publication "A Guide to Bats in Ireland"	0	0
Erasmus project "EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK FOR HERITAGE SKILLS & TRAINING"	20,733	19,714
Department of Agriculture Food and Marine contribution towards Farmland Pollinator Officer in National Biodiversity Centre	0	60,000
Department of Agriculture Food and Marine contribution towards National Pollinator Monitoring Programme at the National Biodiversity Data Centre	0	11,079
Other Income	<u>3,156</u>	<u>1,167</u>
Total	<u>314,803</u>	<u>894,308</u>

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 4: Capital Account

	2023	2022
	€	€
Balance at 1 January	5,223,197	5,334,820
Transfer (to)/from Income and Expenditure Account		
Amount allocated to fund fixed asset purchases	9,705	107,902
Less: Amortisation in line with depreciation	(35,860)	(219,525)
Less: Disposals	(42,864)	0
Transfer from Capital Account	(69,019)	(111,623)
Balance at 31 December	<u>5,154,178</u>	<u>5,223,197</u>

Note 5: Grants Expenditure

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	€	€
Irish Walled Towns Network Grants towards Current Projects	123,104	157,787
Irish Walled Towns Network Grants towards Capital Works	529,233	200,385
Heritage Sector Support Fund	1,351,742	918,824
County Heritage Plan Grants	973,880	971,845
Community Based Heritage Grants	1,630,213	1,521,911
Historic Towns Capital Grants	771,660	1,419,608
Irish Landmark Trust Ltd. (Note 14)	345,000	329,489
Discovery Programme (Note 15)	900,000	814,000
Stewardship Fund Grants	425,952	274,330
National Biodiversity Data Centre (Note 16)	<u>1,143,197</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>8,193,980</u>	<u>6,608,179</u>

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 6(a): Policy Expenditure

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	€	€
Built Heritage Publications	12,117	3,609
Wildlife Publications	0	1,451
Biodiversity Initiatives	92,307	37,750
Articulation of Heritage in National Landscape Policies	56,951	56,222
Total	<u>161,376</u>	<u>99,032</u>

Note 6(b): Programmes

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	€	€
Heritage in Schools	663,486	507,148
Place Based Learning	34,876	31,630
Heritage Week	639,336	510,027
Communication of Council activities	387,396	335,998
Research & Studies	150,644	0
Conservation Internships	39,787	33,402
Promotion of Preventative Maintenance	13,677	16,912
Implementation of Traditional Skills Working Group Recommendations	92,856	57,218
Erasmus Project : European Framework for Heritage Skills & Training	20,733	19,714
Review of Programmes	31,728	16,703
Life Projects	13,251	22,982
iCan (Irish Community Archive Network)	117,488	0
Cultural Heritage Research Framework /Culture 2025	6,338	13,998
Total	<u>2,211,596</u>	<u>1,565,732</u>

Note 6(c): Heritage Infrastructure

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	€	€
National Biodiversity Data Centre	0	1,676,828
Museum Standards Programme	57,042	64,206
Heritage Officer Programme	757,359	657,890
Biodiversity Officer Programme	511,499	0
Heritage Viewer	51,988	59,175
Urban Heritage (including Irish Walled Towns Network Administration)	126,868	116,978
Total	<u>1,504,756</u>	<u>2,575,076</u>

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 7: Establishment Expenses

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	€	€
Storage	12,640	15,031
Power, heat and light	27,086	19,358
Canteen, catering and cleaning	31,389	23,004
Meetings	17,225	13,405
Travel, expenses and meetings*	88,414	57,095
Repairs, maintenance & security	63,894	65,151
Insurance	<u>29,470</u>	<u>24,734</u>
	<u>252,893</u>	<u>204,373</u>

* Travel, expenses and meetings includes €15,410 paid to Council and Committee Members; €67,716 paid to staff members and €5,288 paid towards other costs including venue hire and other event costs.

Note 8: Office Supplies and Administration

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	€	€
Telephone and postage	16,813	16,126
Stationery, printing & office equipment repairs	12,726	11,316
Annual Report & Strategic Plan	21,887	35,411
Library	0	0
Computer supplies and maintenance	173,109	174,574
Professional fees	103,601	166,800
Sundry	189	5,270
Legal Fees	54,967	91,862
Subscriptions	1,904	16,498
Audit fee	13,000	13,000
Interest & Charges	2,195	9,065
Gifts	665	1,010
Profit/Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	<u>42,864</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>443,920</u>	<u>540,931</u>

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 9: Remuneration

(a) Analysis of Staff Costs

	2023	2022
	€	€
Staff salaries	1,601,141	1,360,773
Pension costs	183,146	104,004
Recruitment Costs	34,973	45,608
Retirement Benefit Costs- note 10 (a)	460,000	485,000
Staff Well Being & Settlements	1,872	2,270
Training	22,853	14,816
	<u>2,303,985</u>	<u>2,012,471</u>

(b) Aggregate Employee Benefits

	2023	2022
	€	€
Staff short-term benefits	1,446,280	1,238,232
Pension Costs	183,146	104,004
Employer's Contribution to Social Welfare	154,861	122,541
Sub Total	1,784,287	1,464,777
Retirement Benefit Costs	<u>158,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Total	<u>1,942,287</u>	<u>1,544,777</u>

The total number of staff employed (WTE) by the Heritage Council at year end was 29 (2022: 25). No overtime or termination benefits were paid in 2023. The total number comprises seconded staff to the Heritage Council, including the CEO who was seconded from University College Cork with effect from 1 February 2019.

With effect from 1 January 2020 the pension related deduction (PRD) was replaced by the additional superannuation contribution (ASC). The ASC paid to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of 2023 was €38,205 (2022: €39,857).

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 9: Remuneration contd.

(c) Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel in The Heritage Council consists of the Chief Executive, the Heads of Service and the Head of Finance. The Council does not receive any remuneration.

The total value of employee benefits for key management personnel is set out below:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Salary	636,354	473,477

This does not include the value of retirement benefits earned in the period. The key management personnel, except the current CEO who was appointed with effect from the 1 February 2019 and who is seconded from University College Cork are members of The Heritage Council pension scheme and their entitlements in that regard do not extend beyond the terms of the Model Scheme or the Single Scheme.

(d) Chief Executive Officer Salary and Benefits

	2023	2022
	€	€
Basic Pay , E'er PRSI and E'er Superannuation	<u>135,214</u>	<u>130,594</u>

The current CEO was appointed with effect from 1 February 2019 and is seconded from University College Cork and is not a member of The Heritage Council pension scheme. University College Cork pays the CEO and recoups this salary by way of invoice to The Heritage Council.

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 9: Remuneration contd.

(e) Employee Short-Term Benefits Breakdown

Employees' short-term benefits in excess of €60,000 are categorised into the following bands

	2023	2022
Salary Category	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
€60,000 TO €69,999	1	3
€70,000 TO €79,999	3	1
€80,000 TO €89,999	2	2
€90,000 TO €99,999	1	0
€100,000 TO €109,999	0	0
€110,000 TO €119,000	1	1

For the purposes of this disclosure, short-term employee benefits in relation to services rendered during the reporting period include salary, overtime allowances and other payments on behalf of the employee but exclude employer's PRSI.

Note 10: Superannuation Scheme

(a) Analysis of total retirement benefit costs charged to the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Revenue Reserves

	2023	2022
	€	€
Current Service Costs	332,000	463,000
Interest on retirement benefit scheme liabilities	234,000	126,000
Employee Contributions	(106,000)	(104,000)
Total	<u>460,000</u>	<u>485,000</u>

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 10: Superannuation Scheme contd.

(b) Movement in net retirement benefit obligations during the financial year

	2023	2022
	€	€
Net retirement benefit obligation at 1 January	(6,410,000)	(9,700,000)
Current Service Cost	(332,000)	(463,000)
Interest Cost	(234,000)	(126,000)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(441,000)	3,799,000
Pensions paid in year	158,000	80,000
Net retirement benefit obligation at 31 December	<u>(7,259,000)</u>	<u>(6,410,000)</u>

(c) Deferred Funding for retirement benefits

The Heritage Council recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for retirement benefits on the basis of the set of assumptions described below and a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the retirement benefit scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding public service pensions including the contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. The Heritage Council has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

The Net Deferred Funding for retirement benefits recognized in the Statement of Income and Expenditure and Retained Reserves was as follows:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Funding Recoverable in respect of current year retirement benefit costs	566,000	589,000
State grant applied to pay retirement benefits	<u>(158,000)</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>
Total	<u>408,000</u>	<u>509,000</u>

The deferred funding asset for retirement benefits at 31 December 2023 amounts to €7.259M (2022: €6.410M).

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 10: Superannuation Scheme contd.

(d) History of defined benefit obligations

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Defined Benefit Obligations	7,259	6,410	9,700	10,550	8,737
Experience Gain/(Loss) on Scheme Liabilities *	(34)	113	151	12	140
Percentage of Scheme Liabilities	0.5%	1.8%	1.60%	0.10%	1.60%

* This item consists of gains/(losses) in respect of liability experience only and excludes any change in liabilities in respect of changes to the actuarial assumptions used.

(e) General Description Of The Scheme

The retirement benefit scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current “model” public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a pension (1/80 per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (3/80 per year of service) and spouse’s and children’s pensions. Normal Retirement Age is a member’s 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation.

The disclosures below have been prepared for the Heritage Council in relation to benefits payable from the Heritage Council Employee Superannuation Scheme 2003 and Spouses and Children’s Scheme. The schemes are un-funded of the defined benefit type, providing retirement benefits based on service and pensionable salary. The valuation used for FRS 102 disclosures have been based on a full assessment of the liabilities of the Schemes as at 31 December 2023. The present values of the defined benefit obligation and the service cost were measured using the projected unit credit method.

This disclosure note includes balance sheet and assumption details for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

The principal actuarial assumptions used by independent qualified actuaries to calculate the liabilities under FRS 102 are set out below:

Assumptions	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Inflation	2.10%	2.2%
Rate of general long-term increase in salaries	3.60%	3.7%
Rate of increase in state benefits	2.10%	1.9%
Rate of increase in deferred benefits	2.60%	2.7%
Pension Increases	2.60%	2.7%
Discount rate for scheme liabilities	3.30%	3.7%

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 11: Property, Plant and Equipment

	Buildings	Office Furniture	Office Equipment	Plant & Equipment	Computers	Reference Material & OSI Licences	Works of Art	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
COST								
As at 1st January 2023	8,064,752	234,033	199,163	72,404	904,981	457,204	203,217	10,135,753
Additions	0	0	0	7,943	1,763	0	0	9,705
Reclassification	0	(5,317)					5,317	0
Disposal	(1)	(180,202)	(158,038)	(8,770)	(832,933)	(457,204)	0	(1,637,148)
As 31st December 2023	8,064,751	48,514	41,125	71,577	73,810	0	208,534	8,508,311
Accumulated Depreciation								
As at 1st January 2023	3,166,704	221,151	199,163	21,649	846,686	457,204	0	4,912,556
Charge for year	33,601	166	0	1,112	981	0	0	35,860
On disposals	0	(178,738)	(158,038)	(7,122)	(793,182)	(457,204)	0	(1,594,284)
As 31st December 2023	3,200,305	42,579	41,125	15,639	54,485	0	0	3,354,133
NET BOOK AMOUNTS								
As at 1st January 2023	4,898,048	12,882	0	50,755	58,295	0	203,217	5,223,197
As at 31st December 2023	4,864,446	5,935	0	55,938	19,325	0	208,534	5,154,178

Note 12: Receivables

	2023	2022
	€	€
Debtors	97,459	197,014
Prepayments & Other Debtors	63,721	177,710
Total	161,180	374,723

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 13: Payables

The Heritage Council incurred rental payments in respect of a lease on the property occupied by the National Biodiversity Data Centre at Carriganore, Co. Waterford in the amount of €20,000, which is included in the National Biodiversity Centre Costs at Note 6 (c). The lease is a ten year lease, with a break clause that can be exercised by The Heritage Council at 6 months notice.

	2023	2022
	€	€
Creditors	338,741	1,017,098
Accruals	<u>829,957</u>	<u>425,321</u>
General Creditors & Accruals	1,168,698	1,442,419
Grant Accruals	<u>454,607</u>	<u>355,627</u>
Total	<u>1,623,105</u>	<u>1,798,046</u>

Note 14: The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd.

The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd was established in 1992 as a non-profit company with the objective of saving historic buildings that were abandoned or at risk. This is achieved by giving them a useful and viable function as short term holiday accommodation, which would secure their long-term future. The level of Council funding each year is determined by reference to Councils' Five-Year Plan, the Irish Landmark Trust's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position.

Note 15: Discovery Programme: Centre for Archaeology and Innovation Ireland

The Council funds the Discovery Programme that was established in 1991 and was registered as a company, limited by guarantee on 15 January 1996. The Council is responsible for appointing the chair of the Discovery Programme and three of its directors. The Chief Executive or his/her nominee is one of Council's representatives on the Board of the Discovery Programme. The level of Council funding each year is determined by reference to Council's Five-Year Plan, The Discovery Programme's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position.

The purpose of the programme is to enhance our understanding of Ireland's past through research and archaeological excavations.

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 16: National Biodiversity Data Centre

The Council funds the core costs of the National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) that was registered as a company, limited by guarantee on 20 December 2022. The Council is responsible for appointing the chair of the NBDC and five of its directors. The level of Council funding each year is determined by reference to Council's Five-Year Plan, the NBDC's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position. The purpose of the NBDC is to make biodiversity data and information more freely available in order to better understand and assist the protection of Ireland's biodiversity.

Note 17: Grant Commitments

At 31 December 2023 the Council had entered into grant commitments in connection with activities due to take place after that date. The amount committed of €389,033 (2022: €0) is not reflected in these Financial Statements.

	2023	2022
	€	€
Grants committed at 1 January	0	39,009
Approvals in year	9,174,890	7,893,148
Grants decommitted	(285,522)	(1,012,616)
Grants write offs	(306,355)	(311,362)
Grant expenditure in the year (See note 5)	<u>(8,193,980)</u>	<u>(6,608,179)</u>
Grant Commitments at 31 December	<u>389,033</u>	<u>0</u>

Note 18: Related Party Disclosures

Key management personnel in The Heritage Council consists of the members of the Council, the Chief Executive, the Heads of Service and the Head of Finance. The Council does not receive any remuneration. For a breakdown of the remuneration and benefits paid to key management personnel, please refer to note 9 and note 10.

The Heritage Council adopts procedures in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform covering the personal interests of Council members. In the normal course of business, The Heritage Council may approve grants and enter into other contractual arrangements with entities in which Council members are employed or otherwise interested.

In cases of potential conflict of interest, Council members do not participate in or attend discussions regarding these transactions. A register is maintained and available on request of all such instances.

Notes To The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 December 2023 contd.

Note 18: Related Party Disclosures contd.

The following members disclosed an interest in organisations to which financial assistance was approved in the year.

Council Member	Grant Reference	Grantee	Grant Offer (€)
Fionnuala May	SF17745	Fingal County Council	€2,600
Fionnuala May	C17844	Fingal County Council	€10,000
Fionnuala May	C17856	Fingal County Council	€10,000
Fionnuala May	C17866	Fingal County Council	€17,250
John Pierce	D17727	Irish Peatland Council	€35,000
Dr. Martina Moloney	D17656	Burrenbeo Trust	€50,000
Dr. Mary Tubridy	D17703	Irish Uplands Forum Ltd.	€30,000
Dr Mary Tubridy	CH18289	Irish Uplands Forum Ltd.	€4,000

Dr Patricia O'Hare received payments of €3,577 (2022: €2,272) for services provided to the Heritage Council in connection with the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI). Payments in 2023 related to reviews carried out in relation to Derrynane House (Kerry); Edward Worth Library (Dublin) and Cork Public Museum.

During 2023, Dr Patricia O'Hare left the meeting when the Council discussed and agreed Cork Public Museum and Nano Nagle Place in relation to MSPI.

Note 19: Going Concern

The Council draws funds from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage as and when required. It recognises this income on a cash receipts basis but recognises expenditure on an accruals basis. The Council considers that, as the entity provides a public service that is 98% funded by monies provided by the Exchequer, via its parent department, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, it is appropriate to prepare these financial statements on a going concern basis.

Note 20: Premises

The Heritage Council operates from a premises at Áras na hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny which it occupies and owns.

Note 21: Approval of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements were approved by the Council on 27 June 2024.

Grant Payments

For a list of all Grants paid by the Heritage Council in 2023, please visit our website at <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/funding/funded-projects/previously-funded-projects>

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Tuarascáil Bhliantúil

2023





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Teachtaireacht ónár gCathaoirleach



Is mór an pléisiúr dom ár dTuarascáil Bhliantúil don bhliain 2023 a chur i láthair a thugann léargas cuimsitheach ar fhairsinge ár gcuid oibre i mbliana.

Leagann an tuarascáil béim ar an dul chun cinn atá déanta againn chun tacú leis an earnáil oidhreachta, na céimeanna atá glactha againn chun na spriocanna ónár bplean straitéiseach nua-fhoilsithe, *Ár n-Áit sa Stair*, a bhaint amach, agus leagtar amach conas atáimid ag freagairt do na dúshláin nua atá romhainn.

Le linn 2023, lean an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ag forbairt clár nua, comhpháirtíochtaí agus tionscnaimh straitéiseacha a rachaidh go mór chun tairbhe na hearnála oidhreachta.

Ceapadh 16 oifigeach bithéagsúlachta chuig róil nua in údaráis áitiúla timpeall na tíre i mbliana, bunaíodh coiste comhairleach ar athbhunú agus athdhúichiú na hoidhreachta cultúrtha i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an Roinn Turasóireachta, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, agus rinneamar ceiliúradh ar an na chéad chéimithe den Chlár Uile-Éireann um Scileanna Oidhreachta – tionscnamh uathúil trasteorann a bhfuil sé mar aidhm aige scileanna tógála oidhreachta atá i mbaol a chailleadh a chaomhnú

Táimid in ann iad seo, agus go leor ranníocaíochtaí ríthábhachtacha eile, a sheachadadh dár n-earnáil a bhuí le hocht ardú maoinithe as a chéile. fuarthas Maoiniú Státchiste de €14,300,000, méadú de €2,900,000 ar 2022. Ciallaíonn sé seo gur féidir linn leanúint ar aghaidh ag tacú le cleachtóirí oidhreachta, údaráis áitiúla, grúpaí pobail agus eagraíochtaí oidhreachta trínár scéimeanna agus cláir deontais atá an-éifeachtach cheana féin, ach go bhfuil scóip ann freisin chun oiriúnú do dhúshláin nua agus smaointe úra a shaothrú.

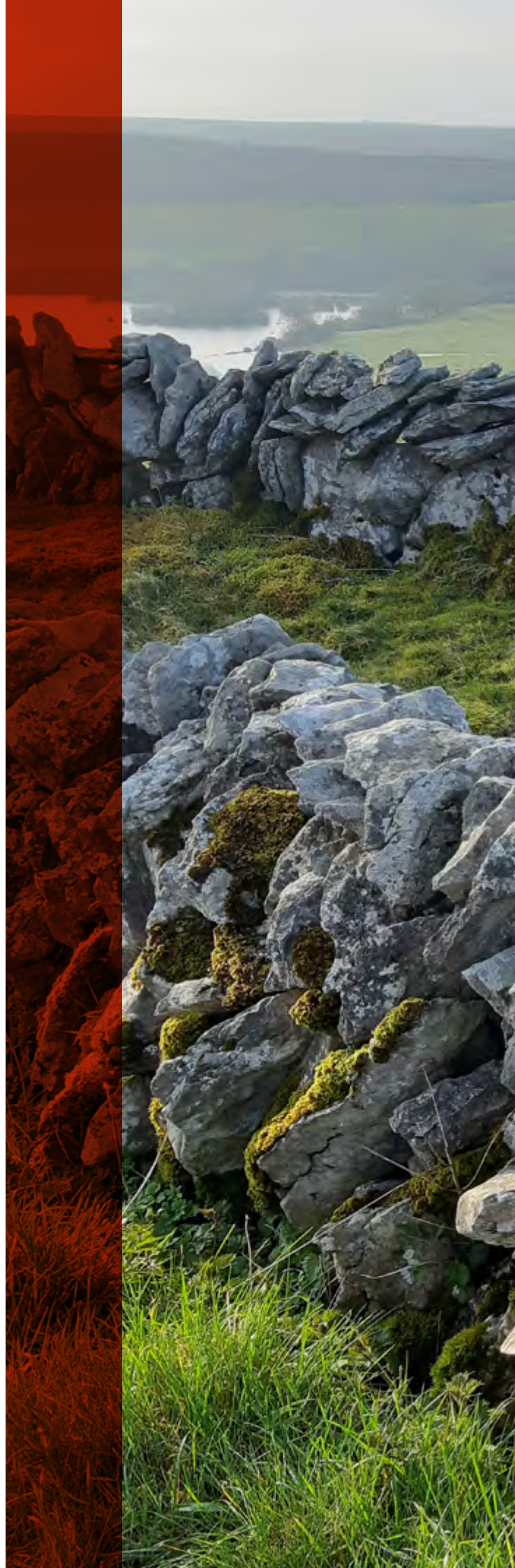
Is mar gheall ar obair chrua agus tiomantas fhoireann na Comhairle Oidhreachta, a gcomhpháirtithe agus a comhghleacaithe ranna a leanamar ar aghaidh ag seachadadh don earnáil, ach ag leathnú agus ag feabhsú le linn na tréimhse seo freisin. Míle buíochas libh go léir as a bhfuil déanta agaibh in 2023 chun é seo a dhéanamh indéanta.

Ba mhaith liom ómós ar leith a thabhairt dár gcomhpháirtithe údaráis áitiúil agus don Chumann Bainistíochta Contae is Cathrach (CBCC) as a gcúnamh agus a gcomhoibriú le rolladh amach Chlár na nOifigeach Bithéagsúlachta i mblíana. Bhí a n-ionchur agus a gcomhpháirtíocht chomh luachmhar i mblíana agus mar a bhíonn sé gach bliain. Ní mór dúinn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil freisin leis na hoibrithe deonacha iomadúla ar fud na tíre a oibríonn gan stad gan staonadh chun a n-oidhreacht áitiúil a chosaint agus feasacht uirthi a mhúscailt. Tá siad ina mbunchloch de gach rud a dhéanaimid.

Ba mhaith liom freisin aitheantas a thabhairt d'obair agus do thiomantas mo chomhbhaill den Chomhairle, a thugann a gcuid ama agus a gcuid saineolais go toilteanach i rith na bliana. Chuireamar fáilte roimh bhall nua i mblíana ar an Ollamh Mark Scott, Ollamh le Pleanáil agus Déan na hAiltireachta sa Choláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath, agus tá a chuid oibre thar a bheith luachmhar cheana féin.

Focal deiridh buíochais do Phríomhfheidhmeannach na Comhairle Oidhreachta, Virginia Teehan, a oibríonn go dícheallach agus go dúthrachtach chun sainordú na Comhairle a chomhlíonadh agus le foireann iomlán na Comhairle Oidhreachta as a n-obair dhian agus a dtiomantas i gcaitheamh na bliana.

Martina Moloney
Cathaoirleach



Teachtaireacht ónár bPríomhfheidhmeannach



Ba bhliain í 2023 ina raibh tuilleadh fáis agus foghlama ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta.

Cuireadh tús leis nuair a seoladh ár straitéis nua, *Ár n-Áit sa Stair*, a leagann amach clár uailmhianach oibre thar na 5 bliana atá romhainn. Sa tréimhse seo, forbróimid ár gcumas taighde intí a ligfidh dúinn méadracht agus sonraí a ghiniúint go rialta a thomhaiseann luach na hoidhreachta dár ngeilleagar agus dearchtaí i leith na hoidhreachta sa tsochaí. Neartóidh sé seo ár gcumas comhairle bheartais a sholáthar don Rialtas agus do dhaoine eile ach cuideoidh sé linn freisin réimsí a aithint a dteastaíonn tacaíocht agus aird níos mó orthu.

Trí thaighde a rinne an Chomhairle Oidhreachta in 2023, mar shampla, tá a fhios againn anois go bhfuil titim shuntasach idir 13 bliana agus 18 mbliana d'aois i dtéarmaí rannpháirtíochta, idirghníomhaíochta agus spéise san oidhreacht. In 2023, chuireamar tús leis an bpróiseas chun dul i ngleic leis an easnamh seo trí Oifigeach Forbartha Beartais Oidhreachta san Oideachas a cheapadh a bheidh freagrach as clár oidhreachta a thabhairt isteach ag leibhéal na hiar-bhunscoile.

Chuir an fás gan fasach ar ár n-eagraíocht agus ar ár mbuiséad le 5 bliana anuas ar ár gcumas le níos mó a dhéanamh dár n-earnáil ná mar a bhí riamh cheana. Ach cruthaíonn an fás seo braistint bhreise freagrachta agus oibleagáide a ghlacaimid go han-dáiríre.

In 2023, chonaiceamar méadú 40% ar iarratais ar mhaoiniú trínár gCiste Tacaíochta d'Eagraíochtaí Oidhreachta. Is iontach an rud é an oiread sin eagraíochtaí atá dírithe ar an oidhreacht a fheiceáil i dteagmháil linn agus ag iarraidh tionscadail a fhorbairt, ach ní mór dúinn

níos mó a dhéanamh chun a chinntiú gur féidir linn cabhrú le gach eagraíocht a bhfuil gá acu lenár dtacaíocht.

Ba bhliain í freisin inar bhreathnaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ar a cuid oibleagáidí reachtúla – ceann acu sin is ea a ról mar údarás forordaithe san Acht um Pleanáil agus Forbairt. Rinneamar athbhreithniú ar ár gcuid oibre i réimse na pleanála a choimisiúnú agus tá tús curtha cheana féin le torthaí ár gcur i bhfeidhm ar na moltaí a fheiceáil trínár n-aighneachtaí rathúla ar roinnt forbairtí go luath in 2024.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil leis an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta (DHLGH), lena n-áirítear na hAirí Darragh O'Brien agus Malcolm Noonan, a thug an bheirt acu an-tacaíocht don Chomhairle Oidhreachta i mbliana agus i mblianta roimhe seo.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil freisin lenár gcomhpháirtithe sa rialtas áitiúil, go háirithe oifigigh oidhreachta na n-údarás áitiúil agus oifigigh bhithéagsúlachta, chomh maith le mo chomhghleacaithe dícheallacha go léir anseo sa Chomhairle Oidhreachta.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil lenár gCathaoirleach Martina Moloney, agus le comhaltaí uile na Comhairle as a dtacaíocht agus a rannchuidiú luachmhar lenár gcuid oibre ar fad i rith na bliana.

Virginia Teehan

Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin





2023: Leanúint ar aghaidh ag Fás agus ag Tógáil



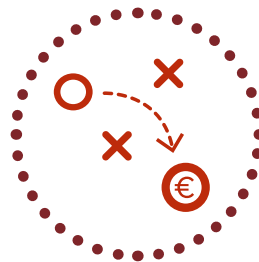
€15,586,622
Ioncam iomlán 2023
(méadú 15% ar 2022)



€8,193,980
Maoiniú deontais 2023
(méadú 24% ar 2022)



53%
den bhuiséad
leithdháilte ar
dheontais in 2023



€2,211,596
Maoiniú cláir
straitéiseach
(méadú 41% ar 2022)



€161,376
Caiteachas ar
pholasaí
(méadú 63% ar 2022)



16%
Mhéadaigh líon
foirne na Comhairle
Oidhreachta in 2023

Cá ndeachaigh ár n-airgead deontais in 2023



Maidir leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta



Is muidne



sainaithin



cosain



caomhnaigh



feabhsaigh

Is comhlacht poiblí í an Chomhairle Oidhreachta a bhfuil sé mar ról aici polasaithe a mholadh chun ár n-oidhreacht náisiúnta a aithint, a chosaint, a chaomhnú agus a fheabhsú.

Chomh fada agus a bhaineann lenár gcuid oibre, cuimsíonn oidhreacht na nithe seo a leanas:

- séadchomharthaí
- réada seandálaíochta
- réada oidhreachta ar nós saothair ealaíne agus tionsclaíochta
- doiciméid agus taifid ghinealais
- oidhreacht ailtireachta
- flóra
- fána
- gnáthóga fiadhúlra
- tírdhreacha
- muirdhreacha
- raic
- geolaíocht
- gairdíní oidhreachta
- páirceanna
- uiscebhealaí intíre
- cartlanna agus lámhscríbhinní
- déantáin mhúsaeim

Oibrímid i gcomhpháirtíocht le pobail áitiúla, údaráis áitiúla, grúpaí deonacha, ranna rialtais agus institiúidí cultúrtha náisiúnta chun tacú le tionscadail a mbeidh tionchar sóisialta agus eacnamaíoch dearfach agus marthanach acu.

An obair a dhéanaimid



Beartas a mholadh don Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta ar shaincheisteanna oidhreachta lena n-áirítear inbhuanaitheacht, bainistíocht tírdhreacha, athrú aeráide agus go leor eile.



Suim san oidhreacht a chothú i scoileanna agus tacú le raon leathan clár forbartha gairmiúla a dhéileálann le tírdhreach, pleanáil, músaeim, scileanna traidisiúnta agus go leor eile.



Feasacht ar oidhreacht a ardú tríd an tSeachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta agus ár gcuid oibre le comhpháirtithe, go háirithe ag leibhéal an údaráis áitiúil.



Oibriú le pobail áitiúla chun tacú le poist, oideachas agus turasóireacht oidhreachta inár gceantair áitiúla.



Cabhrú le líonra gairmithe oidhreachta ardoilte a thacú agus a chothabháil, amhail caomhnóirí, tuí, tógálaithe, éiceolaithe, ailtirí, seandálaithe, coimeádaithe, cartlannaithe, agus daoine eile.



Bunmhaoiniú a chur ar fáil do ghrúpaí oidhreachta agus d'eagraíochtaí na sochaí sibhialta chun tacú le riachtanais na hearnála agus cabhrú le haidhmeanna comhroinnte a bhaint amach.



Ár gComhairle



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An líne thosaigh, ó Chlé go Deas: Sheila Pratschke, John Patrick Greene, Virginia Teehan (CEO of the Heritage Council), Martina Moloney (Chairperson), Mary Tubridy, Patricia O'Hare

(As láthair: Mark Scott)



Dr Martina Moloney

Ball de Bhord na Comhairle Oidhreachta (2005 - 2010), iar-Phríomhfheidhmeannach, comhairlí Contae Lú agus na Gaillimhe, comhalta den Chomhairle Ealaíon (2016 - 2021), comhalta den Choimisiún Náisiúnta Maoirseachta agus Iniúchta don Rialtas Áitiúil (2014 - 2021)



Fionnuala May

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Michael Farrell

Iar-Rúnaí Corparáideach agus Stiúrthóir Acmhainní Daonna ag UCC, Príomhfheidhmeannach ag Clinical Research Ireland (2020 - 2022), Príomhfheidhmeannach Eatramhach Choláiste Ríoga na Lianna (2018 -2019)



Dr John Patrick Greene

Ball de Bhuanchoiste Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann ar Sheandálaíocht (2023 - i láthair), Príomhfheidhmeannach agus Stiúrthóir Músaem EPIC, Músaem Imirce na hÉireann (2019 - 2023), Comhairleach/Úinéir Greene Associates (2017 - 2019), Príomhfheidhmeannach Músaem Victoria in Melbourne (2002 - 2017), Comhalta de Chumann Seaniarsmaí Londain (1985 - i láthair)



Sammy Leslie

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Deirdre McDermott

Ailtire, pleanálaí, uirbí agus príomhoide ag Deirdre McDermott and Associates (2002 - i láthair), Iar-Uachtarán na Comhairle Idirnáisiúnta um Shéadchomharthaí agus Láithreáin (ICOMOS) Éire agus Oifigeach Coiste Comhairleach reatha ICOMOS International



Dr Patricia O'Hare

Measúnóir le Clár um Chaighdeán Músaem in Éirinn de chuid na Comhairle Oidhreachta (2016 – faoi láthair), Oifigeach Taighde agus Oideachais d'Iontaobhaithe Theach Mhucrois, Cill Árne (1995 – i láthair)



John Pierce

Stiúrthóir, Comhairle Caomhnaithe Tailte Móna na hÉireann (2021 – i láthair), iontaobhaí le hlontaobhas Carthanúil na hOtharlainne Carthanúla (2018 – i láthair), Cathaoirleach An Taisce (2017 – 2019), Stiúrthóir Global Marketing Group Fujitsu (2016 – 2017)



Sheila Pratschke

Cathaoirleach na Comhairle Ealaíon (2014 – 2019), Stiúrthóir ag Centre Culturel Irlandais, Páras (2007 – 2013), Stiúrthóir Ionad Tyrone Guthrie, Annaghmakerrig (2001 – 2006)



Dr Mary Tubridy

Stiúrthóir agus Ceannaire Taighde ag an Irish Uplands Forum (2008 – faoi láthair), Cathaoirleach ar Fhóram Ardtailte na hÉireann (2003 - 2008), Príomhoide Mary Tubridy and Associates (1995 - faoi láthair), taighdeoir iardhochtúireachta COBÁC (1980 - 1982) agus TCD (1982 - 1995)



Professor Mark Scott

Ollamh le Pleanáil agus Déan, Scoil na hAiltireachta, Pleanála & Beartais Timpeallachta, An Coláiste Ollscoile, Baile Átha Cliath (2002 - i láthair na huaire), Ball de Bhord an Chumainn Staidéir Réigiúnach (2021 - i láthair), Cathaoirleach an Ghrúpa Oibre Theicniúil um Athbhreithniú Úsáide Talún Náisiúnta Céim 2 (2023 - i láthair)

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CATHY CONNELLY

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FOIREANN RIARACHÁIN

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Nuashonruithe foirne in 2023



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Ceapadh **Triona Byrne** ina hOifigeach Ailtireachta i mí Lúnasa.



Ceapadh **Eoin Ó Donnchadha** ina Oifigeach Forbartha Polasaí Oidhreachta san Oideachas i mí Dheireadh Fómhair.



Ceapadh **Shay Kelleher** ina Oifigeach Pleanála i mí Eanáir 2024.



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- ▶ Staidéir Chonair Uiscebhealaí a bhunú chun bealaí a aithint agus a lorg chun acmhainn bhunúsach uiscebhealaí na hÉireann mar acmhainn oidhreachta, taitneamhachta agus turasóireachta a bhaint amach.

...agus go leor eile.

Guímid scor fada agus torthúil do Beatrice.

2023: Buaicphointí agus Forbairtí Nua



Eanáir



Spreag muid daoine óga comhrá a dhéanamh linn le linn Thaispeántas an Eolaí Óig BT i mBaile Átha Cliath

Seolann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta a féiniúlacht amhairc agus brandáil nua



Feabhra

Seolann *Ár nÁit sa Stair*, Plean Straitéiseach na Comhairle Oidhreachta 2023 – 2028, ag Coláiste Ríoga na Lianna i mBaile Átha Cliath



Ár gComhairle ag seoladh na Straitéise i bhFeabhra. Chun tosaigh, ó Chlé: Sammy Leslie, John Patrick Greene, John Pierce, Malcolm Noonan TD (an tAire Stáit Oidhreachta agus Athchóirithe Toghchán), Fionnuala May, Michael Farrell

Sa lár, ó Chlé: Sheila Pratschke, Martina Moloney (Cathaoirleach), Patricia O'Hare, Mary Tubridy, Deirdre McDermott, Virginia Teehan (POF na Comhairle Oidhreachta)

Ar cúl, ó Chlé: Steven Matthews, TD (Cathaoirleach Choiste an Oireachtais um Thithíocht, Rialtas Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta), John Creedon (Craoltóir)

Márta

Sheol muid ár gClár Píolótach Trealamh Eolaíochta do Shaoránaigh. Beidh trealamh éiceolaíochta ar fáil saor in aisce anois ag Leabharlanna Contae do shaoránaigh atá ag iarraidh eolas a bhailiú faoin mbithéagsúlacht ina gceantar áitiúil



Aibreán

Déantar na
chéad oifigigh
bhithéagsúlachta a
ceapadh faoin gclár
nua a cheiliúradh
ag an gComhairle
Oidhreachta



Bealtaine

Fáiltíonn an Chomhairle
Oidhreachta roimh an Ollamh
Mark Scott mar an comhalta is
déanaí dá Chomhairle tar éis don
Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil
agus Oidhreachta é a cheapadh



Bunaíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta
comhpháirtíocht le hArd-Mhúsaem na
hÉireann chun Clár Líonra Cartlainne Pobail
na hÉireann (iCAN) a sheachadadh, an
phríomheagraíocht a thacaíonn le cartlanna
pobail in Éirinn agus a thacaíonn leo

Grúpa Oidhreachta na Sceachánaí & Ceantair
- stair béil a bhailiú, a chomhroinnt agus a
chaomhnú

Meitheamh



Sheol an tAire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara Charlie McConalogue T.D. clár oideachais nua de chuid na Comhairle Oidhreachta do bhunscoileanna a leagann béim ar ról ríthábhachtach na dtailte móna sa chomhrac in aghaidh athrú aeráide agus cailteanas bithéagsúlachta

An tAire McConalogue le POF na Comhairle Oidhreachta Virginia Teehan, Cathaoirleach na Comhairle Oidhreachta Martina Moloney, ar thailte portaigh Dhún na nGall le scoláirí ó Scoil Náisiúnta Chrannóg Bhuí in Ard an Rátha, Dún na nGall.

Glacann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta páirt den chéad uair i Laethanta Seandálaíochta na hEorpa – imeacht uile-Eorpach a dhéanann ceiliúradh ar gach cineál seandálaíochta. Chuir ceithre speisialtóir oidhreachta ceardlanna ar fáil do bhreis is 200 leanbh ag ár gceanncheathrú



Tá sainchoiste nua fógartha chun comhairle a chur ar an Rialtas maidir le saincheisteanna a bhaineann le haisdúichiú agus le hathdhúichiú réada íogaire cultúrtha in Éirinn. Feidhmeoidh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta mar chomhlacht maoirseachta agus soláthróidh sí an rúnaíocht

Iúil

Tugann an tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta Darragh O'Brien cuairt ar Cheanncheathrú na Comhairle Oidhreachta



Tugann baill na Comhairle agus feidhmeannach na Comhairle Oidhreachta cuairt ar láithreáin agus ar thionscadail atá maoinithe ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta ar fud chontae Phort Láirge



Ag Cloigtheach agus reilig Airde Móire

Comhairle na Comhairle Oidhreachta ag suíomh Lochlannach Bhaile na Coille i bPort Láirge

Lúnasa

Tionscnaítear comhpháirtíocht nua le Teagasc chun clár imeachtaí a chomhordú don tSeachtain Náisiúnta Fálta Sceach



Foireann na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus Teagasc leis an Aire Pippa Hackett agus an Aire Malcolm Noonan le Seachtain Náisiúnta na bhFálta Sceach a sheoladh

Dúnadh an spriocdháta i Lúnasa dár bhfeachtas earcaíochta Oidhreacht sna Scoileanna a lorg breis agus 50 speisialtóir oidhreachta a cheapadh lenár bpainéal



Na speisialtóirí nua sa phictiúr anseo ag Óstán Langton i gCill Chainnigh i rith a lae ionduchtúcháin níos déanaí in 2023

Meán Fómhair



Thug ár gcomhdháil Adopt a Monument daoine ó earnáil na hoidhreachta tógtha le chéile chun rath na scéime agus an obair a rinne na rannpháirtithe ar fad a cheiliúradh

Bronntar gradam ar Chumann Shean-Leabhcáin ag an gcomhdháil um Shéadchomhartha a Uchtú (Ag Teacht ar Do Chéadfaí Nádúrtha)

Chuireamar fáilte roimh an bpobal chuig ár gceanncheathrú don Oíche Chultúir chun saol Rosie Polden, a bhí ina cónaí ann sna 1950idí nuair a bhí sé fós ina Phálás an Easpaig, a cheiliúradh

Déanann an t-aisteoir Rosey Hayes léiriú d'aíonna ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta lena léirítear saol an chónaitheora roimhe seo i bPálás an easpaig, Rosie Polden, le haghaidh Oíche Chultúrtha 2023.



Rinne muid caidreamh le pobail feirmeoireachta agus tuaithe ag na craobhchomórtais treabhdóireachta i Laois



Susan Garrett agus Aalia Kamal ón gComhairle Oidhreachta ag ár seastán i rith an Chomórtais Náisiúnta Treabhdóireachta

Deireadh Fómhair

Thug ár bhfoireann oidhreachta tógtha cuairt ar Albain chun an Engine Shed agus an Scottish Lime Centre Trust a fheiceáil, dhá áis atá tiomnaithe do scileanna traidisiúnta agus oidhreacht thógtha na hAlban a chur chun cinn agus é mar aidhm acu an cur chuige a mhacasamhlú in Éirinn



Samhain



Reáchtáil Lónra na mBailte Múrtha Éireannacha a chomhdháil bhliantúil i Luimneach

Baill den IWTN á dtabhairt ar turas timpeall bhallaí Chathair Luimnigh i rith a gcomhdhála bliantúla

Léiríonn torthaí suirbhé ón gComhairle Oidhreachta an easpa oiliúna reatha i scileanna traidisiúnta (tuí, siúinéireacht, saoirseacht srl.) agus easpa daoine óga ag dul isteach san earnáil. Tá ganntanas is coitianta i saoirseachta cloiche agus i measc cleachtóirí aoil



November (contd.)

Tá searmanas bronnta na Seachtaine Náisiúnta Oidhreachta ar siúl i dTeach Gloster, Co. Uíbh Fhailí, ag ceiliúradh éacht ár lucht eagraithe imeachtaí



Aíonna agus eagraithe ainmnithe imeachta ag Teach Gloster in Uíbh Fhailí do shearmanas gradam Sheachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta na Comhairle Oidhreachta



Bronnann Síle Seoige gradam Laoch na hOidhreachta ar Brigid Fox as Ceatharlach ag searmanas gradam Sheachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta 2023

Nollaig

Foilsíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta leabhrán ag ceiliúradh 25 bliain d'obair oifigeach oidhreachta.



POF na Comhairle Oidhreachta Virginia Teehan, an tAire Oidhreachta Malcolm Noonan, Cathaoirleach an Líonra Oifigigh Oidhreachta Amanda Pedlow agus Cathaoirleach na Comhairle Oidhreachta Martina Moloney ag seoladh an leabhráin ceiliúrtha 25 bliain ar Oifigigh Oidhreachta i gCill Chainnigh

Cláir Straitéiseacha



Clár Oifigeach Oidhreachta na nÚdarás Áitiúil

Is príomh-chomhpháirtíocht straitéiseach é Clár an Oifigigh Oidhreachta idir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta agus údaráis áitiúla. Bunaíodh é i 1999 chun leibhéal saineolais oidhreachta a ardú laistigh de na húdaráis áitiúla.

Scóip oibre na nOifigeach Oidhreachta



Comhairle agus faisnéis



Sonraí a bhailiú agus taighde a dhéanamh



Dea-chleachtas a chur chun cinn



Feasacht a ardú



Eolas a thabhairt do bheartas ag leibhéal áitiúil agus náisiúnta

Buiséad 2023

€757,359. Méadaithe ó €657,890 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

In 2023 chuireamar fáilte roimh bheirt Oifigeach Oidhreachta nua chuig an bpoll i gcontaetha Laoise (Thomas Carolan) agus an Clár (John Treacy). Thogh an Líonra Cathaoirleach nua freisin, Oifigeach Oidhreachta Uíbh Fhailí Amanda Pedlow, chun ionadaíocht a dhéanamh ar an ngrúpa.

Cuireann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta tacaíocht airgeadais agus neamhairgeadais ar fáil d'Oifigigh Oidhreachta a cheaptar ar Údaráis Áitiúla. Cuirtear an tacaíocht neamhairgeadais ar fáil go príomha trí Chlár Oiliúna agus Forbartha na nOifigeach Oidhreachta a eagraítear i gcomhar le Líonra Oifigeach Oidhreachta na nÚdarás Áitiúil. In 2023 den chéad uair a reáchtáladh an oiliúint i gcomhpháirt le hOifigigh Bhithéagsúlachta na n-údarás áitiúil a leag béim ar an gcur chuige comhoibríoch maidir leis an dá phríomhchlár náisiúnta seo a sheachadadh.

Reáchtáladh oiliúint in Uíbh Fhailí, i Loch Garman, i gCorcaigh agus i gCill Chainnigh, agus chlúdaigh sé raon éagsúil réimsí lena n-áirítear aeráid agus oidhreacht, athghiniúint oidhreachta, an Ghaeilge, cuimsiú agus inrochtaineacht, cumarsáid, reachtaíocht oidhreachta, agus oidhreacht san oideachas.

Buaicphointí 2023

Beidh Lónra na nOifigeach Oidhreachta 25 bliain d'aois in 2024. Chun é seo a cheiliúradh, d'oibrigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta leis an Lónra chun leabhrán a chur le chéile, *Ag Oscailt an dorais d'oidhreachta na hÉireann*, ina mbeidh príomhthionscadal oidhreachta amháin ó gach údarás áitiúil le trí bliana anuas a léiríonn le chéile an méid mór a chuir an Lónra le chéile le haghaidh caomhnaithe dár n-oidhreachta le ceathrú céad bliain anuas.



Oifigigh Oidhreachta ag seoladh an leabhráin 'Opening the Door to Ireland's Heritage' i gCill Chainnigh



Oifigigh Oidhreachta i gCorcaigh ag ceann amháin de cheithre lá oiliúna agus forbartha a eagraíodh i rith na bliana

Líonra Múrbhailte na hÉireann (IWTN)

Bunaithe ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta i 2005, is é ról Líonra na mBailte Múrtha Éireannacha (IWTN) ná iarrachtaí na n-údarás áitiúil a bhfuil baint acu le bainistiú agus caomhnú na mbailte múrtha stairiúla in Éirinn, Thuaidh agus Theas, a aontú agus a chomhordú. Tá 32 ballbhaile sa líonra.

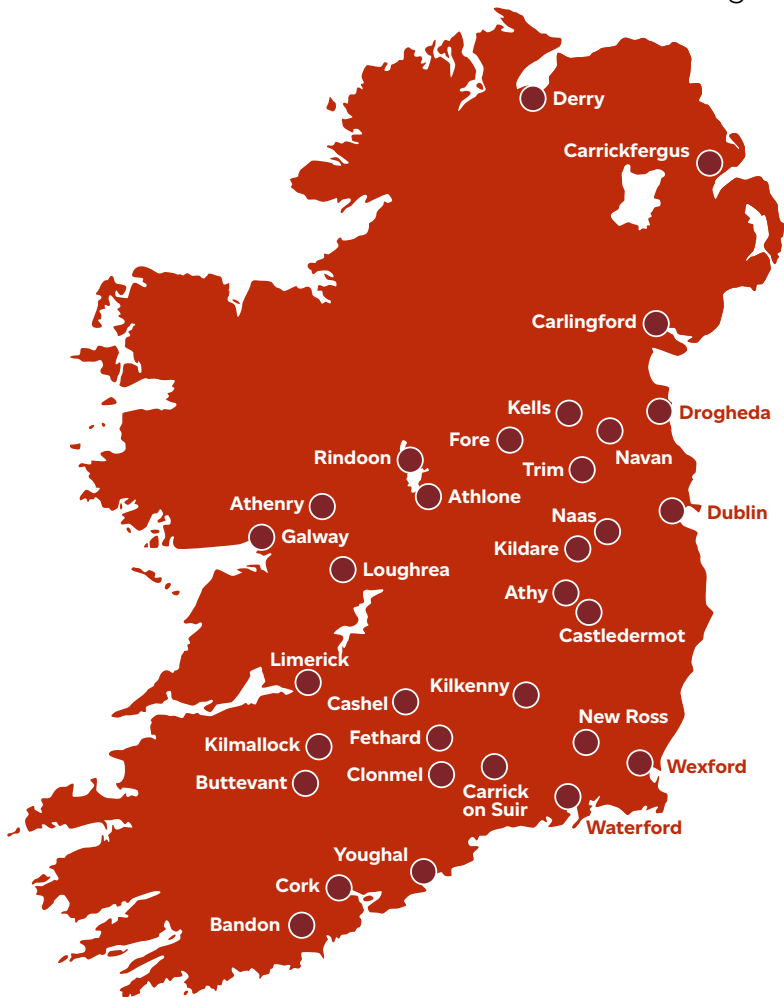
Buiséad 2023

€745,173. Méadaithe ó €403,708 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Íocadh amach iomlán de €652,337 mar dheontais do bhallbhailte in 2023. Is é seo an méid is mó a íocadh amach faoi scéimeanna IWTN (Líonra Bhailte Múrtha na hÉireann) ó 2010. Tá an maoiniú iomlán do bhallbhailte thar shaolré an ghréasáin os cionn €9.25 milliún anois.

Tháinig ballbhaile nua amháin – An Uaimh, Co. na Mí – isteach sa líonra in 2023, rud a thug líon iomlán na mball go 32.





D'eagraigh craobh Eochaille den IWN Féile Mheánaoiseach Eochaille a raibh an-rath uirthi

Buaicphointí 2023

Bhí roinnt féilte agus imeachtaí rathúla ar siúl sna ballbhailte don tSeachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta, agus ríomhann staidéar cuairteoirí a choimisiúnaigh Féile Meánaoise Eochail go bhfuil an fhéile aon-lae ag obair sa bhreis ar €860k don gheilleagar áitiúil.

Reáchtáladh lá traenála do chomhaltaí maidir le bogbharrchaidhp na mballaí cloiche stairiúla i nDroichead Átha Diarmada, Co. Chill Dara i mí Dheireadh Fómhair.

Tionóladh Comhdháil Bhliantúil IWTN ar an téama Foirgnimh Luatha inár mBailte Stairiúla i Luimneach i mí na Samhna.



Maoiniú iomlán do bhallbhailte tarraingthe anuas in 2023:

€652,337

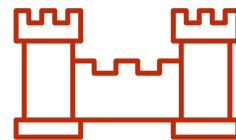
Scéim Chaomhnaithe/Caipitil:

€529,233 do 11 tionscadal

Scéim Imeachtaí & Léirmhínithe:

€123,104 do 13 tionscadal

An méid is mó a íocadh faoi scéimeanna IWTN ó 2010 i leith.



Maoiniú deontais iomlán a íocadh 2007-2023: **€9,129,843.58**

Mar atá an Scéim Chaomhnaithe/
Caipitil: **€7,537,521.85**

Mar atá an Scéim Imeachtaí/
Léirmhínithe: **€1,592,321.73**

Chomh maith le maoiniú breise neamhdheontais thar shaolré an líonra:
€9,273,755.94

Oidhreacht i Scoileanna

Tionscnamh is ea an scéim Oidhreacht i Scoileanna a éascaíonn cuairteanna ar bhunscoileanna ó raon speisialtóirí ar oidhreacht nádúrtha, chultúrtha agus thógtha na hÉireann.

Buiséad 2023

€663,486. Méadaithe ó €507,148 in 2022.



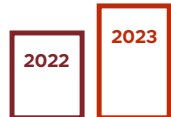
2,657
cuairt



999
scoil



66.5k
páiste



5%
Méadú ar chuairteanna a seachadadh in 2022



Ghlac níos mó ná 200 dalta bunscoile páirt inár gceardlanna mar chuid de Laethanta Seandálaíochta Eorpacha

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Tugadh 2,657 cuairt ar 999 scoil i mbliana agus meastar gur shroich 66.5k leanbh. Is ionann é sin agus méadú 5% ar chuairteanna a seachadadh in 2022.

Tairgeadh clár samhraidh freisin inar oibrigh speisialtóirí le leanaí áitiúla faoi mhíbhuntáiste i rith an tsamhraidh lena n-áirítear iad siúd ó phobail na hÚcráine, an Lucht Siúil agus an tSoláthair Dhíriigh, chomh maith le bunscoileanna a réachtáil cláir Sholáthair Lúil.

Leanadh le tacaíocht a thabhairt do scoileanna ar mhian leo leas a bhaint as cláir scoileanna foraoiseachta in 2023 agus, chomh maith le clár 6 seachtaine saor in aisce a chur ar fáil do chúig scoil, thairgearmar rátaí mórfhóirdheonaithe do gach scoil.

Buaicphointí 2023

Glacann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta páirt den chéad uair i Laethanta Seandálaíochta na hEorpa – imeacht uile-Eorpach a dhéanann ceiliúradh ar gach cineál seandálaíochta – trí cuireadh a thabhairt do pháistí teacht chuig a cuid tailte le foghlaim faoin tseandálaíocht. Chuir ceithre speisialtóir oidhreachta ceardlanna ar fáil do bhreis is 200 leanbh ag ó scoileanna áitiúla

Tar éis feachtas rathúil, earcaíodh 50 speisialtóir oidhreachta nua don phainéal 2024-2027. I measc na bpainéalaithe nua tá 10 gcainteoirí líofa sa Ghaeilge, clúdaíonn siad 10 gcontae bearna agus topaicí bearna i 12 chontae. Tugann sé seo líon iomlán na speisialtóirí ar an bpainéal HIS go 145.

Seachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta

Is clár bliantúil imeachtaí í an tSeachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta (SON) a reáchtálann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta a dhéanann ceiliúradh ar oidhreacht nádúrtha, thógtha agus chultúrtha na hÉireann.



Páistí ag baint sult as tochailt seandálaíochta le linn imeachta sa tSeachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta

Buiséad 2023

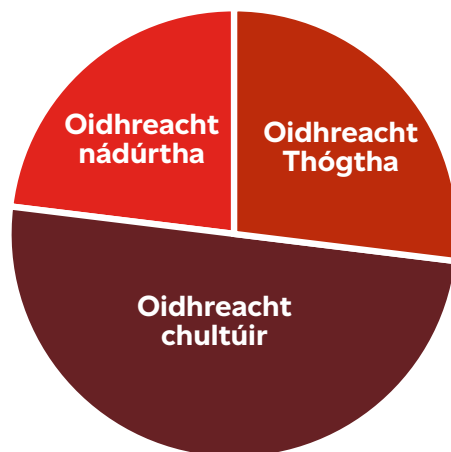
€639,336. Méadaithe ó €510,027 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

I mbliana, earcaíodh bainisteoir tionscadail nua (Ronan Healy) chun an clár a reáchtáil go hinmheánach den chéad uair le roinnt blianta anuas. Leis an bhforbairt seo, d'athnuaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta a fócas ar chaidreamh fadtéarmach a chothú lena comhpháirtithe SON, lena n-áirítear comhpháirtí nua in 2023, an Crannchur Náisiúnta.

Eagraíodh breis agus 1,900 imeacht, méadú 15% ar 2022. Dhírigh go leor de na himeachtaí seo ar théama 2023 Oidhreachta Bheo a dhírigh ar ár gceirdeanna agus ár scileanna traidisiúnta ar nós tógáil balla cloiche báine, tuíodóireacht, déanamh na hime!

An tSeachtain Náisiúnta na hOidhreachta - tionscadail de réir réimse fócais



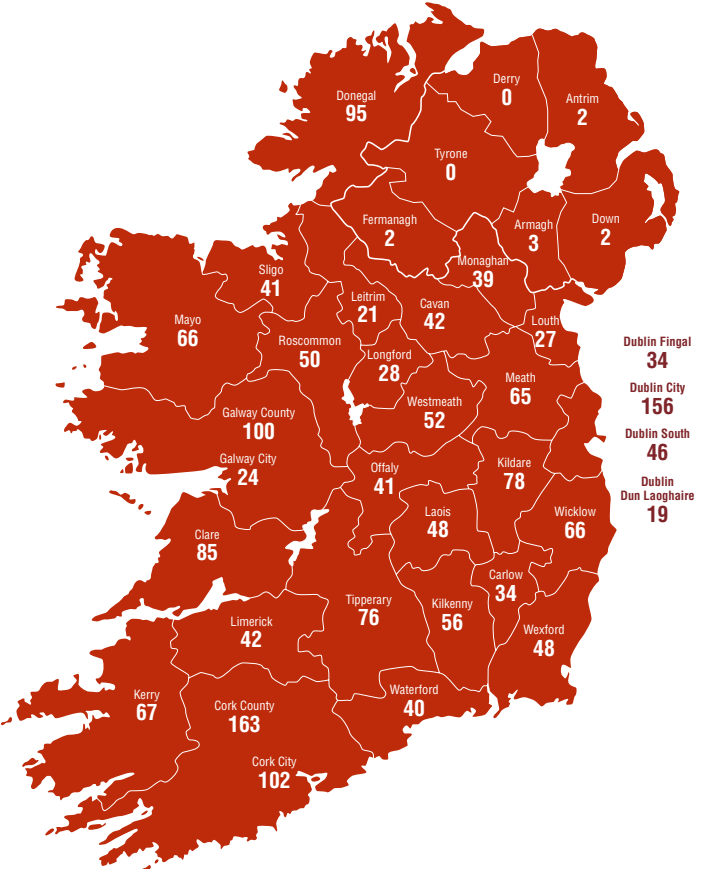
Buaicphointí 2023

Seoladh an tSeachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta in 2023 ag ceardlann de chuid gaibhne stáin traidisiúnta deiridh na hÉireann, Tom McDonnell le James Collins, agus thug sé deis don phobal smaoineamh ar na scileanna traidisiúnta ceilte atá thart orainn agus ar gá iad a chaomhnú.

I mbliana, d'eagraigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta a imeacht féin freisin do Lá an Linbh Fiáin ag fáiltiú roimh na céadta teaghlach isteach ina Ceanncheathrú chun taitneamh a bhaint as raon gníomhaíochtaí a chuireann speisialtóirí oidhreachta ónár bpainéal Oidhreachta i Scoileanna ar fáil.

Bhí Gradaim na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta i mí Dheireadh Fómhair ar siúl i suíomh stairiúil Theach Gloster, Co. Uíbh Fhailí áit ar tugadh aitheantas do bhuaiteoirí na ngradam agus dóibh siúd a bhí ar an ngearrliosta as a gcion iontach ar son na hoidhreachta le linn Sheachtain Náisiúnta na hOidhreachta.

An tSeachtain Náisiúnta na hOidhreachta - tionscadail de réir contae



POF na Comhairle Oidhreachta Virginia Teehan, agus an tAire Dúlra, Oidhreachta agus Athchóirithe Togcháin, Malcolm Noonan, ag ceardlann na ngaibhne stáin James Collins agus Tom McDonnell do sheoladh na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta

Clár Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta na nÚdarás Áitiúil

Is comhpháirtíocht é Clár na nOifigeach Bithéagsúlachta idir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta agus údaráis áitiúla. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an gclár a chinntiú go mbeidh Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta fostaithe ag gach údarás áitiúil faoi dheireadh 2024.

Oibreoidh na hOifigigh Bithéagsúlachta ag leibhéal na cathrach agus an chontae ag bailiú sonraí ar bhithéagsúlacht, ag tabhairt

faoi thionscadail chaomhnaithe, ag forbairt beartais, ag soláthar comhairle agus faisnéise agus ag ardú feasachta.

Tá sé á stiúradh ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta, a chuireann maoiniú ar fáil do chostais tuarastail gach oifigigh.

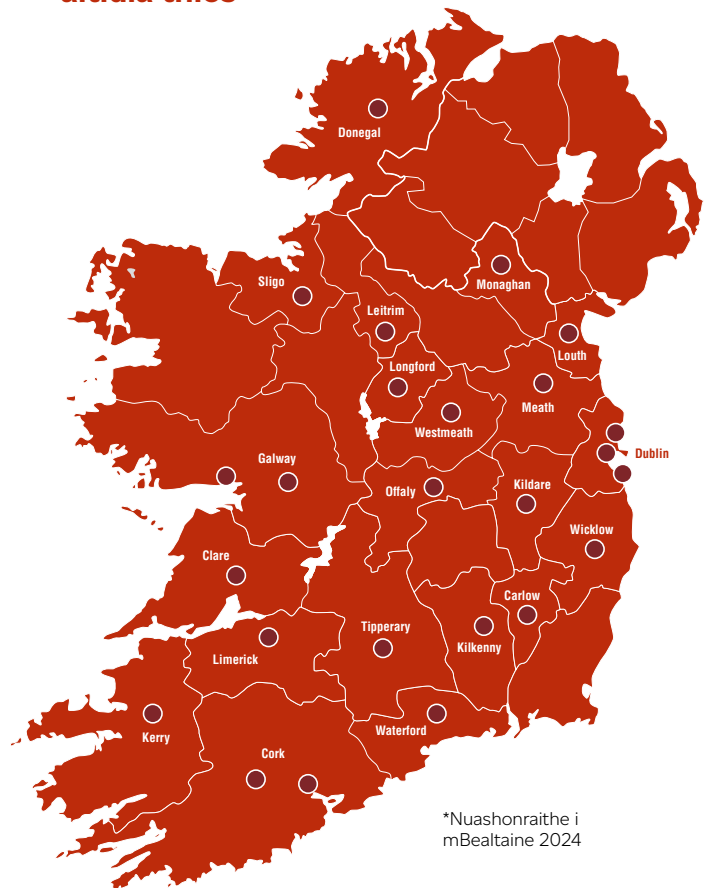
Buiséad 2023

€511,499. An chéad bhliain iomlán den chlár.



Sicín ulchabháin ó thionscadal na scréachóg reilige in Uíbh Fhaí

I gcás Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta, tá duine amháin ceaptha sna húdaráis áitiúla thíos





Oifigigh Bithéagsúlachta ó ar fud na tíre le foireann na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus Bhord na Móna ar cuairt ar láithreán athnuachana portaigh i gContae Uíbh Fhailí mar chuid de chlár oiliúna agus forbartha Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta i Meán Fómhair

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Faoi dheireadh 2023, bhí 16 Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta ceaptha trí chlár na Comhairle Oidhreachta, ag cur le 24 Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta ar fud 20 údarás áitiúil. Cuireann an gnóthachtáil seo an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ar an sprioc le go mbeadh Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta i ngach údarás áitiúil faoi dheireadh 2024 agus Plean Gníomhaíochta Bithéagsúlachta i ngach údarás áitiúil faoi 2026.

Buaicphointí 2023

In Uíbh Fhailí, bhain tionscadal an oifigigh bhithéagsúlachta um scréachóg reilige le monatóireacht agus cur suas boscaí neadaithe i gcomhpháirtíocht le Cairde Éanlaith Éireann, agus mar thoradh air sin tháinig méadú ar an daonra scréachóg reilige go háitiúil.

Sa Chlár, d'oibrigh an t-oifigeach bithéagsúlachta le hEaspag Chill Dá Lua agus leis an Oifigeach Laudato Si' chun 10 bparóistí Caitliceacha a shíniú chun gníomhartha bithéagsúlachta a dhéanamh lena n-áirítear bainistíocht atá neamhdhíobhálach do phailneoirí ar thailte an tséipéil



An trealamh Ar Ais don Dúlra arna chóimeáil ag Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta an Chláir chun cuidiú le gníomhaíochtaí bithéagsúlachta a chur i bhfeidhm ar fud an chontae

Líonra Cartlainne Pobail na hÉireann (iCAN)

Is é Líonra Cartlainne Pobail na hÉireann (iCAN) an phríomheagraíocht a thacaíonn le cartlanna digiteacha pobail in Éirinn agus a thacaíonn leo.

Is í an phríomhaidhm atá aige ná pobail a spreagadh agus tacú leo a stair áitiúil agus a n-oidhreacht a bhailiú agus a roinnt ar líne.

Buiséad 2023

€117,488. An chéad bhliain de rannpháirtíocht na Comhairle Oidhreachta sa chlár.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Bunaíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta comhpháirtíocht le hArd-Mhúsaem na hÉireann chun Clár Líonra Cartlainne Pobail na hÉireann (iCAN) a sheachadadh, le Cúntóir Tionscadail iCAN lánaimseartha nua ag tosú go luath in 2024.

Mar thoradh ar thacaíocht na Comhairle Oidhreachta, chuir Cistí Pobail iCAN 19 deontas ar fáil do ghrúpaí ar fud na gcúig chontae sa líonra. Chuir na cistí ar chumas trealamh riachtanach a cheannach chun ábhar a bhailiú, a dhigitiú, a roinnt agus a chur chun cinn, chomh maith le raon tionscadal fiúntach ó bhailiúcháin páipéir a dhigitiú, píosaí scannáin cartlainne a chaomhnú agus a fheabhsú agus turas fíorúil a fhorbairt.

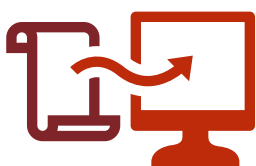


An Painéal cainteoirí, ag Comhdháil iCAN DRI: Ag Tacú le Cartlann Phobail sa Todhchaí/Supporting Community Archives into the Future, Meán Fómhair 2023

Buaicphointí 2023

Reáchtáladh imeacht rathúil seolta iCAN ar 31 Bealtaine 2023 i Láithreach, Co. Chill Mhantáin. Rinneadh ionadaíocht ar gach comhpháirtí iCAN agus d'fhreastail 60 duine.

Mar gheall ar thacaíocht na Comhairle Oidhreachta táthar tar éis leathnú leanúnach a dhéanamh ar líonra iCAN le linn 2023. Seoladh cúig shuíomh Gréasáin i mí Lúnasa mar chuid d'Oidhreacht Chorcaí chomh maith le suíomh Gréasáin Chartlann Oidhreachta Chluain Lára ón gClár. Tá dhá shuíomh Gréasáin nua breise (Grúpa Oidhreachta Chill Chaoi agus an Tulach beagnach réidh le seoladh) chomh maith le huasghráduithe tábhachtacha TF ar láithreáin ghréasáin roinnt grúpaí eile. D'éirigh go maith le feachtas faisnéise agus earcaíochta freisin do ghrúpaí nua i gCill Mhantáin agus i dTiobraid Árann agus fuarthas 11 iarratas nua dá bharr.



Dhigitiú



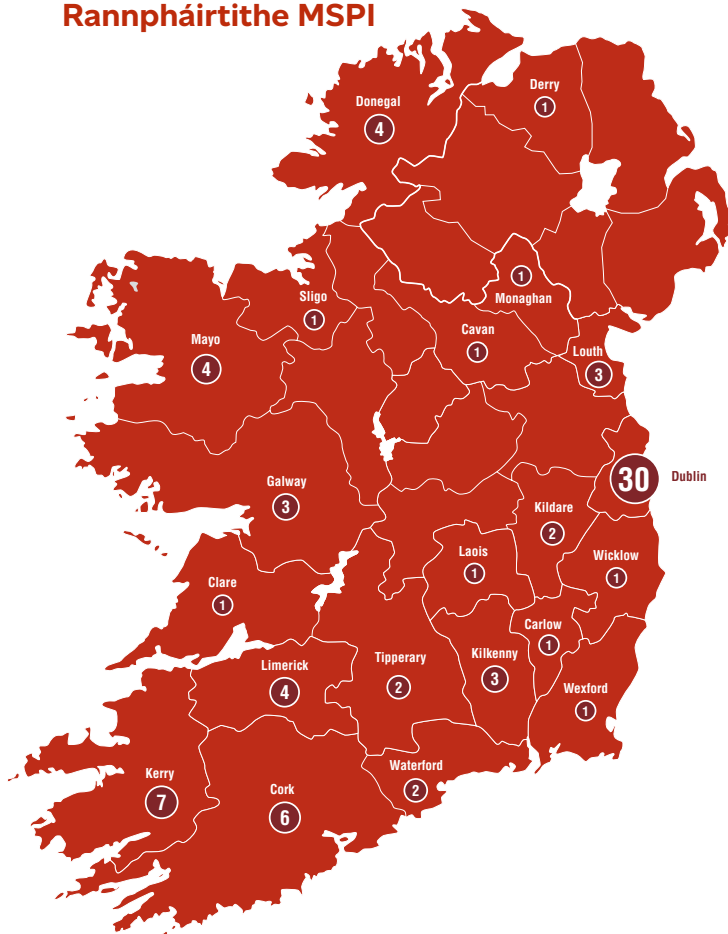
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Bainisteoir Clár um Chaighdeáin Músaem in Éirinn (MSPI)

Is scéim chreidiúnaithe d'earnáil músaem in hÉireann é an Clár um Chaighdeáin Músaem na hÉireann (MSPI). Tá sé mar aidhm aige caighdeáin ghairmiúla a ardú i gcúram na mbailiúchán, i rialachas agus i mbainistíocht músaem, agus i seirbhísí cuairteoirí. Tá 74 rannpháirtí sa chlár in 2023.

Ceantair na Rannpháirtithe MSPI



Buiséad 2023 €57,042.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Tugadh cuireadh do shé mhúsaem nua tús a chur leis an bpróiseas creidiúnaithe in 2023. Ba iad seo ná:

- ▶ 14 Sráid Henrietta
- ▶ Photo Museum Ireland
- ▶ Tigh Mór Dhoire Fhíonáin, OPW
- ▶ Iarsmalann na Sean-Anatamaíochta, TCD
- ▶ Músaem Ealaíne Bhaile an Ghleanna
- ▶ Mainistir na Coille Móire

Buaicphointí 2023

Bhí Searmanas Bronnta an MSPI ar siúl i gCaisleán Chill Chainnigh i mí Iúil agus bronnadh teastais chreidiúnaithe MSPI ar:

- ▶ Músaem Chontae Cheatharlach
- ▶ Chester Beatty
- ▶ Músaem Poiblí Chorcaí
- ▶ Músaem Chontae Dhún na nGall
- ▶ Músaem Dhroichead Átha Cnoc an Mhuilinn
- ▶ Músaem Chaisleán Ghleann Bheatha, PNSF
- ▶ Músaem Michael Davitt
- ▶ Teach Mhucrois
- ▶ Leabharlann Taighde Theach Mhucrois
- ▶ Feirmeacha Traidisiúnta Mhucrois
- ▶ Plás Nano Nagle
- ▶ Músaem Staire Ceilte Thiobraid Árann
- ▶ An Glucksman, Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh

Dóibh siúd a fuair teastais chreidiúnaithe MSPI thar ceann a n-eagraíochtaí, ba chomhartha ómóis é an t-am agus an tiomantas, agus an fhís, gach duine a raibh baint acu leis gur lean siad orthu ag déanamh a ndíchill Caighdeáin MSPI a bhaint amach agus a chothabháil.

Sholáthair an clár ceardlanna oiliúna chomh maith sna limistéir seo a leanas dá rannpháirtithe a lorg creidiúnú a bhaint amach:

- ▶ Cúram Bunúsach Bailiúchán
- ▶ Taispeántais
- ▶ Maolú Dóiteáin
- ▶ Inbhuanaitheacht
- ▶ Litearthacht Charbóin
- ▶ Doiciméadúchán Músaeim

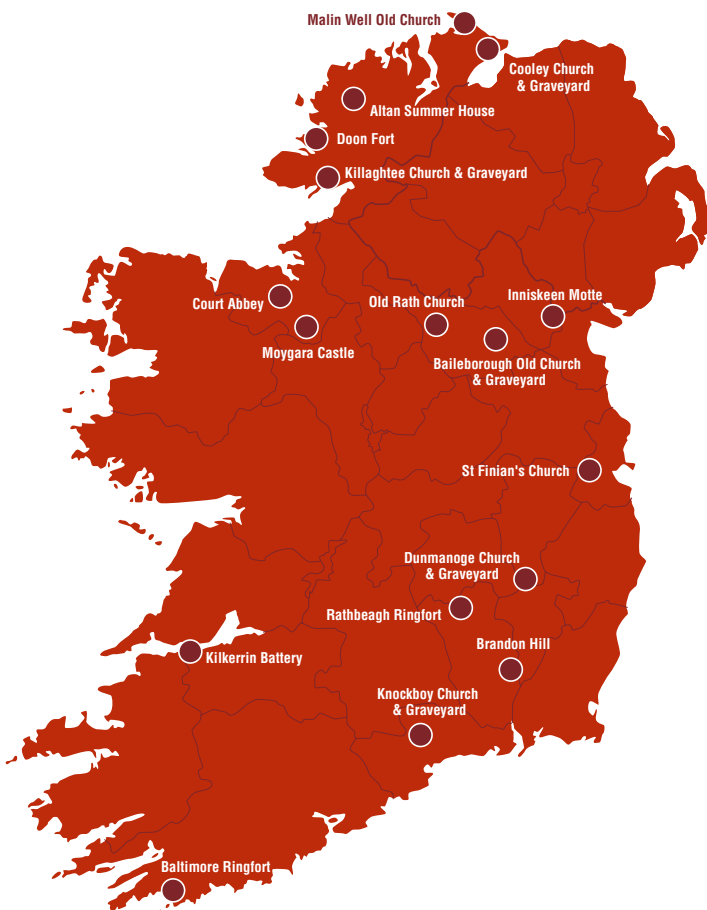


Gach músaem creidiúnaithe ag an searmanas gradam i gCaisleán Chill Chainnigh

Uchtaigh Séadchomhartha

Soláthraíonn an scéim Uchtaigh Séadchomhartha (AaM) saineolas, meantóireacht agus tacaíocht chun pobail a spreagadh le 'glacadh' séadchomhartha ina gceantar chun cothabháil leanúnach agus cosaint níos fearr a chinntiú trí luach cathartha méadaithe. Faoi láthair tá 17 rannpháirtí sa scéim ag uchtú séadchomhartha.

Ceantair na Rannpháirtithe AaM



Buiséad 2023

€56,951. Méadaithe ó €56,222 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Ar fud na hÉireann tá pobail ag foghlaim faoi agus ag caomhnú láithreáin oidhreachta mar chuid de scéim Uchtaigh Séadchomhartha na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Reáchtáladh comhdháil lae i mí Mheán Fómhair chun eolas a fháil ar na modhanna seandálaíochta a úsáidtear chun láithreáin a fhiosrú, cad atá i gceist le tionscadail chaomhnaithe, cad iad na tacaíochtaí maoinithe atá ar fáil agus go leor eile. I measc na gcainteoirí bhí baill de ghrúpaí scéime Uchtaigh Séadchomhartha a bhfuil taithí acu, chomh maith le gairmithe oidhreachta agus ionadaithe ó chomhlachtaí maoinithe.

Bronnadh gradaim mheantóra ag an gcomhdháil ar ghrúpaí a tháinig isteach sa scéim in 2019 chun a gcuid éachtaí a cheiliúradh.

Roghnaíodh cúig ghrúpa nua le bheith páirteach sa scéim in 2023. Ba iad seo ná:

- ▶ Cros agus Reilig Chuaille, Bun an Phobail, Co Dhún na nGall
- ▶ Teach Samhraidh Feirme Alltáin, Dún Lúiche, Co Dhún na nGall
- ▶ Ráth Bheatha, Co Chill Chainnigh
- ▶ Eaglais agus Reilig Choill an Chollaigh, Co. an Chabháin
- ▶ Mainistir na Cúirte, Leamhach, Co. Shligigh

Buaicphointí 2023

Foilsíodh páipéar dar teideal ‘Well-being and community Archaeology in Ireland’ bunaithe ar eispéiris na scéime seo in Journal of Irish Archaeology.

Foilsíodh ‘Treoir Oidhreachta’ ó Sheandálaíocht Éireann chuig Eaglais Naomh Fhionán, Leamhcán, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath – ceann de na grúpaí Uchtaigh Séadchomhartha 2019.



Sharon Greene agus Grúpa Chumann Shean-Leabhcáin leis an Treoirleabhar Oidhreachta do reilig Naomh Fionnán agus an Gradam Meantóra



Sharon Greene AAM agus Paula Harvey - An Daingean

HeritageMaps.ie

Is saoráid ar líne é tionscadal na Léarscáileanna Oidhreachta, arna chomhordú ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta, a ligeann d'úsáideoirí breathnú ar raon leathan tacair sonraí oidhreachta tógtha agus nádúrtha i bhfoirm léarscáileanna. Is féidir é a úsáid chun léarscáileanna saincheaptha a chruthú inar féidir le duine sainphointí spéise a aithint (crosa arda na hÉireann, uaigheanna stairiúla, láithreáin EOECA, cloighúir srl.) agus staidéar a dhéanamh ar fhlóra agus fána áitiúil. Is féidir leat teacht ar léarscáileanna oidhreachta [anseo](#).

Buiséad 2023 €51,988

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Coimisiúnaíodh athbhreithniú iomlán tionscadail ar ardán na Léarscáileanna Oidhreachta i mbliana agus ceapadh Geolytical atá lonnaithe i mBéal Feirste chun tabhairt faoin athbhreithniú seo a

thug aghaidh ar shaincheisteanna lena n-áirítear stóráil, bainistiú, tiomsú agus bailiú tacar sonraí.

Críochnaíodh an t-athbhreithniú i mí na Nollag agus tá moladh le breithniú in 2024.

Buaicphointí 2023

In éineacht le hlarnród Éireann agus Ollscoil Atlantach Gaillimh (OAG), seoladh tacar sonraí larnróid Stairiúil na hÉireann. Tá faisnéis mhionsonraithe ann ar gach iarnród reatha agus dúnta ar oileán na hÉireann. Chruthaigh mic léinn in OAG an tacar sonraí agus shaibhrigh siad é le sonraí a chuir larnród Éireann agus HeritageMaps.ie ar fáil. Fásfaidh an tacar sonraí seo chun stór a chruthú, a bheidh á bhainistiú ag larnród Éireann, trína bhféadfaidh díograiseoirí iarnróid téacs agus íomhánna a bhaineann le gach pointe ar an tacar sonraí a uaslódáil.

Mic Léinn OTA ag seoladh thionscadal larnród Éireann lena dtaispeántar an tacar sonraí um larnróid Stairiúla na hÉireann



Coimeádaithe Oidhreachta

Is clár saor in aisce é Coimeádaithe Oidhreachta do scoileanna agus pobail a chuireann ar chumas na ngrúpaí seo oibriú le chéile chun oidhreacht thógtha, nádúrtha agus chultúrtha a n-áit áitiúil a iniúchadh, agus ansin beart nó gníomhartha a phleanáil chun a n-áit a fheabhsú. Is comhpháirtíocht na Comhairle Oidhreachta é le Burrenbeo Trust.



Staidéar a dhéanamh ar ár n-oidhreacht nádúrtha mar chuid den Chlár Coimeádaithe Oidhreachta

Buiséad 2023

€34,876. Méadaithe ó €31,630 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Chonacthas méadú 50% i mbliana ar líon na ngrúpaí agus scoileanna poiblí a ghlac páirt sa chlár (10 scoil agus 10 ngrúpa) agus na rannpháirtithe breise á maoiniú ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta.

Áirítear le gníomhaíochtaí maoinithe a cuireadh i gcrích tógáil linne fiadhúlra, tógáil conaire oidhreachta, leabhráin faoi oidhreacht tógtha go háitiúil, taispeántas grianghrafadóireachta stairiúil agus plandú crainn i measc go leor eile.

Cuimsíodh sa chlár sin ag obair go díreach le 350 duine agus chuaigh gníomhaíochtaí a cuireadh i gcrích ar 5,000 duine ar a laghad.



A rannpháirtíocht sa Chlár Coimeádaithe Oidhreachta á ceiliúradh ag scoláirí

Scrúdú Sláinte Comhoibríoch Lár an Bhaile

Bunaithe sa bhliain 2016, tá sé mar aidhm ag Scrúdú Sláinte Comhoibríoch Lár an Bhaile cur chuige láidir a bhunú le tabhairt faoi 'scrúduithe sláinte' i mbailte stairiúla na hÉireann trí shuirbhéanna agus gníomhartha ina dhiaidh sin bunaithe ar na torthaí.

Buiséad 2023 €34,031

Dul chun cinn in 2023

De réir mar a forbraíodh oifig Lár an Bhaile ar dTús agus mar a samhlaítear í ag beartas Lár an Bhaile ar dTús de chuid an Rialtais, tháinig an Chomhairle Oidhreachta chun críche lena rannpháirtíocht i scrúduithe sláinte lár an bhaile agus dhírigh sí ar an athbheithniú ar a ról a chur i gcrích maidir leis an bpróiseas pleanála agus an Bille Pleanála agus Forbartha éigeandála a scrúdú (féach an tuarascáil ar ghníomhaíochtaí Choiste Pleanála na Comhairle Oidhreachta). Bhí an folúntas

mar Oifigeach Pleanála na Comhairle Oidhreachta folamh ó mhí Lúnasa go mí na Nollag 2023.

Buaicphointí 2023

Foilsíodh tuarascálacha scrúdaithe sláinte lár an bhaile don Bhlarna agus do Chloch Reo i gCo. Chorcaí i mí Bealtaine na bliana seo. Sheol an tAire Oidhreachta Malcolm Noonan na tuarascálacha a chuir láidrí agus deiseanna lár na mbailte stairiúla de chuid na Blarnan agus Chloch Reo in iúl.

Measann na tuarascálacha seo tuairimí na saoránach ar acmhainní tráchtála, oidhreachta agus cultúrtha a gcuid bailte, chomh maith le sásamh poiblí a mheas ó thaobh na hinrochtaineachta agus saoraidí cultúrtha de.



Alison Harvey, Oifigeach Pleanála leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta, Jeanette Fitzsimons, léachtóir leis an Lárionad um Pleanáil Oideachais agus Taighde ag Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh, agus an tAire Dúlra, Oidhreachta agus Athchóirithe Toghcháin, Malcolm Noonan, ag seoladh scrúdú sláinte CTCHC na Blarnan agus Chloch Reo

Oiliúint agus Uasoiliúint



Clár Scileanna Oidhreachta Uile-Éireann

Arna fhorbairt ag The King's Foundation i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta agus Roinn Pobal Thuaisceart Éireann, cuireann an clár seo oiliúint ar cheardaithe a bhfuil suim acu i scileanna oidhreachta le bheith ag obair ar fhoirgnimh agus láithreacha stairiúla ar fud na hÉireann.

Is cúrsa 12 mhí é Clár Scileanna Oidhreachta Uile-Éireann a thacaíonn leo siúd, a oibríonn in earnáil na tógála, a gcuid scileanna a bhrú chuig an gcéad leibhéal eile agus leanúint ar aghaidh ar a n-aistear bheith mar an gcéad ghlúin eile de mháistircheardaithe traidisiúnta.

Buiséad 2023

€92,856. Méadaithe ó €57,218 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Sa bhliain 2023, i ndiaidh fógraíochta poiblí, roghnaigh an clár seachtar mic léinn ar an gcúrsa lánaimseartha 12 mhí do 2023/2024. De réir mar atá sa chéad bhliain, cuirfidh an cúrsa deiseanna ar fáil chun taithí phraiticiúil a fháil maidir le scileanna tógála oidhreachta, chomh maith leis an deis oibriú i dtreo Dioplóma CNG Leibhéal 3 i Scileanna Oidhreachta (Tógáil).

Is deis luachmhar iad na socrúcháin tionscail do rannpháirtithe an chláir a bheith ag obair taobh le gairmithe tógála oidhreachta chun taithí phearsanta a fháil agus tionscadail á gcur i gcrích ar an láthair. Cuimsítear leis na socrúcháin rannpháirtithe ag obair ar feadh 35 seachtain le ceardaithe éagsúla agus cuideachtaí tógála traidisiúnta ar fud na hÉireann.

Buaicphointí 2023

Rith an clár seo den chéad uair in 2022/2023 agus chríochnaigh 6 mic léinn céad bhliain an chláir, ag déanamh ionadaíocht do ghrúpa ceardaithe éagsúil agus oilte:

- ▶ Emmanuel Buule (Siúinéir ó Bhéal Feirste)
- ▶ Anthony Duignan (Siúinéir ón Iarmhí),
- ▶ Oliver Flood (Gabha Dubh ó Bhaile Átha Cliath)
- ▶ Hannah Glass (Críochnaitheoir Maisiúcháin ó Mhaigh Nuad)
- ▶ Mary Hallinan (Gabha Dubh ó Thiobraid Árann)
- ▶ Jack Murphy (Gabha Dubh ó Ros Comáin)

Ceiliúradh na ceardaithe seo ag ócáid i gCill Chainnigh go luath sa bhliain 2024. D'fhreastail an tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta Darragh O'Brien air, chomh maith leis an Aire Oidhreachta Malcolm Noonan.



An tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta Darragh O'Brien ag éisteacht le chéad chéimithe an Chláir Scileanna Oidhreachta Uile-Éireann ag Teach Rothe i gCill Chainnigh

Clár Intéirneachta Caomhantais

Cuireann an Clár Intéirneachta Caomhantais tacaíocht ar fáil d'institiúidí cultúrtha náisiúnta chun cur ar a gcumas socrúcháin intéirneachta a thairiscint do na céimithe caomhantais is fearr. Cuireann na hintéirneachtaí, ó naoi go 12 mhí, ar chumas na n-intéirneach sainscileanna a fhorbairt agus iad ag obair in institiúidí oidhreachta den chéad scoth, ag tacú leo a ngairmeacha a bhunú trí chothabháil a dhéanamh ar réada i mbailiúcháin náisiúnta na hoidhreachta cultúrtha de chuid na hÉireann.



Reuben Ruxton, Intéirneach Caomhnaithe na Comhairle Oidhreachta ag Gailearaí Náisiúnta na hÉireann

Buiséad 2023

€39,787. Méadaithe ó €33,402 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Chuir triúr intéirneigh socrúcháin intéirneachta 12 mhí i gcrích ag institiúidí cultúrtha náisiúnta: Leabharlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann, Leabharlann Chester Beatty agus Gailearaí Náisiúnta na hÉireann (a raibh socrúchán 6 mhí i gceist leis ag an Hugh Lane, Dánlann Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath).

Áiríodh le speisialtóireachtaí na n-intéirneach caomhantas pictiúr, caomhantas páipéar, chomh maith le leabhair agus lámhscríbhinní.

Buaicphointí 2023

Ceiliúradh éachtaí an Chláir ag seimineár an Gheimhridh a bhí ar siúl ag Leabharlann Chester Beatty i mí na Nollag 2023. Deis a bhí ann do na triúr intéirneigh reatha cuir i láthair a thabhairt faoina n-obair os comhair a bpiaraí caomhantais agus a gcomhghleacaithe eárnála. Fianaise iontach ar na hintéirneigh féin, a n-institiúidí óstála agus tionchar foriomlán an chláir intéirneachta a bhí in ardchaighdeán na gcóireálacha a chuir siad i láthair, chomh maith leis na scileanna cur i láthair a bhí acu.



Maria Montcalm, Intéirneach na Comhairle Oidhreachta ag Leabharlann Chester Beatty

Bunphrionsabail an athchóirithe fuinnimh d'fhoirgnimh traidisiúnta

Lean an Chomhairle Oidhreachta lena comhpháirtíocht le DASBE Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta na Sionainne maidir leis an Teastas in Athchóiriú Fuinnimh ar Fhoirgnimh Traidisiúnta. Beidh a fhios ag daoine a fhaigheann an creidiúnú seo conas suirbhé tosca a ullmhú, conas fabhtanna a aithint agus conas cinntí eolacha a dhéanamh roimh an iarfheistiú.

I mí Mheán Fómhair 2022, cuireadh tús leis an gcúrsa 24 seachtaine le 40 céimí sa bhliain 2023. Áiríodh le rannpháirtithe ailtirí agus sonraitheoirí eile, gairmithe ó údaráis áitiúla, measúnóirí BER agus conraitheoirí tógála. Cuireadh tús leis an gcúrsa arís i mí Mheán Fómhair 2023 le 39 rannpháirtí.



Earnáil na hOidhreachta a Thacú

Cuireann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta maoiniú ar fáil do na costais oibriúcháin do na trí eagraíocht atá sa chuid seo. Faigheann na tionscnaimh seo maoiniú cúnga ón gComhairle Oidhreachta agus iad aitheanta mar phríomh-thionscnaimh straitéiseacha.

Coinníonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ról i gceapachán an Chathaoirligh agus na gComhaltaí Boird don Chlár Fionnachtana agus don Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta.



Ionad Sonraí na Bithéagsúlachta Náisiúnta

Is Cuideachta faoi Theorainn Ráthaíochta é an tIonad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta atá faoi réir maoirseachta na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Is é an príomhról atá aige ná sonraí maidir le bithéagsúlacht na hÉireann a fháil, a chur i dtoll a chéile, a dhearbhu agus a chur ar fáil chun acmhainní fiadhúlra a thaifeadh agus monatóireacht agus taifead a dhéanamh ar athruithe thar am. Leis sin a dhéanamh, tacaíonn sé le tionscnaimh náisiúnta chun an bithéagsúlacht a choinneáil agus a fheabhsú, lena n-áirítear speicis agus eolas faoi ghnáthóga a bhaineann leis na timpeallachtaí talún, fionnuisce, mara, aibhneacha agus bogaigh a thaifeadh.



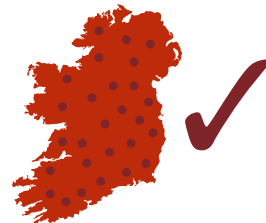
Caiteachas 2023 €1,143,197

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Smaoiníodh ar Phlean Uile-Éireann um Pailneoirí de chuid an Ionaid Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta mar fhreagra ar bhaol an díothaithe atá os comhair aon trian dár speiceas beach fiáin. Tugann sé eárnálacha éagsúla le chéile ar fud na hÉireann chun tírdhreach a chruthú inar féidir le pailneoirí a mhaireachtáil agus a bheith faoi bhláth.



Ag deireadh na bliana 2023, bhí **89% de na 186 gníomhaíocht** sa phlean curtha i gcrích nó ar bun. Léiríonn na figiúirí seo an rannpháirtíocht dhearfach agus fíorthiomantas ó gach comhpháirtí.



Amhail 2023, tá na **42 Comhairle** ar fad ar fud an oileáin ina bpáirtithe foirmiúla ag an bPlean um Pailneoirí agus tá siad tiomanta do ghníomhaíochtaí a ghlacadh ar na tailte poiblí a bhainistíonn siad.

Buaicphointí 2023

I ndiaidh cinnte ag an Rialtas, bunaíodh an tlonad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta mar Chuideachta faoi Theorainn Rátháíochta agus maoirseacht curtha ar fáil ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta. Tá John McCarthy, iarArd-Rúnaí na Roinne Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil, mar Chathaoirleach ar Bhord Stiúrthóirí an Ionaid agus tá Liam Lysaght mar POF.

Chuir an cinneadh a rinne an Rialtas an tlonad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta ar bhonn slán lena struchtúir rialachais láidre agus cumas a chuspóirí d'fhás na todhchaí a sholáthar ar bhealach níos fearr.

D'fhorbair agus d'fhaomh an Bord an Plean Straitéiseach 2024-2028 atá acu, a aithníonn an creat agus na cuspóirí chun a chuid oibre thar an gcéad thréimhse cúig bliana eile a threorú.



Cathaoirleach an NBDC, John McCarthy, ag seoladh an Phlean Straitéisigh



An tAire Malcolm Noonan ag labhairt i measc an lucht freastail ag seoladh an Phlean Straitéisigh

Clár Fionnachtana: Ionad Seandálaíochta agus Nuálaíochta Éireann

Bunaithe sa bhliain 1991, is é misean an Chláir Fionnachtana iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar stair agus oidhreacht chultúrtha na hÉireann trí thaighde forbartha a dhéanamh i seandálaíocht na hÉireann agus i ndisciplíní gaolmhara, agus trína torthaí a scaipeadh go forleathan. Is cuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta é an Clár Fionnachtana agus fostaíonn sé 17 ball foirne, i gcomparáid le 9 sa bhliain 2021. Tá an Dr. John O’Keeffe, POF i gceannas ar an gClár Fionnachtana. Déanann Tom Dowling cathaoirleach ar Bhord na Stiúrthóirí.

Caiteachas 2023 B’ionann an leithdháileadh deontais agus **€900,000**. Méadaithe ó €814,000 in 2022.



Ag Comhdháil Dheireadh an Tionscadail ChERISH: Ambition, Delivery and Legacy (Uaillmhian, Cur i gCrích agus Oidhreacht), arna tionól i mBaile Átha Cliath i Márta 2023

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Sa bhliain 2023, d’óstáil an Clár Fionnachtana comhdháil dheireadh an tionscadail i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath don Tionscadal ChERISH. Ba é príomhchuspóir ChERISH acmhainn agus saineolas ar ghlacadh an athraithe aeráide a mhéadú do phobail Mhuir Éireann agus Chois Cóta.

Bhí an Clár Fionnachtana, chomh maith le roinnt comhpháirtithe, mar chroílár den fhoireann Tionscadail ChERISH. Bhain an tionscadal leas as Ciste Forbraíochta Réigiúnaí na hEorpa, agus tacaíocht on gComhairle Oidhreachta.

Buaicphointe amháin na comhdhála a bhí i seoladh Shraith ChERISH, a chuireann treoir ar fáil do na cuir chuige is féidir a ghlacadh chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh agus tuiscint a fháil ar thionchair an athraithe aeráide san am atá caite, an t-am i láthair agus amach anseo ar láithreacha agus tírdhreacha oidhreachta feadh ár gcóstaí agus ár bhfarraigí. Tá sé saor in aisce rochtain a fháil ar an tsraith ar líne <https://cherishproject.eu/en/tool-kit/>

Buaicphointí 2023

Thacaigh an Clár Fionnachtana le scéim na Comhairle Oidhreachta Uchtaigh Séadchomhartha, agus sa bhliain 2023, d’oibrigh sé le pobail áitiúla ag Dún Mosheanóg, Contae Chill Dara, áit ar chuir siad suirbhé geoifisiceach fairsing i gcrích, chomh maith le taifead a dhéanamh ar fhothrach na heaglaise ag Cill Leacht Aodha, Contae Dhún na nGall.

Irish Landmark Trust

Is eagraíocht neamhbhrabúis é Irish Landmark Trust (ILT) a aimsíonn réadmhaoine suimiúla agus neamhghnácha (ar nós tithe solais, caisleáin agus lóistí geata) a theastaíonn caomhantas orthu, agus tugann sé saol nua dóibh. Ó bhí 1992 ann, tá Irish Landmark Trust ag athrú foirgnimh stairiúla isteach i lóistín saoire féinfhrestail. Tá Irish Landmark Trust struchtúrtha mar chuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta. Fostaíonn sé 12 ball foirne agus tá Niamh Lunny, POF i gceannas

air. Déanann Michael O'Boyle cathaoirleach ar Bhord na Stiúrthóirí.

Buiséad 2023

€345,000. Méadaithe ó €329,489 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Sa bhliain 2023, cheiliúr Irish Landmark Trust 30 bliain d'oidhreacht tógtha in Éirinn a shábháil, a roinnt agus a chothú. Bhí sé sin ann ag an am céanna le seoladh an phlean straitéisigh nua don eagraíocht ó 2023-2028.



Imeacht 30 Bliain ILT: Baill de bhunaitheoirí agus baill reatha Bhord ILT leis an Aire Malcolm Noonan & POF na Comhairle Oidhreachta Virgina Teehan

Lig gradam deontais €200,000 ón gCiste um Struchtúir Stairiúla, déanta i gcéimeanna thar dhá bhliain, don ILT athchóiriú a dhéanamh ar Goggin Cottage, teachín ceann tuí tábhachtach ón 18ú haois déanach atá faoi úinéireacht leanúnach an teaghlaigh Goggin ó tógadh é. Tá an teachín ina bhun-bhail gan aon uisce reatha agus chomh luath agus atá an t-athchóiriú curtha i gcrích, cuirfidh sé lóistín ar fáil do theaghlaigh de cheathrar.

Chuir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta €85,000 sa bhreis ar fáil mar mhaoiniú chun tacú le caomhantas an teachín.

Beidh an teachín réidh lena chéad chuairteoirí a fháil sa samhradh 2024.

Buaicphointí 2023

Chomhoibrigh Irish Landmark Trust agus an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ar ócáid rathúil eile le haghaidh Sheachtain na hOidhreachta 2023. Bhí laethanta oscailte ag gach réadmhaoín i bPoblacht na hÉireann le haghaidh Sheachtain Náisiúnta na hOidhreachta 2023. Thug thart ar 3,500 duine cuairt ar réadmhaoine ILT ar an lá oscailte le haghaidh turais féin-treoraithe.



Taobh amuigh de Theachín Goggin i Feabhra 2024. Baineadh athearraíocht as an 'gclaonseantán' a bhí ann mar sheomra folctha agus seomra fónais don teachín



Taobh istigh de Theachín Goggin. Rindreáil aoil ar siúl - gan líne dhíreach le feiceáil! Tabhair an limistéar faoi deara in aice leis an simléar áit a ndearnadh na chéad chisil rindreála aoil a bhí ann a fhágáil nochta.

Straitéis Náisiúnta Oidhreachta do Phobal an Lucht Siúil

Aithníonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta go bhfuil riachtanas práinneach ann chun straitéis náisiúnta a bhunú a chosnaíonn, a chaomhnaíonn agus a chuireann oidhreacht chultúrtha an Lucht Siúil chun cinn. Ina fhianaise seo, tá sé tiomanta do Straitéis Náisiúnta Oidhreachta do Phobal an Lucht Siúil a fhorbairt agus a sholáthar, atá tacaíthe ag plean oibre agus acmhainní lena chinntiú go bhfuil líonra láidir tacaíochta straitéisí, inbhuanaithe atá á treorú ag an bpobal ann d'oidhreacht chultúrtha an Lucht Siúil. Leis sin a dhéanamh, aithníonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta luach dúchasach domhain chultúr agus oidhreacht an Lucht Siúil, tábhacht an Lucht Siúil in oidhreacht na hÉireann agus an ról tábhachtach atá ag an oidhreacht chultúrtha maidir le haghaidh a thabhairt ar an gciníochas, neamhionannas agus eisiamh córasach.

Sa bhliain 2023, bhunaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta, le chéile le Gluaiseacht Taistealaithe na hÉireann, an Grúpa Oibre Straitéis Náisiúnta Oidhreachta do Phobal an Lucht Siúil a bhí treoraithe ag daoine den lucht siúil agus tionóla le hOwen Ward de chuid Ollscoil na Gaillimhe. Áirítear le ballraíocht na ngrúpaí oibre ionadaithe ó dheich n-eagraíocht an Lucht Siúil (eagraíochtaí réigiúnacha agus náisiúnta), Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann, an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta agus an Roinn Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige. Is é cuspóir foriomlán an ghrúpa oibre agus an toradh atáthar ag súil leis ná Straitéis Náisiúnta Oidhreachta do Phobal an Lucht Siúil agus plean oibre feidhmithe a fhorbairt faoi dheireadh na bliana 2024



Tá forbairt na Straitéise Oidhreachta Taistealaithe á stiúradh ag ár nOifigeach Oidhreachta Cultúrtha agus Ionchuimsithí Aalia Kamal (ar dheis)

Oidhreacht atá faoi Úinéireacht Phríobháideach

Tá úinéirí príobháideacha ina gcaomhnóirí oidhreachta agus tá sé riachtanach go n-oibreoidh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta chun tacaíocht a thabhairt dóibh agus iad ag comhlíonadh a ndualgas maidir leis an maoirseacht ríthábhachtach sin. Tá sócmhainní oidhreachta thithe agus eastáit stairiúla na hÉireann comhdhéanta de bhailiúcháin cartlann, leabharlann, pictiúr agus déantán, gan oidhreacht ailtireachta na foirgnimh féin agus na diméinte nó na tírdhreacha ina bhfuil siad suite a lua.

Admhaíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta an dúshlán atá roimh úinéirí príobháideacha agus iad ag díriú a gcuid ama agus acmhainní ar theann éagsúlachta na hoidhreachta cultúrtha atá faoina maoirseacht a chaomhnú, agus riachtanais thithe a dteaglaigh á gcothromú.

Mar chéad chéim chun cuidiú le húinéirí príobháideacha plean breithnithe gníomhaíochta a fhorbairt chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na riachtanais iomaíocha sin, chuaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta i gcomhpháirtíocht le Lárionad um Staidéar ar

Thithe agus ar Eastáit Stairiúla na hÉireann (CSHIHE) de chuid Ollscoil Mhá Nuad chun ceardlann phraiticiúil a fhorbairt chun iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar chuid de na saincheisteanna a thagann chun cinn maidir le bailiúcháin chartlainne i dtithe stairiúla na hÉireann a chaomhnú. Tionóladh an cheardlann sin in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad i mí na Samhna 2023 agus bhí ionchur ó choimeádaithe, saineolaithe ullmhachta tubaiste, cartlannaithe agus staraithe i gceist léi.

Tá sé ríthábhachtach go gcuirfear dea-chleachtas gairmiúil agus na caighdeáin is airde is féidir maidir le cúram na mbailiúchán i bhfeidhm ar mhaoirseacht oidhreachta atá faoi úinéireacht phríobháideach. Tacaíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta go hiomlán le gairmithe oidhreachta oilte trína cláir éagsúla amhail an Scéim Intéirneachta um Chaomhnú agus tacaíonn sí le húsáid gairmithe creidiúnaithe i gcúram na mbailiúchán. Tá an chomhpháirtíocht nua sin le CSHIHE in Ollscoil Mhá Nuad ina céim eile i dtreo ár n-aidhme um oidhreacht chultúrtha na hÉireann a chaomhnú ar mhaithe le cách.



Cultúr Ábhartha na gClochar

Agus Oidhreacht Chultúrtha na gClochar: Foirgnimh, Tírdhreach & Cultúr Ábhartha, á taifeadadh aici scríobh an tOllamh Gillian O'Brien:

“Tá (nó bhí) clochair uileláithreach, agus bíonn siad ina ghné shuntasach i mbailte agus sráidbhailte go minic. Bhí siad ina ghné chomh coitianta sin den tírdhreach gurbh éigean go raibh siad le feiceáil, agus anois nuair atá siad ag imeacht, táthar ag tosú anois ag aithint an tábhacht a bhaineann leo.

Is beag suim a bhí ag scoláirí i stair na gclochar agus na bhfoirgneamh agus na dtírdhreacha gaolmhara. Tá sé ríthábhachtach go ndéanfaí na láithreacha sin a thaifeadadh anois sula ndéanfar na foirgnimh a scrios nó a athchóiriú go dosheachanta de réir mar a dhéantar iad a dhíol nó a leagan nó go n-athrófar a gcuspóir. Den chuid is mó, i gcás ina bhfuil na foirgnimh fós á n-úsáid mar chlochair, tá bail mhaith orthu. Tá siad á ndúnadh go han-tapa, áfach, agus chomh luath agus a stopfar á n-úsáid a thuilleadh mar chlochair, tá an baol ann go dtiocfaidh meath orthu láithreach. Tá flúirse shuntasach ailtireachta, ealaíne, sóisialta, staire agus chultúrtha i bhfoirgnimh chlochair agus is fearr a thuigfear iad agus iad a n-úsáid mar a d'úsáidtí iad i dtosach. Tá géarghá le tuilleadh taighde a dhéanamh ar an gcineál sin foirgnimh agus ar na tírdhreacha a bhaineann leo agus iad a thaifeadadh.”

In 2023, rinne an Chomhairle Oidhreachta cleachtadh scóipe leis an Ollamh Gillian O'Brien chun scrúdú a dhéanamh ar an dóigh is fearr le tacú le hoidhreacht chultúrtha na gclochar agus na dtithe rialta

in Éirinn. Rinneadh é sin i gcomhthéacs an ghá atá ag méadú leis an réimse sin den oidhreacht chultúrtha a chosaint, a dhoiciméadú agus a chaomhnú, réimse atá an-leochaileach mar gheall ar na hathruithe suntasacha déimeagrafacha agus sóisialta a bhaineann le clochair agus tithe rialta.



Le cleachtadh scóipe 2023, rinneadh foirgnimh chlochair a bhí fós ann in Éirinn ó thréimhse shamplach 1770 go 1850 a áireamh, a dhoiciméadú agus a mhapáil. Cuireadh leis an obair sin le léirmheas ar an litríocht agus thacaigh grúpa comhairleach leis. Ba iad ba chuspóirí don tionscadal:

- ▶ Cultúr ábhartha, tírdhreacha agus oidhreacht ailtireachta clochar agus tithe rialta ar fud na hÉireann a thaifeadadh
- ▶ Feasacht a mhúscailt ar an ngéarghá leis an oidhreacht chultúrtha sin a thaifeadadh
- ▶ Dea-chleachtas agus tacaíocht a bhunú chun na cuspóirí sin a éascú

Leanfar leis an obair ar an tionscadal sin in 2024.

Coiste Comhairleach um Aisdúichiú agus Athdhúichiú na hOidhreachta Cultúrtha

I mí an Mheithimh 2023, bhunaigh Catherine Martin T.D., an tAire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, an Coiste Comhairleach um Athdhúichiú agus Athdhúichiú na hOidhreachta Cultúrtha. Tá sé de chúram ar an gcoiste taighde a dhéanamh ar an dea-chleachtas idirnáisiúnta laistigh den réimse taighde foinse, aisdúichithe agus aisdúichithe, chomh maith le hoibriú le príomhpháirtithe leasmhara chun scóip na mbailiúchán oidhreachta cultúrtha ábhartha in Éirinn a mheasúnú. Is é cuspóir an choiste comhairle bheartais a chur ar fáil agus treoirlinnte náisiúnta a ullmhú chun tacú le hinstiúidí cultúrtha na hÉireann agus iad ag déileáil le réada nach fios a mbunús ina gcuid bailiúchán.

Déanfaidh an Ró-Onórach, Sir Donnell Deeny, cathaoirleach Phainéal Comhairleach um Loitmhilleadh rialtas na Ríochta Aontaithe agus ball den Chúirt Eadrána Ealaíne sa Háig cathaoirleacht ar an gcoiste. Tiocfaidh baill an choiste ó earnáil na músaem, cartlann agus gailearaithe, ón státseirbhís, agus ó shaineolas dlíthiúil agus eiticiúil, chomh maith le hionadaíocht ó phobail éilitheoirí. Feidhmíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta, an comhlacht reachtúil ag a bhfuil an fhreagracht as beartais a mholadh i ndáil le réada oidhreachta agus ag a bhfuil an fhreagracht as Clár um Chaighdeán Músaem in Éirinn, mar chomhlacht

maoirseachta don choiste comhairleach agus soláthróidh sí an rúnaíocht.

Tionóladh an chéad chruinniú ACRR an 4 Nollaig 2023 agus leanfar lena chuid oibre in 2024.



Scéimeanna Deontais



Scéim Deontais Oidhreachta Pobail

Tacaíonn an scéim seo le tionscadail a chuireann feabhas ar rochtain agus cuimsiú ar láithreacha oidhreachta, tionscadail a chuireann dea-chleachtas oidhreachta i bhfeidhm ar áiteanna, bailiúcháin nó réada (lena n-áirítear foirgnimh) a bhainistiú, agus a thacaíonn le trealamh riachtanach a cheannach.

Caiteachas 2023

€1,630,213. Méadaithe ó €1,521,911 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Cuireadh maoiniú deontais ar fáil do 149 iarrthóir don scéim Deontais Oidhreachta Pobail sa bhliain 2023, méadú beagnach 10% ar an mbliain 2022.

Tá liosta faighteoirí deontais ó 2023 faoin scéim seo ar fáil [here](#).



Tionscadal athnuachana portaigh Athdhúlraigh Chill Mhantáin ag láithreán i Sléibhte Chill Mhantáin ar a dtugtar Barnacullian Ridge



Lianna, Péintéirí agus Othair: Mná i mbailiúchán ealaíne RCPI

Buaicphointí 2023

Bhí tionscadal ó ReWild Chill Mhantáin i measc go leor tionscadal a tharraing aird i mbliana. Beidh roinnt buntáistí ag a dtionscadal athchóirithe ar thalamh portaigh ag láthair i Sléibhte Chill Mhantáin, darbh ainm Barncullian Ridge, ar cháilíocht an uisce, maolú an athraithe aeráide agus an bhithéagsúlacht.

Laghdóidh athchóiriú na talún portaigh rith chun srutha móna isteach in aibhneacha ag a bhfoinse, ag cur feabhas ar an uisce i dtreo bhéal na habhann. Tá an fhéidearthacht ag an tionscadal an méid móna in uiscí uachtair Dhobharcheantar na hAbhann Móire i dtreo oirthir na sléibhte agus Dhobharcheantar na Life i dtreo an iarthair a laghdú.

Cabhróidh an tionscadal le speicis ríthábhachtacha ar nós giorria na hÉireann atá i mbaoil, an chearc fhraoigh, an meirliún agus roinnt speiceas éan eile.

In áiteanna eile, fuair Coláiste Ríoga Lianna na hÉireann maoiniú le haghaidh tionscadal an-spéisiúil darbh ainm, 'Physicians, Painters and Patients: Women in RCPI's art collection'.

Cuirtear in iúl sa tionscadal ról ceilte na mban roimhe seo i mbailiúcháin ealaíne RCPI - ní hamháin mná mar lianna, ach chomh maith leis sin mná mar othair agus ealaíontóirí baineanna. Chonacthas sa tionscadal gach saothar ealaíne á chaomhnú agus á dhigitiú de nó le mná sna bailiúcháin RCPI. Coimisiúnaíodh plaiceanna nua le haghaidh saothair ealaíne ar taispeáint i mbaile RCPI ar 6 Sráid Chill Dara, ag aithint agus ag ceiliúradh ealaíontóirí na mban nach bhfuil aitheanta.

Seoladh suíomh gréasáin tionscadail nua chomh maith agus tá an taighde nua agus na híomhánna digitithe ar fáil anois ar líne do lucht féachana níos leithne.

Ciste Tacaíochta na hEagraíochta Oidhreachta

Tá sé mar aidhm ag Ciste Tacaíochta na hEagraíochta Oidhreachta acmhainn eagraíochtaí neamh-rialtais a bhíonn ag obair in earnáil na hoidhreachta in Éirinn a fhorbairt trí mhaoiniú a sholáthar maidir lena gcostais lárnacha.

Caiteachas 2023

€1,351,742. Méadaithe ó €918,824 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Ciste um Acmhainn Oidhreachta a tugadh ar an scéim roimhe seo, ach athraíodh an t-ainm chuig Ciste Tacaíochta na hEagraíochta Oidhreachta i mbliana chun cuspóir na scéime a léiriú ar bhealach níos soiléire.

Tháinig méadú suntasach ar shuim sa scéim seo i mbliana, le méadú 40% ar iarratais ar mhaoiniú, ó 66 go 93. As na hiarratais a cuireadh isteach, bhíomar in ann maoiniú a thabhairt do 37 acu.



Bhain Cruit Éireann leas as maoiniú HOSF i mbliana.

Buaicphointí 2023

Go leor eagraíochtaí iontacha agus fiúntacha a bhí i dtairbhithe an mhaoinithe faoi Chiste Tacaíochta na hEagraíochta Oidhreachta i mbliana.

Áirítear leis sin an Institiúid Caomhnóirí agus Athchóiritheoirí in Éirinn, a chuireann an cleachtas um chaomhnú ábhair stairiúil agus ealaíonta ar chaighdeán lena nglactar go hidirnáisiúnta chun cinn.

Ligfidh an maoiniú don IC-RI dul i ngleic le riachtanais oiliúna na gcomhaltaí agus oiliúint ghairmiúil na ndaoine nua ar an ngairm a éascú.

Cinntíonn sé chomh maith go leantar le cleachtas an chaomhantais ar fud na hÉireann ag cloí le caighdeán atá glactha go hidirnáisiúnta agus cabhróidh sé le tiomantas na Comhairle do chúram na mbailiúchán trína tacaíocht do Chlár um Chaighdeán Músaem in Éirinn.

Bhain Cruit Éireann leas as maoiniú HOSF i mbliana freisin. Is comharghrúpa é seo de sheinnteoirí na cláirsí atá ag obair le chéile chun an chlárseach a chur chun cinn mar uirlis náisiúnta, aitheantas a fháil dá stádas ar leith agus a cuid inbhuanaitheachta a fháil.

Cuireadh ar chumas CÉHI lena n-inscríbhinn ar Liosta Ionadaithe Oidhreachta Chultúrtha Dhobhraithe na nDaonnachtaí, a acmhainn eagraíochtúil a chothú chun tacaíocht a thabhairt don chlárseach in Éirinn agus ar fud an domhain. Lig tacaíocht ón gComhairle Oidhreachta do CÉHI a traidisiún cláirsí 1000 bliain a chur chun cinn agus a fhorbairt i bpobail ar fud na hÉireann.

Scéim Deontas Foirgnimh Feirme Traidisiúnta

Cosnaíonn an Scéim Deontas Foirgnimh Feirme Traidisiúnta na gnáth-fhoirgnimh a úsáidtear sa talmhaíocht. Díríonn iarrachtaí ar ábhair reatha a choinneáil, a dheisiú agus a athúsáid, ní hamháin dá luach oidhreachta, ach chomh maith leis sin, do mharthanacht dhúchasach roinnt ábhar tógála stairiúil. Bainistítear an scéim i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara a mhaoiníonn an scéim.

Caiteachas 2023 €1.25 milliún.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

I mbliana, leathnaíodh rannpháirtíocht sa scéim, ní hamháin le hiad sin a ghlacann páirt in ACRES (an príomhscéim timpeallachta talmhaíochta) a chur san áireamh, ach chomh maith leis sin, leis na daoine sin a ghlacann páirt i Comhpháirtíochtaí Nuálaíochta Eorpacha agus an scéim Feirmeoireachta Orgánaí a chur san áireamh.

Bhain 70 foirgneamh agus roinnt struchtúr feirme eile leas as íocaíochtaí deontais sa bhliain 2023 le méadú ar an deontas uasta go €30,000 tacaíocht shuntasach.

Buaicphointí 2023

Rinneadh roinnt fionnachtana spéisiúla ar dhá thionscadal ar leith i gcontae an Chabháin. Fuarthas nead scréachóige reilige le ceithre éan óg i ndíon sciobóil féir ón 19ú haois déanach a raibh dearadh neamhghnách ar ag Lakeview Organic Farm. Mar gheall ar stádas an liosta dearg a bhí ag na scréachóga reilige in Éirinn fionnachtain shásta a bhí san fhionnachtain seo. Is dócha go raibh an tuí

a bhí stóráilte sa scioból ag cur gnáthóg ar fáil do lucha agus dallóga fraoigh, foinse bia furasta teacht air do na scréachóga reilige a bhí ina gcónaí ann, agus deir an t-úinéir linn gur féidir le héin óga a chloisteáil ag srannadh ina n-ead ó 11in gach tráthnóna.

D'aimsigh an t-éiceolaí céanna gur láthair an-tábhachtach a bhí i Lóiste agus Feirm Uí Ghríofa d'ialtóga, le taifead déanta ar sheacht speiceas ar an láthair. Bhí líon ialtóg Natúisias chomh mór sin ar an bhfeirm gur dócha go raibh fara máithreachais ann ar an láthair agus cuireadh tuilleadh taighde i gcrích. Aimsíodh fara na hialtóige firinne agus cé go bhfuil fianaise mhaith ann d'fhara máithreachais anseo, táimid ag súil le tuilleadh taighde a dhéanamh an bhliain seo chugainn. Cé nach bhfuil aon fhara máithreachais aitheanta de chuid na hialtóige Natúisias i bPoblacht na hÉireann, (ceaptar go bhfuil ceann ann i Loch Garman), d'fhéadfadh sé a bheith mar fhionnachtain a bhfuil tábhacht náisiúnta ag baint leis. Fan linn!



Baile phéire scréachóg reilige agus cheithre shicín sa Chabhán

Tionscnamh na mBailte Stairiúla

Is comhfhiontar leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta agus an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta é Tionscnamh na mBailte Stairiúla a bhfuil sé mar aidhm aige athnuachan bhailte stairiúla na hÉireann atá á threorú ag an oidhreachta a chur chun cinn. Spreagann an scéim athúsáid sonrach na bhfoirgneamh stairiúil.

Caiteachas 2023 €771,660.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

Cuireadh maoiniú deontais ar fáil do 11 thionscadal do Thionscnamh na mBailte Stairiúla sa bhliain 2023. Áiríodh leis sin ceithre thionscadal caomhantais sna bailte seo a leanas:

- ▶ **Oileán Ciarraí**, Co. Chiarraí
- ▶ **Béal an Átha**, Co. Mhaigh Eo
- ▶ **Beanntraí**, Co. Chorcaí
- ▶ **Muineachán**, Co. Mhuineacháin (fuair an tionscadal sin faomhadh do thionscadal dhá bhliain sa bhliain 2022)

Idir an dá linn, faomhadh tionscadail athnuachana atá á threorú ag an oidhreachta sna bailte seo a leanas:

- ▶ **Maigh Chromtha**, Co. Chorcaí
- ▶ **Damhliag**, Co. na Mí
- ▶ **Ráth Mealtain**, Co. Dhún na nGall
- ▶ **Inis Córthaidh**, Co. Loch Garman
- ▶ **Baile an Mhóta**, Co. Shligigh
- ▶ **Ceatharlach**, Co. Cheatharlach
- ▶ **Droichead Átha**, Co. Lú

Buaicphointí 2023

Leabharlann Bheanntraí, Co. Chorcaí

Tá Leabharlann Bheanntraí suite i gcroílár an bhaile agus tá sé mar chuid den phríomhcheantar siopadóireachta sa bhaile in iarthar Chorcaí. Suite ar fhána laistigh den bhaile, is príomhphointe fócais é. Is eiseamláir thábhachtach é an foirgneamh de stíleanna ailtireachta nua-aoiseacha idirnáisiúnta. Tarraingíonn sé ar thionchar na dtuamaí dingeacha meigiliteacha réamhstairiúla áitiúla.

Is éard a bhí i gceist leis an tionscadal 2023 ná caomhantas cúramach ar roinnt gnéithe seachtracha riachtanacha chun an foirgneamh a chosaint ó dhul in olcas agus lena chinntiú go bhfanann an foirgneamh in úsáid mar leabharlann phoiblí.



Bealach isteach seachtrach Leabharlann Bheanntraí

Tá an baile ar an bPríomhshráid - Athnuachan Oileán Ciarraí, Co. Chiarraí

Thacaigh an tionscadal seo leis an gcaomhantas agus obair uasghrádaithe ar cheithre struchtúr stairiúil ar an bPríomhshráid lena chinntiú gur fhan siad in úsáid. Áiríodh leis na tionscadail sin fuinneoga nua saise sleamhnáin déanta as adhmaid a shuiteáil, aghaidh siopa nua ar an mbunurlár agus tíleanna ón mbunurlár i réadmhaoin fholamh a bhaint. Idir an dá linn, rinneadh aoil a rindreáil, binn a fhuáil agus deisiúcháin ar an díon ar fhoirgneamh eile.

Bhí tionchar suntasach ag an obair seo ar chreatlach tógála an bhaile agus thacaigh sí le húinéirí foirgnimh a choinneáil agus a thabhairt ar ais in úsáid. D'imir fostaíocht ceardaithe agus cleachtóirí oilte tionchar dearfach ar fhostaíocht áitiúil a chur ar fáil, chomh maith le comhairle caomhantais mhionsonraithe agus treoir do chleachtóirí le linn an tionscadail.



Tionscadal Oileán Ciarraí - Roimh an tionscadal



Tionscadal Oileán Ciarraí - Tar éis an tionscadail

Ciste Maoirseachta Oidhreachta

Tacaíonn an Ciste Maoirseachta Oidhreachta le hobair na mball foirne i ngníomhaireachtaí stáit agus in institiúidí tríú leibhéal atá freagrach as cláir oidhreachta, go háirithe baill foirne atá freagrach as maoirseacht agus rochtain ar bhailiúcháin, ar chartlanna, ar fhoirgnimh, ar shéadchomharthaí agus ar ghnáthóga. Cabhraíonn an scéim le speisialtóirí oidhreachta a bhfuil ról lárnach acu i mbonneagar oidhreachta na hÉireann agus tá siad ríthábhachtach maidir le beartas agus pleananna náisiúnta a sholáthar agus a d'fhéadfadh a bheadh ag oibriú in eagraíochtaí a bhfuil a bpríomhshainchúram go hiomlán dírithe ar an oidhreacht.

Caiteachas 2023

€425,952. Méadaithe ó €274,330 in 2022.

Dul chun cinn in 2023

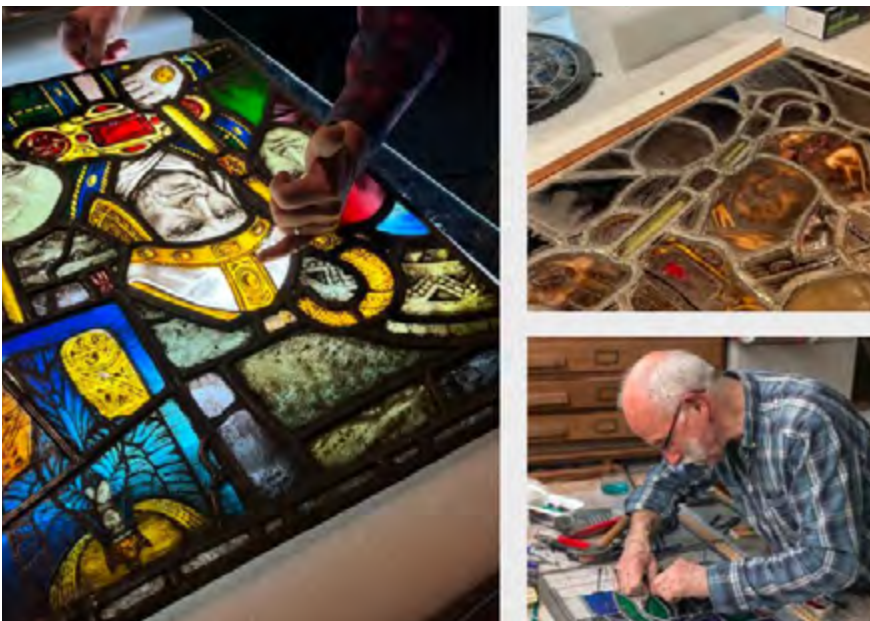
Cuireadh maoiniú deontais ar fáil do 24 iarrthóir don Chiste Maoirseachta Oidhreachta sa bhliain 2023.

Buaicphointí 2023

Fuair Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford i gCorcaigh maoiniú faoin scéim seo chun obair caomhantais phráinneach agus frámú caomhantais coisctheach a chur ar fáil do thrí phainéal gloine daite Harry Clarke, a cuireadh i gcrích ag caomhnóir gloine daite, Philip Crook.

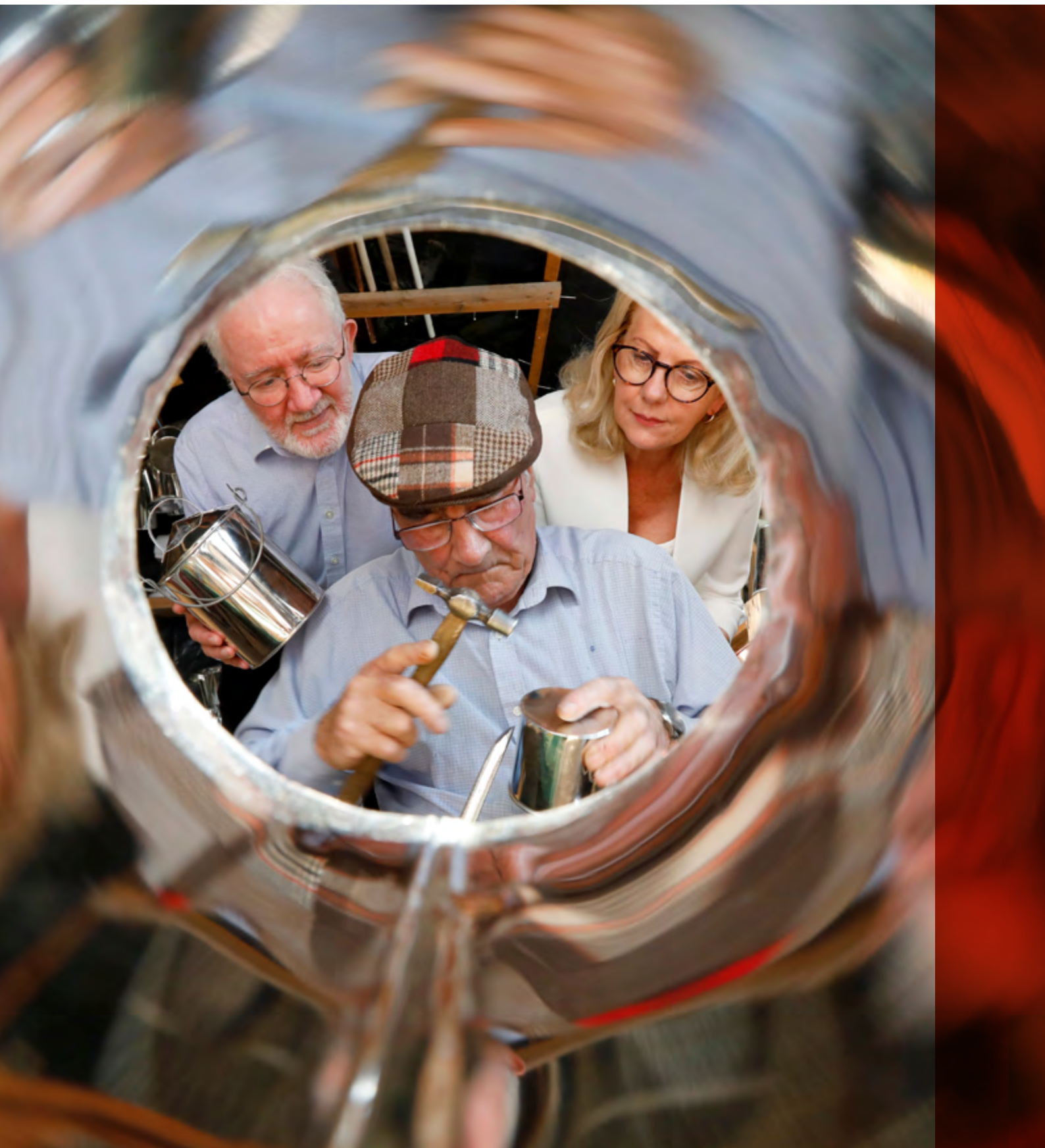
Is iad na painéil 123 bliain d'aois na painéil is sine ó obair Harry Clarke agus tá siad an-tábhachtach ó thaobh na staire de. Lig toradh an tionscadail dóibh maireachtáil isteach sa todhchaí, agus ligeann sé don ghailearaí na saothair seo a chur ar taispeáint don phobal ar bhealach sábháilte agus neamh-dhamáisteach, ach ligeann sé dóibh chomh maith a dhí-shuiteáil agus a iompar go sábháilte más gá.

Déanfaidh na painéil pointe fócais suntasach iardhearcach Harry Clarke atá pleanáilte ag an nGailearaí sa bhliain 2027 roimh a cheiliúradh céad bliain sa bhliain 2031.



Fuair Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford i gCorcaigh maoiniú faoin scéim sin chun obair chaomhnaithe phráinneach a dhéanamh ar phainéil gloine dhaite le Harry Clarke.

Taighde



Réamhrá

Mar atá leagtha amach inár bPlean Straitéiseach, tá taighde rithábachtach don Chomhairle Oidhreachta maidir le fíis bunaithe ar fhianaise a choinneáil ar bun. Beidh sé ina chuid lárnach dár rannpháirtíocht leis an bpobal, agus cuirfidh sé go mór le gach gné dár gcuid oibre. Cuireann feidhm taighde lenár n-acmhainn maidir leis an sainchúram atá orainn comhairle beartais a chomhlíonadh. Tá faisnéis a chruthaítear trí thaighde rithábachtach chun ár gcuspóirí a chur i gcrích agus chun éifeachtacht agus tionchar earnáil na hoidhreachta a thomhas. Tosaíodh agus cuireadh i gcrích roinnt príomhchleachtaí bailithe sonraí in 2023 lena soláthrófar na sonraí bonnlíne atá riachtanach chun tomhas an tionchair a chur i gcrích. Sa roinn seo a leanas, tugtar forléargas ar thaighde a rinneadh nó ar cuireadh tús leis i mbliana.

Feasacht agus Tuiscint ar Oidhreacht na hÉireann

I bhFómhar 2023, rinne Behaviour and Attitudes (Ipsos B&A anois) suirbhé déimeagrafach náisiúnta ar dhearcadh an phobail i leith na hoidhreachta. Rinneadh suirbhé ar bhreis is 1000 duine fásta ó gach déimeagrafaic trí cheistneoir agus trí fhócasghrúpaí maidir lena bhfeasacht agus a dtuiscint ar an oidhreacht. Féachadh leis taighde tuiscint a fhorbairt ar thuairimí an phobail i gcoitinne maidir le tábhacht agus suntasacht na hoidhreachta, a fheasacht ar chomhlachtaí oidhreachta, scéimeanna agus foinsí faisnéise, dearchtaí ar shaincheisteanna reatha a bhaineann le hoidhreacht, dearchtaí ar luach na

hoidhreachta don gheilleagar agus don tsochaí, agus na leibhéil feasachta ar chlár, feachtais meán agus imeachtaí na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus rannpháirtíochta iontu.

Bhí na torthaí tiomsaithe an-soiléir agus taispeánadh leo go measann an pobal i gcoitinne go raibh gaol mór ag an oidhreacht le stair na hÉireann, agus le stair, traidisiún agus cultúr comhchoiteann. Bhain an chéad gaol eile ba láidre le láithreáin oidhreachta tógtha agus seandálaíochta, bhí leibhéal íseal de ghaol spontáineach ag an oidhreacht nádúrtha.

Léiríodh le príomhléargas ón taighde go bhfuil daoine an-bhródúil as an oidhreacht in Éirinn (aontaíonn 65% go mór) agus aontaítear go mór freisin gur cheart an oidhreacht a chosaint (68%) agus go bhfuil gach duine freagrach as an oidhreacht a chosaint (54%).

Tá deis ann freisin rannpháirtíocht níos mó leis an oidhreacht a chruthú. Níor aontaigh ach 10% go mór go bhfuil bhaint phearsanta acu leis an oidhreacht ach d'aontaigh 52% go mór gur mhaith leo tuilleadh eolais a fháil faoin oidhreacht, agus d'aontaigh 34% go mór gur mhaith leo níos mó clár faoin oidhreacht a fheiceáil ar an teilifís. D'aontaigh duine amháin as gach cúigear (21%) go mór gur tháinig méadú ar an tsuim san oidhreacht mar gheall ar imeachtaí a eagraíodh le linn Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán.

Aithnítear go bhfuil scoileanna rithábachtach maidir le rannpháirtíocht leis an bpobal maidir leis an oidhreacht. D'aontaigh 42% go mór gur cheart go mbeadh ról níos gníomhaí ag scoileanna san oideachas oidhreachta. D'aontaigh 25% go mór gurb iad grúpaí pobail na maoir is fearr



ar an oidhreacht i gceantair áitiúla. Aontaítear go mór freisin, ag 42%, gur cheart níos mó aitheantais a thabhairt do ghrúpaí pobail as a gcuid oibre san oidhreacht.

Is rud dearfach é a fheiceáil nach bhfuil ach creideamh mionlaigh ann go gcaitheann an rialtas an iomarca airgid ar an oidhreacht (aontaíonn 10% go mór), agus go bhfuil cosaint na hoidhreachta ina bhac ar aghaidh a thabhairt ar ghéarchéim tithíochta na hÉireann (11%). Mar sin féin, feiceann an pobal dúshlán; Creideann 16% go mór go bhfuil an oidhreacht cosanta go maith i bpróiseas pleanála na hÉireann, aontaíonn 31% go mór go bhfuil oidhreacht i mbaol mar gheall ar an athrú aeráide agus mothaíonn 15% go mór go bhfuil oidhreacht na hÉireann dírithe ar chuairteoirí agus ar thurasóirí eachtracha.

Deiseanna Maoinithe d'Earnáil na hOidhreachta

Coimisiúnaíodh Crowe Consulting chun scóip an tírdhreacha maoiniúcháin don earnáil oidhreachta a mheas. Tacaíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta le príomhpháirtithe leasmhara chun gníomhaíochtaí agus idirghabhálacha a sholáthar chun oidhreacht de gach cineál a chosaint agus a chur chun cinn ar fud na tíre. Mar sin, is gá a chinntiú go mbeidh páirtithe leasmhara ionchasacha

ar an eolas faoi na bealaí atá ar fáil dóibh chun tacú lena gcuid oibre. Tá sé lárnach d'fhorbairt fhadtéarmach agus rathúil na hearnála a chinntiú go mbeidh rochtain ag an earnáil oidhreachta ar na daoine cearta, ar na struchtúir chearta, agus ar na deiseanna cearta. Mar sin tá rochtain ar mhaoiniú dóthanach ríthábhachtach do chomhpháirtithe lena gcuid uailmhianta a bhaint amach agus is féidir leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta gealltanas na straitéise, Ár nÁit sa Stair, don earnáil a chomhlíonadh.

Agus an taighde sin á dhéanamh, aithníodh os cionn 60 foinse maoiniúcháin a bhaineann le hearnáil na hoidhreachta in Éirinn thar ghníomhaireachtaí náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta, eagraíochtaí príobháideacha, carthanais agus tionscadail de chuid an Aontais Eorpaigh. Áirítear leis na cistí scéimeanna lena gclúdaítear an oidhreacht thógtha, an oidhreacht nádúrtha, agus an oidhreacht chultúrtha chomh maith le maoiniú acmhainne agus riaracháin. Áirítear le sruthanna maoiniúcháin sruthanna maoiniúcháin stáit chomh maith le sruthanna maoiniúcháin níos lú ó fhoinsí sa bhaile agus thar lear. Leis na cláir sin, cuirtear maoiniú ar fáil idir na céadta euro ar fáil chun tacú le himeachtaí beaga agus le hidirghabhálacha faoi stiúir oibrithe deonacha agus na céadta mílte do thionscadail mhórsála ilbhliantúla.

Maoiniú ón Stáitchiste don Earnáil Oidhreachta

Is mian leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta, ina misean chun tuiscint leathan a fhorbairt ar an méid ríthábhachtach a chuireann ár n-oidhreacht lenár bhfolláine shóisialta, chomhshaoil agus eacnamaíoch, tuiscint a fháil ar mhéid an mhaoiniúcháin a sholáthraítear don Earnáil Oidhreachta ón Stáitchiste. Coimisiúnaíodh Crowe Consulting chun anailís a thabhairt ar leithdháiltí stáitchiste don bhliain 2019 go 2023, an dá bhliain sin san áireamh, laistigh de Phoblacht na hÉireann.

Leis an taighde, cuireadh an maoiniú don earnáil oidhreachta i gcomhthéacs, chun tuiscint a fháil ar an dóigh ar fhorbair sé le himeacht ama, agus ar an mbealach maoiniúcháin atá ann le cúig bliana anuas. Ba iad seo a leanas na príomhthorthaí sin

- ▶ Tháinig méadú €170.2 milliún ar mhaoiniú don Earnáil Oidhreachta idir 2019 agus 2023 nó 174% ó €97.6 milliún go €267.8 milliún.
- ▶ Méadaíodh an maoiniú do na Príomhchomhlachtaí Oidhreachta ó €70.1 milliún in 2019 go €139.5 milliún in 2023 nó méadú 99% thar an tréimhse chéanna.
- ▶ Áirítear leis sin méadú €7.7m ar an maoiniú don Chomhairle Oidhreachta ó €6.6 milliún in 2019 go €14.3 milliún in 2023, méadú 117%.

Earnáil na hOidhreachta a Mhapáil

Soláthraítear le próifíliú páirtithe leasmhara oidhreachta sonraí riachtanacha do lucht déanta beartas chun cinntí eolasacha a dhéanamh maidir le bainistíocht agus caomhnú na hoidhreachta. Éascaítear leis tuiscint níos fearr ar dhearcthaí, ábhair imní

agus riachtanais na bpáirtithe leasmhara, ar féidir iad a chuimsiú ansin i mbeartais agus i rialacháin a bhaineann le hoidhreachta.

Trí na páirtithe leasmhara éagsúla a bhfuil baint acu le cosaint, caomhnú agus cumhdach na hoidhreachta a thuiscint, éascaítear comhordú agus comhoibriú níos fearr chun oidhreachtaí shaibhir chultúrtha, thógtha agus nádúrtha na hÉireann a chosaint. Trí fhios a bheith agat cé hiad na páirtithe leasmhara agus cad iad a leasanna agus a n-ionchuir, is féidir straitéisí a fhorbairt chun caomhnú láithreáin agus sócmhainní tábhachtacha oidhreachta a chinntiú.

Trí earnáil oidhreachta na hÉireann a phróifíliú is féidir tacú le cur chuige níos cuimsithí, níos rannpháirtíche agus níos inbhuanaithe maidir le bainistíocht oidhreachta. Cuideoidh sé lena chinntiú gur féidir leasanna agus dearcthaí éagsúla grúpaí éagsúla a chur san áireamh, rud a chuirfidh caomhnú agus taitneamh fadtéarmach oidhreachtaí shaibhir chultúrtha, thógtha agus nádúrtha na hÉireann chun cinn.

I mí Mheán Fómhair 2023, coimisiúnaíodh M-CO chun mapáil a dhéanamh ar pháirtithe leasmhara oidhreachta na hÉireann trí ról agus freagrachtaí éagsúla na n-eagraíochtaí oidhreachta a oibríonn ar fud earnálacha an Stáit agus an rialtais áitiúil, eagraíochtaí neamhrialtasacha/neamhbhrabúis, agus comhlachais ghairmiúla bhreise agus comhlachtaí ionadaíocha a shainaithint agus a leagan amach. Tabharfar an obair chasta sin chun críche in 2024.

Foilseacháin





Treoir ar Ghnáthóga na hÉireann - 2ú Eagrán

Sa bhliain 2023, d'fhoilsigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta 2ú eagrán ár bhfoilseacháin is mó a n-iarrtar air, Treoir ar Ghnáthóga na hÉireann, a foilsíodh ar dtús sa bhliain 2000 agus a scríobh an Dr. Julie Fossitt (Suaimhneas Síoraí dá hAnam - Lúnasa 2022).

Gníomh a lorgaíodh le fada agus a aithníodh ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta agus eile a bhí i riachtanas ar fhoilseachán córasach chun sainmhíniú ar ghnáthóga a chaighdeánú i measc chéad éiceolaithe na hÉireann. I ndáiríre, ní raibh mórán athruithe ag teastáil, fianaise ar shoiléireacht agus fócas Julie ar a cuid oibre. Cuimsítear san eagrán nua cuimhneachán gearr ar Julie ag Oifigeach Fiadhúlra de chuid na Comhairle Oidhreachta Lorcan Scott, chomh maith le tuairisc bháis Julie (le cead ó The Irish Times).

Seoladh an t-eagrán nua go foirmiúil i bhFearann Páirce Loch na Buaráí in Uíbh Fháilí – contae dúchais Julie – go luath sa bhliain 2024. Aistríodh an foilseachán go Gaeilge agus tá sé ar fáil anois mar chóip dhigiteach agus mar chóip chrua sa dá theanga.



An Doras chuig Oidhreacht na hÉireann a Oscailt: Bailiúchán Thionscadail Oifigeach Oidhreachta na nÚdarás Áitiúil

Foilsíodh déanach sa bhliain 2023 foilseachán speisialta na Comhairle Oidhreachta le scéalta ó oifigigh oidhreachta i ngach contae chun 25 bliain ó bunaíodh Lónra na nOifigeach Oidhreachta a cheiliúradh.

Tugtar eolas sa leabhrán faoi phríomhthionscadal oidhreachta amháin ó gach údarás áitiúil le trí bliana anuas a léiríonn le chéile an méid ionchuir a chuir an Lónra le chéile le haghaidh caomhnaithe dár n-oidhreacht le ceathrú céad bliain anuas.

I gcomhpháirtíocht idir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta agus údaráis áitiúla, ceapadh na chéad oifigigh oidhreachta sa bhliain 1999 i gCiarraí, Sligeach agus Gaillimh agus an aidhm acu daoine a chur ar an eolas faoi shaincheistean na oidhreachta laistigh den údarás áitiúil agus i measc na bpobal áitiúil. Ó shin, tá lónra na n-oifigeach oidhreachta tar éis éirí comhchiallach le cosaint agus cur chun cinn oidhreachta na hÉireann agus den chéad uair sa bhliain 2021, tá duine ceaptha

don ról ag gach údarás áitiúil ar fud na tíre.

Agus an obair thábhachtach a dhéanann siad á chur in iúl, cuirtear ar fáil sna scéalta san fhoilseachán léargas soiléir ar an méid a d'fhéadfadh a bheadh caillte murach na hoifigigh oidhreachta. D'fhéadfadh drochbhail a bheadh ar Mangan's Clock i gcroílár chathair Chorcaí. D'fhéadfadh go mbeadh na foirgnimh is stairiúla i mBaile Sonnáin agus Lios Tuathail fágtha tréigthe agus ligfeadh dó titim as a chéile. D'éirigh an trá nádúrtha agus na gnáthóga dumhcha feadh chósta Chill Mhantáin díghrádaithe go do-athraithe agus d'fhéadfadh gur chúlaigh ceardaíocht bhallaí cloiche singil ar Inis Oírr.

Is féidir an foilseachán a léamh ina iomlán ar shuíomh gréasáin na Comhairle Oidhreachta.



Toibreacha Beannaithe

Is áiteanna naofa iad toibreacha beannaithe na hÉireann a bhfuil traidisiúin agus custaim sheanbhunaithe ag baint leo. Tá áit thábhachtach acu in oidhreacht chultúrtha agus traidisiún creidimh na hÉireann, ag cur áit shuaimhneach ar fáil do chuairoteoirí le haghaidh deabhóid phearsanta, paidir agus leigheas.

Cuirtear ar fáil i bhfoilseachán nua ón gComhairle Oidhreachta cuntas ar a dtraidisiúin, béaloideas, luach bithéagsúlachta agus bunúis. Tá sé údaraithe ag an seandálaí Tamlyn McHugh a bhfuil suirbhéanna agus taighde déanta aici ar thoibreacha beannaithe na hÉireann.

Tá go leor íomhánna sa leabhrán ó bhailiúcháin na Leabharlainne Náisiúnta, chomh maith le grianghrafadóireacht nua-aimseartha. Cuirtear ar fáil ann treoir ar conas cothabháil a dhéanamh ar thoibreacha beannaithe, ag insint dúinn gur cheart dúinn 'fan amach uathu'! Tá sé ar fáil as Gaeilge chomh maith.

Leanann sraith na Comhairle Oidhreachta 'Ár dTírdhreacha Ársa' leis. Áiríodh le teidil roimhe seo Ealaín Charraige, Ogham agus Fiagaithe Cnuasaitheoirí. Tá gach ceann ar fáil ó shuíomh gréasáin na Comhairle Oidhreachta.

Oideachas agus Rannpháirtíocht Phoiblí



Baill Foirne na Comhairle Oidhreachta – Comhpháirteachas Poiblí in Earnáil na hOidhreachta

Le linn na bliana, déanann baill foirne na Comhairle Oidhreachta ranníocaíochtaí suntasacha ar roinnt grúpaí oibre agus grúpaí stiúrtha réigiúnacha agus náisiúnta, coistí agus fochoistí, agus grúpaí comhchosúla eile d'fhonn dul i bhfeidhm ar athrú dearfach d'earnáil na hoidhreachta.

Déanann an chuid seo taifead ar nádúr sonrach na rannpháirtíochta seo.

Virginia Teehan

bPríomhfheidhmeannach

Comhairle Stiúrthóirí na bhForas Cultúir Náisiúnta: Comhalta

Fóram Comhairleach Pleanála Náisiúnta: Comhalta

Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann: Comhalta

Alt 1003 An Coiste Roghnúcháin: Comhalta

An Coiste Comhairleach maidir le hAiseag agus Aisdúichiú na hOidhreachta Cultúrthade chuid na Roinne Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán: Baill den Rúnaíocht

Maria Walsh

Bainisteoir an Chláir Oidhreachta sna Scoileanna

Oibríonn Maria ar bhonn leanúnach le hIonaid Tacaíochta Oideachais ar fud na hÉireann. Sa bhliain 2023, i measc na hoibre seo, bhí tacaíocht do chlár oidhreachta áitiúla le scoileanna i gCeatharlach, an Chlár, Ciarraí agus an Mhí. Oibríonn sí chomh maith le Músaem Contae Chiarraí ar an nGradam 'D'Oidhreachta Áitiúil a Aimsiú' do bhunscoileanna i gCo. Chiarraí, agus moltóireacht á déanamh aici ar iontrálacha agus aiseolas á thabhairt aici ar thionscadail aonair.

Ian Doyle

Ceannasaí Caomhantais

Ball d'Institiúid Seandálaithe na hÉireann agus de Chumann Seandálaithe na hEorpa

Comhairle Séadchomharthaí Stairiúla Thuaisceart Éireann: Comhalta

Sainchoiste Comhairleach na Roinne Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán um Oidhreachta Chultúrtha Dholáimhsithe: Comhalta

Aalia Kamal

Oifigeach Oidhreachta Cultúrtha agus Cuimsitheach

Sainghrúpa an Choimisiúin Eorpaigh maidir le hOidhreachta Chultúrtha: Comhalta

An Coiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta do Choinbhinsiún na Háige 1954 um Chosaint Réadmhaoine Cultúrtha i gCás Coinbhleachta Armtha: Comhalta

Coiste Comhairleach Lónra Cartlainne Pobail na hÉireann: Comhalta

Cuimhneacháin MENII, Coiste Comhairleach Ghuthanna MENII (MMMV): Comhalta

Grúpa Cúraim Caomhantais agus Bailiúchán Chomhairle na nInstitiúidí Cultúrtha Náisiúnta: Comhalta

An Coiste Comhairleach maidir le hAiseag agus Aisdúichiú na hOidhreachta Cultúrthade chuid na Roinne Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán: Baill den Rúnaíocht

Anna Meenan

Bainisteoir Cláir Scéim Deontas Foirgnimh Feirme Traidisiúnta

Grúpa Stiúrtha um Oidhreacht na Stíle
Dúchasaí (Tuí), an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais
Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta: Comhalta

Lorcan Scott

Oifigeach Fiadhúlra

Grúpa Stiúrtha Bithéagsúlachta na
Seirbhíse Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus
Fiadhúlra: Comhalta

Grúpa Stiúrtha Chlár Dúlra an Atlantaigh
Fhiáin LIFE+IP de chuid na Seirbhíse
Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra:
Comhalta

Grúpa Oibre Chomhairle na Tuaithe:
Comhalta

Crú-laltóg Bheag, Grúpa Stiúrtha Phlean
Gníomhaíochta na Speiceas (Seirbhís
Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra):
Comhalta

Coiste comhairleach Choillearnach na
hÉireann: Comhalta

Coiste comhairleach Fhóram Bogach
an Phobail, Fóram Bogach an Phobail:
Comhalta

Lesley-Ann Hayden

Clár bainisteoir- An Clár um Chaighdeáin Músaem in Éirinn (MSPI)

Is comhalta de bhord na stiúrthóirí de
chuid Chumann Músaem na hÉireann
(IMA) í Lesley-Ann Hayden. Sa mhéid sin, is
comhalta í den Choiste Caidrimh Phoiblí.

Eoin Ó Donnchadha

Oifigeach Forbartha Beartais Oidhreachta san Oideachas

Grúpa Comhairleach il-páirtithe leasmhara
um Oidhreacht san Oideachas (MAIGHNE),
Tionólaí (2024)

Comhairle Ghrúpa Foghlama agus
Rannpháirtíochta n a nInstitiúidí Cultúrtha
Náisiúnta (CNCI LEG), Comhalta (2024)

Is comhalta é Eoin de Chumann na Ríochta
Aontaithe um Oideachas agus Oiliúint,
Comhalta Cúnta den Chumann Ríoga
Stairiúil, comhalta de Chumann Ríoga
Ársaíochta na hÉireann, múinteoir cláraithe
meánscoile le Comhairle Mhúinteoireachta
na hÉireann, iar-chomhalta coiste bhrainse
Bhaile Átha Cliath de Chumann Múinteoirí
Staire na hÉireann.

Lisa Shortall

Ceannasaí Taighde, Foghlama agus Oidhreachta Cultúrtha

Sainghrúpa an Choimisiúin Eorpaigh maidir
le hOidhreacht Chultúrtha: Comhalta an
Ghrúpa

An Cumann Cartlann agus Taifead:
Comhalta Cláraithe (RMARA)

Pobal na hÉireann um Chleachtas
Cartlainne Bunaithe ar Thráma:
Cathaoirleach (go dtí Meitheamh 2024)

Sainchoiste Comhairleach na Roinne
Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta,
Spóirt agus Meán um Aisdúichiú agus
Athdhúichiú Oidhreachta Cultúrtha:
Comhalta na Rúnaíochta

Gradam speisialta oidhreachta na mBailte Slachtmhara

Sa bhliain 2023, mhéadaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta an duais le haghaidh Gradam Speisialta Oidhreachta na mBailte Slachtmhara ó €1,000 go €3,000, ag cinntiú go bhfaigheann na buaiteoirí cúiteamh níos fearr as a ionchuir don oidhreacht.

Fuair Baile Liam i gContae na Gaillimhe an gradam i mbliana as an obair iontach a rinne siad ar a muileann stairiúil atá faoi úinéireacht an phobail. Taispeántar sa tionscadal seo an méid is féidir le pobal a bhaint amach nuair a ghlacann siad suim ghníomhach ina n-oidhreacht a chaomhnú agus i scileanna traidisiúnta a ghlacadh.

Thaispeáin an grúpa seo cúram iontach don fhoirgneamh trí obair a dhéanamh le gairmithe oidhreachta a bhfuil ardmheas orthu agus ag cinntiú go gcloítear le prionsabail is fearr an chaomhantais. Is sampla iontach é tuí a chur arís ar miller's cottage sa chomharsanacht de bhuntáiste scileanna traidisiúnta a chur ar aghaidh agus rannpháirtíocht a ghlacadh lenár n-oidhreacht chultúrtha bheo.

Cuireadh an tionscadal seo as a chéile leis an mbuntáiste breise a bhain le cur chuige atá feasach ó thaobh na bithéagsúlachta ar bhainistíocht na dtailte.



An muilinn athchóirithe ag Baile Liam



Cheiliúir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta na gnóthachtálacha ag Baile Liam ag an láithreán in 2023

Taispeántas Eolaithe Óga BT

D'fhreastail an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ar Thaispeántas BT na n-Eolaithe Óga i gCumann Ríoga Bhaile Átha Cliath i mí Eanáir 2023, ag díriú ar na daoine óga a bhfuil suim acu san oidhreacht, Glacadh go han-mhaith lenár bhfoilseacháin, go háirithe ag múinteoirí agus Gaeilgeoirí.

Sa bhliain 2023, chomh maith leis na taispeántais ar an bhfiadhúlra agus an bhithéagsúlacht, bhí ceardlanna ar siúl ag an seastán le héiceolaí Oidhreacht sna Scoileanna Aengus Kennedy.

Is iad go leor de na daoine óga seo eolaithe, éiceolaithe agus taighdeoirí na todhchaí, agus tá tabhairt isteach an chaomhantais oidhreacht agus na heolaíochta saoránach an-tairbheach. Trí leas a bhaint as fiosracht agus spioraid nuálach na ndaoine óga, tá na cláir seo

deartha chun caomhnóirí, éiceolaithe agus ionadaithe oidhreacht na todhchaí a chothú, agus cosaint leanúnach agus ceiliúradh oidhreacht shaibhir na hÉireann á chinntiú.



Speisialtóir um Oidhreacht sna Scoileanna Aengus Kennedy ag plé le daoine óga ag seastán na Comhairle Oidhreachta

Comórtas LEGO™ – An Oidhreacht ag Súgradh

Tugtar cuireadh do pháistí ag aois na bunscoile trínár gcomórtas bliantúil 'An Oidhreacht ag Súgradh', gné oidhreacht na hÉireann a thaispeáint le húsáid a bhaint as bríci LEGO. Osclaíodh comórtas 2023 le haghaidh iontrálacha i mí na Nollag. Chabhraigh ealaíontóir LEGO Jessica Farrell leis an bpost deacair na buaiteoirí a roghnú. Chuir sí roinnt samhlacha samplacha iontacha ar fáil le treoracha céim ar chéim don phobal le triail a bhaint astu. I mbliana, áiríodh dallóg fraoigh, pilibín, agus bosca cnaipí leo sin.

Cuireadh na hiontrálacha buaiteacha i láthair ag taispeántas speisialta ag larsmalann an Mhíle Mheánaoisigh i gCill Chainnigh, a cuireadh ar bun go luath in 2024. Tugadh an taispeántas chun críche le searmanas gradaim le haghaidh na mbuaiteoirí agus lucht na dara háite.

I mbliana, rinneamar treoracha macasamhla a rinne Jessica i gcaitheamh na mblianta a dhigitiú agus a chur i dtoll a chéile i bhfoirm leabhráin oibre.



Bhuaigh James Sturgeon as Ros Comáin an chéad duais sa chatagóir 4-7 mbliana d'aois dá mhacasamhail den Ghráinseach Nua

Clár Píolótach Threalamh Eolaíocht Saoránach



Ár nOifigeach Fiadhúlra Lorcán Scott agus é ag úsáid an trealamh

I mí an Mhárta i mbliana, sheol an Chomhairle Oidhreachta an Clár Píolótach 'Eolaíocht Saoránach', tionscnamh lena dtabharfar cumhacht don phobal chun eolas a bhailiú faoin mbithéagsúlacht ina gceantar féin.

Tríd an gclár, agus i gcomhpháirtíocht le Seirbhís Leabharlainne Chomhairle Contae Chill Chainnigh, is féidir le daoine rochtain saor in aisce a fháil ar threalamh speisialta i seirbhísí leabharlainne contae roghnaithe* timpeall na tíre agus sonraí luachmhara a bhailiú trí fhearas a úsáid lena n-áirítear eangaí, gloiní formhéadúcháin agus stiallacha chun cuidiú le speicis a shainaithint.

Tá an tionscnamh deartha chun cabhrú le pobal atá ag dul i ngleic níos mó, agus tá go leor acu ag dúil le cur le caomhnú ár mbithéagsúlacht ach nach bhfuil na huirlisí acu chun é sin a dhéanamh. Táthar ag súil go mbainfí úsáid as an bhfearas ag daltaí atá ag féachaint lena gcuid staidéar féin, éiceolaithe amaitéaracha ar mian leo a gcuid pleananna gníomhaithe bithéagsúlachta féin a tháirgeadh agus ag grúpaí pobail amhail Bailte Slachtmhar, Iontaobhais Abhann, Cumainn Allamuigh ar mian leo eolas a bhailiú chun tionscadail bithéagsúlachta áitiúla a threisiú.

Ag obair leis an nGaeilge

In 2023, mhéadaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta an t-ábhar a chuireann sí ar fáil go dátheangach trína chinntiú go raibh a feachtais phoiblíochta i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla. Áirítear leis sin fógraí clóite, raidió agus digiteacha a bhíonn in asraonta áitiúla agus náisiúnta le haghaidh feachtais lena gcuirtear an tSeachtain Oidhreachta Náisiúnta chun cinn chomh maith lenár gcuid scéimeanna deontais.

D'eisíomar 13 phreaseisiúint i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla freisin, agus bhí ár leabhráin scéime deontais uile ar fáil sa dá theanga.

Déantar gradam nua a bhronnadh den chéad uair le linn Searmanas Gradaim na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta don Imeacht Gaeilge Is Fearr. Leis an ngradam seo, táthar ag súil le heagraithe imeachtaí na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta a spreagadh chun an Ghaeilge a ionchorprú agus a chur chun cinn ina gcuid imeachtaí

agus bhain Togra Fiontar agus Cultúr Uladh é in 2023 dá n-imeacht Féile Saibhreas na Síoraíochta.

Bhí 35 imeacht Gaeilge ann le linn na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta 2023, méadú beag ar 2022, ach is uimhir í sin i mbun fás seasmhach bliain i ndiaidh bliana.

Cuireadh turais as Gaeilge ar fáil freisin dár gceanncheathrú stairiúla le linn na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta.

D'oibrigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta go dlúth freisin le faighteoirí deontais bunaithe sa Ghaeltacht dár gcuid Deontas Oidhreachta Pobail chun dhá fhíseán áille arb é is aidhm leo pobail na Gaeltachta a spreagadh chun smaoineamh ar iarratas a dhéanamh ar mhaoiniú trínár gcuid scéimeanna.

Tá na físeáin sin ar fáil [anseo](#) agus [anseo](#).



Bhuaigh Togra Fiontar agus Cultúr Uladh an duais don imeacht Gaeilge is fearr ag searmanas gradam na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta dá n-imeacht Féile Saibhreas na Síoraíochta

Éagsúlacht agus Ionchuimsiú a Chur Chun Cinn



Ceartha Daonna agus Comhionannas

Cuireann Dualgas na hEarnála Poiblí maidir le Ceartha an Duine agus Comhionannas oibleagáid reachtúil ar chomhlachtaí poiblí deireadh a chur le leithcheal, comhionannas deiseanna a chur chun cinn agus ceartha daonna na ndaoine a gcuireann siad seirbhísí ar fáil dóibh agus ceartha daonna ball foirne a chosaint, agus iad i mbun a gcuid oibre laethúil.

Tá an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ag obair i dtreo measúnú ar shaincheisteanna

chearta an duine agus comhionannais a bhaineann le feidhmeanna na heagraíochta, a dhéanfaidh tuairisciú in 2024. Tríd an bpróiseas measúnaithe, forbróimid plean gnímh lena dtabharfar aghaidh ar aon shaincheisteanna ceartha daonna agus comhionannais a aithnítear. Nuair a bheidh sé i bhfeidhm, tabharfaimid tuairisc bhliantúil ar chur i bhfeidhm agus ar dhul chun cinn i gcoinne na ngealltanais a tugadh trínár bplean gníomhaíochta.

Ag Teacht ar Do Chéadfaí Nádúrtha 2023

Díríonn clár na Comhairle Oidhreachta 'Ag Teacht ar Do Chéadfaí Nádúrtha' ar eispéireas níos airde a thabhairt do dhaoine le lagú radhairc agus mar sinfeasacht ar an gcomhshaol nádúrtha a thabhairt dóibh. Tá sé mar aidhm aige daoine le lagú suntasach radhairc a chumasú chun eispéireas níos fearr a bheith acu ar ár ndomhan nádúrtha trí oiliúint bhunúsach a thabhairt dóibh maidir le ciall a bhaint as fuaimeanna na bithéagsúlachta ina gcomhshaol laethúil agus mórthimpeall air.

I mbliana, chuir Ag Teacht ar Do Chéadfaí Nádúrtha fáilte roimh ghlúin nua daltaí agus roimh chlár nua ranganna:

- ▶ Glaonna céiticeacha, fuaimeanna ón aigéan – leis an nGrúpa Éireannach maidir le Míolta Móra agus Deilfeanna
- ▶ Éin agus Ainmhithe Allta na hÉireann – leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta
- ▶ Macallaí laltóige san Oíche – le Caomhnú laltóg na hÉireann
- ▶ Cén éan – cantain agus glaonna na n-éan? – le Cairde Éanlaith Éireann
- ▶ Ainmhithe coimhthíocha Foireann

Oideachais Zú Bhaile Átha Cliath – leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta

Ba bhuaicphointe ar leith é an chuairt go hIonad Oideachais Zú Bhaile Átha Cliath in 2023. D'fhreastail breis agus 30 rannpháirtí ar ghníomhaíochtaí tadhlaigh, tráth na gceist fuaime agus cur i láthair iontach a thug foireann oideachais an zú agus a gcuid cúntóirí agus ghlac siad páirt iontu.



Ba bhuaicphointe den bhliain é turas go Zú Bhaile Átha Cliath don ghrúpa 'Ag Teacht ar Do Chéadfaí Nádúrtha' le haghaidh daoine lagamhairc

Scéimeanna deontais

Tá suim ar leith ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta in iarratais ar dheontais a dhíríonn ar rochtain fheabhsaithe ar ghníomhaíochtaí oidhreachta ag daoine faoi mhíchumas agus grúpaí mionlaigh, agus mar sin rannpháirtíocht iontu. In 2023, rinneamar 24 tionscadal a mhaoiniú a thioctadh faoin gcatagóir um Éagsúlacht agus Ionchuimsiú.

Áiríodh lenár dtionscadail Scéim Deontais Oidhreachta Pobail oibreacha chun rochtain cathaoir rothaí ar fhoirgnimh stairiúla a fheabhsú, plean rochtana agus cuimsitheachta do dhaoine le huathachas agus lagú amhairc, tionscadail staire béil

don lucht siúil, caomhnú iarsmaí don phobal Giúdach, agus clár oiliúna cartlainne LADT+ d'oibrithe deonacha óga agus léiriúcháin scannán.

Chuaigh tionscadail eile i dteagmháil le pobail na hÚcráine chun comhroinnt na ceardaíochta agus na scileanna traidisiúnta a thaispeáint.

Faoin gCiste Maoirseachta Oidhreachta, áiríodh ar na tionscadail go raibh músaeim ag obair go gníomhach le grúpa seid fear áitiúil, chomh maith le tionscadal chun feasacht a ardú ar phobail chreidimh de chultúir éagsúla i mBaile Átha Cliath.

Dámhachtain na Seachtaine Náisiúnta Oidhreachta don éagsúlacht agus ionchuimsiú

Gach bliain, déanann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ceiliúradh ar éagsúlacht agus ionchuimsiú ag eagraithe imeachta le linn na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta trí gradam don 'Imeacht Ionchuimsitheach Is Fearr' a áireamh sa searmanas gradaim.

In 2023, bhuaigh Iarsmalann Hunt an gradam lena taispeántas 'Ag Amharc gan Radharc'.

Leis an taispeántas ilchéadfach seo, cuireadh ar chumas na gcuariteoirí chuig Iarsmalann Hunt Luimnigh chun eispéireas a fháil ar réada a bailiúcháin trí thaispeántais tadhaill agus tráchtairachtaí fuaime. Bhí dochtúirí an mhúsaeim agus roinnt comhchoimeádaithe lagamhairc i gceannas ar thurais bheo tráchtairachta fuaime den mhúsaem.

Seachadadh é trí phróiseas cuimsitheach

comhchruthaithe inar bhain an grúpa comhchoimeádaithe dalla agus lagamhairc leas as a dtaithí saoil ar mhíchumas chun réitigh dearaidh inrochtaineachta a sholáthar a shaibhrigh eispéireas an chuariteora agus a mhéadaigh rochtain agus cuimsiú.



Bhuaigh Músaem Hunt i Luimneach an duais don ionchuimsitheacht is fearr ag searmanas gradam na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta dá thaispeántas 'Seeing without Sight'

Ag Tuairisciú ar Aeráid



Oidhreacht Aeráide

In 2023, lean an Chomhairle Oidhreachta dá gealltanais i leith caomhnú na hoidhreachta inbhuanaithe a chur chun cinn i measc na ndúshlán maidir leis an athrú aeráide agus caillteanas na bithéagsúlachta. Ag tógáil ar an mbunsraith atá leagtha síos ag ár bPlean Straitéiseach 2023-2028, “Ár nÁit sa Stair”, táimid tar éis breithnithe aeráide a chomhtháthú go gníomhach inár n-oibríochtaí, le fócas ar leith ar chumhacht a thabhairt do chleachtóirí oidhreachta agus feabhas a chur ar athléimneacht oidhreachta na hÉireann.

Ar cheann dár bpríomhthionscnaimh i

mbliana bhí ceardlanna a eagrú d’údaráis áitiúla ar an oidhreacht thógtha agus nádúrtha a chomhtháthú i bPleananna Gníomhaíochta Aeráide na nÚdarás Áitiúil. I gcomhpháirtíocht leis an Oifig Réigiúnach um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide (CARO), bhí sé mar aidhm againn cur chuige comhoibríoch a chothú i leith caomhnú oidhreachta laistigh den chreat maidir le gníomhú ar son na haeráide. I ndiaidh na gceardlann sin, rinne an Chomhairle Oidhreachta aighneachtaí chuig gach ceann de na 31 údarás áitiúil, ag moladh go gcuirfí ceisteanna oidhreachta san áireamh ina bpleananna gníomhaíochta aeráide áitiúla.



Cainteoirí ag ceardlann na Comhairle Oidhreachta-CARO d'Oifigigh Oidhreachta agus Bhithéagsúlachta maidir le Pleananna um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide a fhorbairt, a cuireadh ar siúl an 25 Aibreán 2023 i bPort Laoise (ó Chlé: Anthony McNamara, CARO Bhaile Átha Cliath Uirbeach, Breda Maher, CARO an Oirthir agus Lár na Tíre, Christine Baker, Oifigeach Oidhreachta Chomhairle Contae Fhine Gall, Jacqui Donnelly, an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta, Lorcan Scott, Oifigeach Fiadhúlra na Comhairle Oidhreachta, Dearbhala Ledwidge, Comhordaitheoir um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide Chomhairle Contae Chill Chainnigh, Suzanne Dempsey, Comhordaitheoir um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide Chomhairle Contae Laoise, Catherine Casey, Ceann Oidhreachta agus Athraithe Aeráide, an Chomhairle Oidhreachta) ag ceardlann CARO na Comhairle Oidhreachta d'Oifigigh Oidhreachta agus Bhithéagsúlachta maidir le Pleananna um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide a fhorbairt, a cuireadh ar siúl an 25 Aibreán 2023 i bPort Laoise. Pictiúr: Alf Harvey.

Mar thoradh ar rannpháirtíocht i meithleacha oibre an Phlean Oiriúnaithe Earnála um Athrú Aeráide don Oidhreacht Thógtha agus Seandálaíochta (ceann de naoi bplean earnála a foilsíodh in 2019 faoin gCreat Oiriúnaithe Náisiúnta) bhí ionchur ón gComhairle Oidhreachta chun oiliúint ar oidhreacht aeráide a mhúnlú d'fhoirne aeráide na n-údarás áitiúil. Cuireadh an oiliúint sin ar fáil trí bhíthin seimineár gréasáin i mí an Mheithimh 2023 mar chuid de chlár Oiliúna Gníomhaithe Aeráide na nÚdarás Áitiúil. Bhí trí mhodúl ann mar chuid den seimineár gréasáin: Tionchair an Athraithe Aeráide ar Oidhreacht, Crosbhealaí Oidhreacht Chultúrtha le Gníomhú agus Beartas Aeráide agus Gníomhartha Oiriúnaithe Aeráide a Fhorbairt don Oidhreacht.

Ag léiriú tuilleadh ár dtiomantas do spriocanna inbhuanaitheachta domhanda, le linn 2023 chuaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta isteach sa Chlár Curaidh um Spriocanna Forbartha Inbhuanaithe, a d'fhógair an tAire Eamon Ryan i mBealtaine 2023. Is é an ról atá ag Curadh SDG ná gníomhú mar ionadaí agus tionscnóir na SDGanna agus is sampla dea-chleachtais é den chaoi ar féidir le heagraíocht rannchuidiú leis na SDGanna agus iad a chomhtháthú ina gcuid oibre agus gníomhaíochtaí. Léiríonn an rannpháirtíocht seo ár dtiomantas chun cur le cuspóirí níos leithne na forbartha inbhuanaithe agus na maoirseachta comhshaoil ag leibhéal náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta araon.

Mar aitheantas ar chleachtais nuálacha i gcaomhnú na hoidhreachta, thug an Chomhairle Oidhreachta Duais nua Inbhuanaitheachta agus Aeráide isteach do chlár Ghradaim Sheachtain na hOidhreachta Náisiúnta. Déanann an dámhachtain seo, a bhronntar ar an gCumann um Chosaint Foirgnimh Ársa Éireann (SPAB Ireland) mar aitheantas ar a n-imeacht meitheal oibre ag

Muileann Rothaí Mill sa Chabhán, tionscadail a thugann samplaí de chur chuige inbhuanaithe chun oidhreacht na hÉireann a chaomhnú, a spreagann glacadh níos leithne lena leithéid de chleachtais.

Chuaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta i gcomhar leis an Lónra Oidhreachta Aeráide freisin, comhoibriú domhanda eagraíochtaí atá tiomanta d'oidhreacht chultúrtha a úsáid chun gníomhaíocht aeráide a thiomáint agus chun tacú leis an aistriú chuig todhchaí níos inbhuanaithe. Léiríonn an bhallraíocht sin ár gcreideamh i gcumhacht na hoidhreachta maidir le cleachtais inbhuanaithe a spreagadh, agus eolas a dhéanamh do na cleachtais sin.

Mar a tuairiscíodh in áit eile, dhírigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta freisin ar fhorbairt acmhainne trí oiliúint i scileanna tógála traidisiúnta agus an cúrsa tríú leibhéal in Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta na Sionainne dírithe ar acmhainn a fhorbairt sa tionscal tógála ar iarfheistiú réadmhaoine stairiúla. Tá na tionscnaimh seo mar chuid dár straitéis níos leithne chun teicníochtaí caomhnaithe inbhuanaithe a chur chun cinn a thugann meas ar shláine struchtúr stairiúil agus ag an am céanna a fheabhsaítear a n-éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh.



Bhuaigh an Cumann um Chosaint Foirgneamh Ársa, Éireann (SPAB Ireland) ár nGradam Inbhuanaitheachta agus Aeráide ag searmanas bronnta gradam na Seachtaine Oidhreachta Náisiúnta i Samhain 2023 i ngeall ar a n-obair ar Mhuileann Rothaí sa Chabhán.

Sainordú maidir le Gníomhú ar son na hAeráide san Earnáil Phoiblí

I gcomhréir le freagrachtaí na Comhairle Oidhreachta faoin Sainordú maidir le Gníomhú ar son na hAeráide san Earnáil Phoiblí, tá sonraí sa tuarascáil bhliantúil seo ar astaíochtaí Gáis Cheaptha Teasa, cur i bhfeidhm an tsainordaithe, gníomhaíochtaí inbhuanaitheachta agus comhlíonadh Chiorclán 1/2020: Nósanna imeachta chun astaíochtaí a bhaineann le haerthaisteal oifigiúil a fhritháireamh.

Ár gcuid Spriocanna

Leagtar amach i Sainordú Gníomhaíochta Aeráide na hEarnála Poiblí, mar atá leagtha amach ag Rialtas na hÉireann, spriocanna uaillmhianacha do gach comhlacht san earnáil phoiblí, lena n-áirítear laghdú 51% ar astaíochtaí gás ceaptha teasa (GCT) agus feabhsú 50% ar éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh faoi 2030. Tá sé mar aidhm aige freisin don earnáil phoiblí ceannaireacht a léiriú maidir le hastaíochtaí glan-nialais a bhaint amach faoi 2050.

Chomh maith leis na sonraí achoimre a chuirtear i láthair anseo, úsáideann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta Córas Monatóireachta agus Tuairiscithe na hEarnála Poiblí de chuid an SEAL, chun tuairisciú go bliantúil ar chur i bhfeidhm na riachtanas sainordaithe aonair. Tá sonraí iomlána maidir le húsáid fuinnimh, astaíochtaí, agus éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh don Chomhairle Oidhreachta agus don earnáil phoiblí ina hiomláine ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin an SEAL.

Ár bPobal

Bhunaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta Foireann Ghlas le hionadaíocht ó gach

rannán den eagraíocht agus ón mbainistíocht shinsearach. Tá oiliúint spriocdhírthe don Fhoireann Ghlas faighte ag an ngrúpa sin chun cuidiú leis an inbhuanaitheacht a spreagadh ar fud na heagraíochta agus tá glactha aige le Cairt Foirne Glas. Bhí baint lárnach ag an bhFoireann Ghlas lenár gclár oibre inbhuanaitheachta a bhrú chun cinn agus d'éirigh léi raon tionscnamh a chur i bhfeidhm atá dírithe ar ár lorg comhshaoil a laghdú agus inbhuanaitheacht a fheabhsú ar fud ár n-oibríochtaí.

Tá an Ceannasaí um Athrú Aeráide ainmnithe mar Churadóir Aeráide agus Inbhuanaitheachta na heagraíochta, agus é freagrach as an Sainordú um Gníomhaíocht Aeráide a chur i bhfeidhm agus a thuairisciú. Soláthraíodh oiliúint don Bhainistíocht Shinsearach ar fad i gceannaireacht Gníomhú ar son na hAeráide in 2023 agus cuirfear ar fáil í in éineacht le hoiliúint foirne ar fad le linn 2024. Tá prionsabail an tSoláthair Phoiblí Ghlais curtha i bhfeidhm do gach soláthar ar fud na heagraíochta, ag teacht le Treoir Soláthair Phoiblí Ghlas an GCC agus ullmhaíodh dréachtbheartas ar imeachtaí inbhuanaithe.

Mar a oibrímid

In 2023, leanadh lenár gcuid iarrachtaí chun ídiú agus astaíochtaí fuinnimh a laghdú, trí thionscnaimh amhail tionscadail choigilte fuinnimh agus trí bheartais taistil inbhuanaithe a chur i bhfeidhm, agus tá ár lorg comhshaoil á laghdú go seasta againn. B'ionann tomhaltas díreach fuinnimh na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus 0.002% d'úsáid iomlán fuinnimh na hearnála poiblí in 2023. D'ainneoin an chéatadáin bhig, tá ár

dtiomantas do chomhlíonadh na n-oibleagáidí atá leagtha amach i sainordú na hearnála poiblí faoi 2030 gan staonadh. Tá dhá ghné ag baint lenár dtiomantas: ní hamháin go bhfuil sé mar aidhm againn tionchar inláimhsithe a bheith againn trínár laghduithe díreacha ar úsáid fuinnimh, ach déanaimid ár ndícheall freisin chun fasach a leagan síos laistigh den earnáil oidhreachta agus den phobal i gcoitinne.

Tugann ár gceanncheathrú in iar-Phálás an Easpaig i gCill Chainnigh, foirgneamh stairiúil faoi chosaint, dúshlán dúinn maidir le hiarfheistiú le haghaidh éifeachtúlachta fuinnimh agus deis chun an cleachtas is fearr a léiriú i gcaomhnú oidhreachta tríd an struchtúr seo a oiriúnú don inbhuanaitheacht sa todhchaí. Féadfaidh ár n-iarrachtaí feidhmiú mar mhúnla don earnáil phoiblí, ag léiriú conas is féidir foirgnimh chosanta a bhainistiú go nuálaíoch chun caighdeán fuinnimh nua-aimseartha a chomhlíonadh agus a luach oidhreachta a chothabháil agus a fheabhsú.

Léirigh ár bhfeidhmíocht fuinnimh in 2023 tiomantas leanúnach do bhaint amach na spriocanna a leagadh síos don Earnáil Phoiblí. In ainneoin na ndúshlán a bhaineann le dul in oiriúint don timpeallacht oibre iar-phaindéime agus an leathnaithe suntasaigh dár gcuid gníomhaíochtaí, tá dul chun cinn déanta againn maidir lenár n-ídiú fuinnimh agus ár n-astaíochtaí fuinnimh a laghdú. Chuir ár dtionscadail coigilte fuinnimh le laghdú seasta ar ár n-úsáid fhoriomlán fuinnimh.

Chuir ár dtionscadail choigilte fuinnimh le laghdú seasmhach ar ár n-úsáid fuinnimh ar an iomlán. I dtaobh ídiú fuinnimh, chuireamar ídiú iomlán 200,000 kWh i gcuntas, arb ionann sin agus laghdú 9.5% anuas ó 2022 agus laghdú 32.7% ó bhliain bhonnlíne 2009. Léiríonn an laghdú seo ár n-iarrachtaí comhbheartaithe feabhas a chur ar ár n-éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh agus ár n-aistriú

chuig foinsí fuinnimh níos inbhuanaithe. Beidh laghduithe breise ag teastáil chun ár sprioc 2030 a bhaint. Is é gás nádúrtha go fóill atá i gceist le formhór ár n-úsáide fuinnimh do théamh, agus úsáidimid leictreachas don chuid eile. Tá deiseanna breise á bhfiosrú againn chun feabhas a chur ar éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh ár gceanncheathrún, agus meas á léiriú ar a stádas mar struchtúr tábhachtach stairiúil, ag cur leis an straitéis fuinnimh a coimisiúnaíodh in 2023. Mar chuid den phlean stoic tógála, tá sonraí á mbailiú ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta anois chun cabhrú le tionscadail iarfheistithe agus éifeachtúlachta fuinnimh a phleanáil.

Ba iad ár n-astaíochtaí CO₂ iomlána don bhliain 2023 33,134kg de CO₂, ar laghdú 15% é seo ó anuraidh, agus baineadh laghdú thart ar 18.57% amach ar astaíochtaí ón mbliain bhonnlíne, a léiríonn ár dtiomantas leanúnach dár dtionchar comhshaoil a íoslaghdú. Ba éard ba phríomhchúis leis an laghdú ar astaíochtaí ár mbearta éifeachtúlachta fuinnimh agus aistriú náisiúnta de réir a chéile i dtreo foinsí fuinnimh níos glaine. Teastóidh laghdú iomlán thart ar 37% ónár sprioc 2030 le laghdú 51% faoi bhun na bonnlíne a bhaint amach le sprioc 2030 a bhaint amach, arb ionann sin agus laghdú bliantúil thart ar 6.58% gach bliain. Táimid tiomanta i gcónaí do gach bealach a fhiosrú lenár n-astaíochtaí a laghdú níos mó, agus oibreoimid leis an SEAI leis na coigiltí riachtanacha a bhaint amach.

Ár gcuid Foirgneamh agus Feithiclí

Úsáidtear beartas taistil na Comhairle Oidhreachta chun úsáid taistil ghníomhach agus roghanna iompair phoiblí a chur chun cinn mar mhalairt ar úsáid carranna i measc fostaithe agus cuairteoirí, lena n-áirítear soláthar páirceáil rothair atá slán agus inrochtana ag ár n-áitreabh, agus suiteáil pointe luchtaithe do charranna leictreacha in 2023 lena n-úsáid ag an bhfoireann, ag

comhaltaí na Comhairle, agus ag aíonna.

Níl flít á fheidhmiú ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta, agus ní thuairiscítear astaíochtaí iompair trí chóras an SEAI faoi láthair, cé go ndéantar iompar gnó a thaifeadadh mar chuid dár bpróifíl astaíochtaí agus tá sí á scrúdú chun coigilteas a bhaint amach.

síorathrú a chruthaíonn athrú aeráide agus caillteanas bithéagsúlachta.

Ciorclán 1/2020 Nósanna imeachta chun astaíochtaí a bhaineann le haerthaisteal oifigiúil a fhritháireamh

Tá an Chomhairle Oidhreachta tiomanta do riachtanais na Roinne Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe (RCPA), chun na hastaíochtaí gáis cheaptha teasa a bhaineann le taisteal aeir an Rialtais a fhritháireamh. Thaistil foireann na Comhairle Oidhreachta 6,505 ciliméadar san aer in 2023 agus chruthaigh sin astaíochtaí 0.72 tonna de CO₂. Ba é dliteanas na Comhairle Oidhreachta, a ríomhadh agus úsáid á baint as an ráta de cháin charbóin a bhí i bhfeidhm ag an tráth (€48.5/tonna) €34.51 agus íocadh an dliteanas seo le Ciste Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide an Rialtais.

Ceannaireacht agus Comhoibriú

Téann tiomantas na Comhairle Oidhreachta do Shainordú Gníomhaíochta Aeráide na hEarnála Poiblí thar a teorainneacha oibriúcháin. Trí dhul i bhfeidhm ar ár bpáirtithe leasmhara in údarais áitiúla, eagraíochtaí oidhreachta agus an pobal i gcoitinne, tá sé mar aidhm againn cultúr inbhuanaitheachta agus feasachta aeráide a chothú ar fud na hearnála oidhreachta agus níos faide i gcéin. Lenár bPlean Straitéiseach 2023-2028, leagtar bonn stóinseach síos dár gcuid iarrachtaí agus táimid tiomanta do bheith ag obair i gcomhar lenár gcomhpháirtithe agus lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara chun ár spriocanna uailmhianacha a bhaint amach. Tá sé mar aidhm againn a chinntiú go gcaomhnaítear oidhreacht na hÉireann do na glúnta atá le teacht, fiú i bhfianaise na ndúshlán atá ag

Ag Tuairisciú ar Chúrsaí Pleanála



Chruinnigh Coiste Pleanála na Comhairle Oidhreachta ocht n-uaire le linn 2023.

Is comhlacht forordaithe í an Chomhairle Oidhreachta sa phróiseas pleanála, agus mar phríomhghné de ghníomhaíochtaí an Choiste Pleanála ba ea athbhreithniú a choimisiúnú ar an ngné seo dá chuid oibre. Cuireadh an t-athbhreithniú i gcrích in 2023. Rinne an Coiste Pleanála trácht ar dhréachtaí éagsúla den tuarascáil seo agus ag cruinniú boird na Comhairle Oidhreachta i mí Bealtaine pléadh na moltaí mionsonraithe. Chuir moltaí athbhreithniú na gcomhairleoirí le páipéar beartais de chuid na Comhairle Oidhreachta a d'aontaigh an Coiste agus a d'fhaomh bord na Comhairle Oidhreachta ina dhiaidh sin i mí na Samhna 2023. Socrófar leis sin conas a rachaidh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta i ngleic leis an gcóras pleanála mar chomhlacht forordaithe.

Le linn 2023, scrúdaigh an Coiste Pleanála an Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt ó thaobh na hoidhreachta de. Ullmhaíodh páipéar ar an mbille do chruinniú boird na Comhairle Oidhreachta i mí na Samhna. Éilíodh ath-dhréachtú den pháipéar le foilsiú an leagan athbhreithnithe den bhille. Rinneadh an méid sin in 2024.

I mí na Samhna, chuir an Chomhairle aighneacht chuig an bhFóram Comhairleoireachta Pleanála. I measc na réimsí eile a clúdaíodh sa phlé in 2023 bhí Limistéir Chaomhantais Ailtireachta agus ceist na bhfolúntas.

Rialachas Corparáideach



Is é beartas na Comhairle Oidhreachta ná na caighdeáin is airde rialachais chorparáidigh a choinneáil ar aon dul le polasaithe agus cleachtais a nglactar leo go ginearálta. Tá an Chomhairle tiomanta do chomhlíonadh na bhforálacha ábhartha de Chód Cleachtais 2016 um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit agus an Chóid Rialachais do Charthanais. Tá Coiste Iniúcháireachta, Riosca agus Airgeadais bunaithe ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta, a dhéanann athbhreithniú rialta ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh agus fostaítear saineolaithe seachtracha chun a chuid feidhmeanna a bhaint amach, lena n-áirítear an fheidhm iniúcháireachta inmheánaí, de réir mar is cuí. Tá an Chomhairle Oidhreachta comhlíontach ina hiomláine ó thaobh cánach de agus ní théann sí i mbun idirbhearta seachanta cánach ‘maslach’.

Íoc Pras 2023

Ceanglaítear ar an gComhairle Oidhreachta cloí le ceanglais Rialacháin I. R. Uimh. 580/2012 na gComhphobal Eorpach (Íocaíocht Dhéanach in Idirbhearta Tráchtála), 2012 agus a réamhtheachtaí, an tAcht um Íoc Pras Cuntas 1997 (ar a dtugtar na ‘Rialacháin’ le chéile). Is iad téarmaí caighdeánacha creidmheasa na Comhairle a ghlactar, mura sonraítear a mhalairt i socruithe conartha, ná 30 lá ón sonrasc a fháil. Tá nósanna imeachta curtha i bhfeidhm a thugann cinnteacht réasúnta i gcoinne neamhchomhlíonadh ábhartha na Rialachán. Cé go bhfuil na nósanna imeachta deartha chun comhlíonadh na Rialachán a chinntiú, ní féidir leo ach dearbhú réasúnta agus ní dearbhú iomlán a sholáthar maidir le neamhchomhlíonadh Acht 1997 agus I.R. Uimh. 580/2012.

Léiríonn athbhreithniú ar na híocaíochtaí go léir a rinneadh i rith na bliana dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2023 3,730 íocaíocht arbh fhiú €5,034,023 san iomlán iad as a n-eascaíonn pionós úis de €520 faoi na rialacháin thuasluaite.

Le feidhm ón 1 Iúil 2011, ceanglaíodh ar an gComhairle Oidhreachta cloí le Cinntí an rialtais S29296 maidir leis an riail um íoc pras 15 lá. Tá na nochtuithe a éilítear sa Mheabhrán Rialtais (MoG) a thacaíonn leis na cinntí thuas don tréimhse 1 Eanáir 2023 go 31 Nollaig 2023 sonraithe sa tábla ar an gcéad leathanach eile.

Sonraí	Líon	Luach (€)	Céatadán (%) den líon iomlán íocaíochtaí a rinneadh
Líon íocaíochtaí a rinneadh laistigh de 15 lá	3,249	3,670,993	87
Líon na n-íocaíochtaí a rinneadh laistigh de idir 16 agus 30 lá	369	866,175	10
Líon na n-íocaíochtaí a rinneadh i ndiaidh 30 lá ar gearradh ús íocaíochta déanaí orthu	6	49,737	0
Líon na n-íocaíochtaí a rinneadh i ndiaidh 30 lá nár gearradh ús íocaíochta déanaí orthu	106	447,118	3
Iomlán	3,730	5,034,023	100

Ballraíocht sa Chomhairle

Amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023, bhí 7 (64%) comhalta ban agus ceathrar (36%) comhalta fir sa Chomhairle. Mar sin níl sprioc an Rialtais bainte amach ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta maidir le hionadaíocht 40% ar a laghad do gach inscne ar bhoird stáit. Leanfaidh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ag obair lena máthair-roinn lena chinntiú go mbainfear amach na spriocanna seo de réir mar a dhéanfar ceapacháin don Chomhairle amach anseo.

In 2023, shínigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta Meabhráin Tuisceana (MoU) leis na comhpháirtithe seo a leanas:

- ▶ Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta (féach an chuid ‘Ag Tacú leis an Earnáil Oidhreachta’ thuas)
- ▶ Clár Fionnachtana (féach an chuid ‘Ag Tacú leis an Earnáil Oidhreachta’ thuas)
- ▶ Irish Landmark Trust (féach an chuid ‘Ag Tacú leis an Earnáil Oidhreachta’ thuas)
- ▶ An Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Muirí (Féach an chuid ‘Scéimeanna Deontais’ thuas)
- ▶ Iontaobhas Burrenbeo - Clár ‘Coimeádaithe na hOidhreachta’ (Féach an chuid ‘Cláir Straitéiseacha’ thuas)
- ▶ Tá Comhaontuithe Leibhéal Seirbhíse aonair i bhfeidhm ag Údaráis Áitiúla d’Oifigigh Bithéagsúlachta agus Oifigigh Oidhreachta. (Féach sonraí ar ár gCláir Oifigeach Oidhreachta agus Bithéagsúlachta Údaráis Áitiúil sa rannán ‘Cláir Straitéiseacha’ thuas)
- ▶ Ollscoil Mhá Nuad - Obair ar oidhreacht faoi úinéireacht phríobháideach (féach an rannán ‘Ag Tacú leis an Earnáil Oidhreachta’ thuas)
- ▶ An Chomhairle um Thaighde in Éirinn – cistiú Comhairle Oidhreachta
- ▶ Fondúireacht an Rí - Clár Scileanna Oidhreachta Uile-Éireann (Féach an rannán ‘Oiliúint agus Uasoiliúint’ thuas)
- ▶ Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann - Baineann Meabhrán Tuisceana le tacaíocht na Comhairle Oidhreachta do sheachadadh Chlár Lónra Cartlainne Pobail na hÉireann (Féach an rannán ‘Cláir Straitéiseacha’ thuas)

I ndáil leis na heagraíochtaí a fhaigheann maoiniú ón gComhairle Oidhreachta, mar atá le feiceáil sa rannán ‘Ag Tacú leis an Earnáil Oidhreachta’ thuas, liostaítear anseo thíos na Príomhfheidhmeannaigh, iontaobhaithe, boird stiúrthóirí agus comhaltaí boird na n-eagraíochtaí ábhartha in 2023.

Ionad Sonraí na Bithéagsúlachta Náisiúnta, Bord na Stiúrthóirí

John McCarthy
(Cathaoirleach)
Ciara Carberry
Dr Colm Lordan
Ted Massey
James Moran
Máire Ní Bhraonáin
Dr Micheál Lehane
Geraldine Tallon
Professor Yvonne Buckley
Collette Byrne
Dr Liam Lysaght (POF)

Clár Fionnachtana, Stiúrthóireacht

Tom Dowling
(Cathaoirleach)
Professor Eszter Bánffy
Robert Chestnutt
Professor Gabriel Cooney
Dr Stephen Mandal
Dr Nessa O'Connor
Steven Roberts
Rhonda Robinson
Paul Walsh
Dr John O'Keeffe (POF)

Irish Landmark Trust, Iontaobhaithe

Michael O'Boyle
(Cathaoirleach)
Galen Bales
Emer Bell
David Canty
William Cumming
Niall Meagher
Paul Murphy
Mona O'Rourke
Primrose Wilson
Marian Quinn
Caroline McErlean
David Lowe
Ethna Murphy
Niamh Lunny (POF)

Ráitis Airgeadais na Comhairle Oidhreachta Don Bhliain dar Críoch 31 Nollaig 2023

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Eolas Ginearálta

Comhaltaí na Comhairle

Martina Moloney
Michael Farrell
John Patrick Greene
Fionnuala May
Deirdre McDermott
Dr Patricia O'Hare
John G Pierce
Sheila Pratschke
Dr Mary Tubridy
Mark Scott

Rúnaí na Comhairle

Michael O'Brien

Dlíodóirí

Byrne Wallace
88 Sráid Fhearchair
Baile Átha Cliath 2
D02 DK18

Baincéirí

Banc na hÉireann
46 Sráid na Parlaiminte
Cill Chainnigh
R95 K857

Iniúcháirí

An tArd-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste
3A Sráid an Mhéara Uachtarach
Baile Átha Cliath 1

Tuarascáil Ráitis Rialachais agus Chomhaltaí na Comhairle

Bunaíodh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta faoin Acht Oidhreachta 1995. Leagtar amach feidhmeanna na Comhairle in alt 6 den Acht sin. Tá an Chomhairle freagrach don Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta agus tá sí freagrach as dea-rialachas a chinntiú agus comhlíonann sí an tasc seo trí chuspóirí agus spriocanna straitéiseacha a leagan síos agus trí chinntí straitéiseacha a dhéanamh arglach príomhcheist gnó. Is iad an Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin (POF) agus an fhoireann bhainistíochta shinsearach atá freagrach as bainistiú, rialú agus stiúradh laethúil na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Ní mór don POF agus don fhoireann bhainistíochta shinsearach an treoir leathan straitéiseach atá leagtha síos ag an gComhairle a leanúint, agus ní mór dóibh a chinntiú go bhfuil tuiscint shoiléir ag comhaltaí uile na Comhairle ar na príomhghníomhaíochtaí agus ar na príomhchinntí a bhaineann leis an eintiteas, agus ar aon rioscaí suntasacha a d'fhéadfadh teacht chun cinn. Feidhmíonn an POF mar idirghabhálaí díreach idir an Chomhairle agus bainistíocht na Comhairle Oidhreachta.

Freagrachtaí na Comhairle

Tá obair agus freagrachtaí na Comhairle leagtha amach sna Buan-Orduithe agus sna Feidhmeanna Forchoimeádta, ina bhfuil freisin na hábhair atá forchoimeádta go sonrach don Chomhairle. Áirítear an méid seo a leanas i measc na nithe arna meas ag an gComhairle:

- dearbhú leasanna,
- tuarascálacha ó choistí,
- tuarascálacha airgeadais,
- cuntais bhainistíochta agus,
- ábhar forchoimeádta.

Le hAlt 21 den Acht Oidhreachta, ceanglaítear ar Chomhairle na Comhairle Oidhreachta chun, i bhfoirm ar bith a cheadóidh an tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta le toiliú an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe, na cuntais go léir is cuí agus is gnách a choimeád ar an airgead a fhaigheann sé agus a chaithfidh sé.

Agus na ráitis airgeadais seo á n-ullmhú, ceanglaítear an méid seo a leanas ar Chomhairle na Comhairle Oidhreachta:

- beartais cuntasáíochta oiriúnacha a roghnú agus a chur i bhfeidhm go leanúnach,
- breithiúnais agus meastacháin a thabhairt atá réasúnta agus críonna,
- na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn gnóthais leantaigh ach amháin má tá sé míchuí a thiomhdiú go leanfaidh sé de bheith ag feidhmiú agus,
- a lua ar leanadh caighdeán chuntasaíochta infheidhmithe, faoi réir aon imeacht ábhartha a nochtar agus a mhínítear sna ráitis airgeadais.

Tá an Chomhairle freagrach as taifid chuntasaíochta imleor a choinneáil a nochtann, le cruinneas réasúnta ag am ar bith, a staid airgeadais agus a chuireann ar a cumas a chinntiú go gcomhlíonann

Tuarascáil Ráitis Rialachais agus Chomhaltaí na Comhairle ar lean

Freagrachtaí na Comhairle ar lean

na ráitis airgeadais Alt 21 den Acht Oidhreachta, 1995. Is í an Chomhairle atá freagrach as cothabháil agus sláine na faisnéise corparáidí agus airgeadais ar shuíomh Gréasáin na Comhairle Oidhreachta.

Tá an Chomhairle freagrach as an bplean bliantúil a ghlacadh, chomh maith leis an mbuiséad.

Tá an Chomhairle freagrach freisin as a sócmhainní a chosaint agus mar sin as céimeanna réasúnta a ghlacadh chun calaois agus neamhrialtachtaí eile a chosc agus a bhrath. Measann an Chomhairle go dtugann ráitis airgeadais na Comhairle Oidhreachta léargas fíor agus cothrom ar fheidhmíocht airgeadais agus staid airgeadais na Comhairle Oidhreachta an 31 Nollaig 2023.

Struchtúr na Comhairle

Tá an Chomhairle comhdhéanta de chathaoirleach agus suas le deichniúr gnáthchomhalta a cheap an tAire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta go léir. Ceapadh Comhaltaí na Comhairle ar feadh tréimhse 5 bliana agus chruinnigh siad naoi n-uair in 2023. Léirítear tréimhse ceapacháin na gcomhaltaí sa tábla thíos:

Ainm	Ról	Ceaptha Ar dTús	Ath-cheaptha
Martina Moloney	Cathaoirleach	03/11/2020	-
Michael Farrell	Gnáth-Chomhalta	03/11/2020	-
John Patrick Greene	Gnáth-Chomhalta	03/11/2020	-
Fionnuala May	Gnáth-Chomhalta	19/07/2016	03/11/2020
Deirdre McDermott	Gnáth-Chomhalta	03/11/2020	-
Dr Patricia O'Hare	Gnáth-Chomhalta	03/11/2020	-
John G Pierce	Gnáth-Chomhalta	03/11/2020	-
Sheila Pratschke	Gnáth-Chomhalta	03/11/2020	-
Dr Mary Tubridy	Gnáth-Chomhalta	03/11/2020	-
Mark Scott	Gnáth-Chomhalta	28/03/2023	-

Ceapadh Sammy Leslie mar ghnáth-chomhalta den chéad uair an 3 Samhain 2020 agus d'éirigh sé as an 9 Feabhra 2024.

Tuascáil Ráitis Rialachais agus Chomhaltaí na Comhairle ar lean

Freagrachtaí na Comhairle ar lean

Tá dhá choiste bunaithe ag an gComhairle mar a leanas:

1. Tá triúr chomhaltaí na Comhairle agus comhalta amháin seachtrach mar chuid den *Choiste Iniúchóireachta, Riosca & Airgeadais (ARFC)*. Freastalaíonn Cathaoirleach na Comhairle ar na cruinnithe freisin. Is é ról an ARFC tacú leis an gComhairle maidir lena freagrachtaí maidir le saincheisteanna riosca, rialaithe agus rialachais agus an dearbhaithe a bhaineann leis. Tá an ARFC neamhspleách ó bhainistíocht airgeadais na heagraíochta. Go háirithe, cinntíonn an Coiste go ndéantar monatóireacht ghníomhach agus neamhspleách ar chórais rialaithe inmheánaigh lena n-áirítear gníomhaíochtaí iniúchóireachta. Tuairiscíonn an ARFC chuig an gComhairle i ndiaidh gach cruinnithe. Ceapadh Michael Farrell mar Chathaoirleach an ARFC an 11 Samhain 2021. Comhaltaí eile den ARFC is iad John Patrick Greene, Patricia O'Hare agus Phil Walsh (comhalta seachtrach) a ceapadh an 15 Eanáir 2021. Freastalaíonn Cathaoirleach na Comhairle ar chruinnithe an ARFC.
2. An 6 Lúnasa 2021, bhunaigh an Chomhairle Coiste Pleanála. Is é ról an Choiste comhairle a thabhairt maidir le húsáid stádas na Comhairle mar chomhlacht forordaithe faoi na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt. Tuairiscíonn an Coiste chuig an gComhairle i ndiaidh gach cruinnithe. Is iad Fionnuala May (Cathaoirleach), Deirdre McDermot, Sammy Leslie, Mary Tubridy agus Rachel Kenny comhaltaí an Choiste.

Leagtar amach sceideal tinrimh na gcruinnithe Comhairle agus Coiste don bhliain 2023 thíos. Áirítear na speansas arna bhfáil ag gach comhalta i Nóta 9 de na ráitis airgeadais

Tuarascáil Ráitis Rialachais agus Chomhaltaí na Comhairle ar lean

Ainm	An Chomhairle	ARFC	An Coiste Pleanála	Speansas Éilíthe (€)
Líon na gcuinnithe	9	6	8	
Martina Moloney	9	6	n/a	3,543
Michael Farrell	7	6	n/a	587
John Patrick Greene	7	4	n/a	280
Sammy Leslie	7	n/a	3	-
Fionnuala May	8	n/a	8	-
Deirdre McDermott	9	n/a	7	-
Dr Patricia O'Hare	9	6	n/a	16
John G Pierce	9	n/a	n/a	-
Sheila Pratschke	8	n/a	n/a	2,645
Dr Mary Tubridy	8	N /a	8	-
Mark Scott*	5	n/a	4	-
Phil Walsh	n/a	6	n/a	-
Rachel Kenny	n/a	n/a	6	-

* Ceaptha an 23 Márta 2023

Feidhmíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta freisin mar Rúnaíocht don Choiste Comhairleach reachtúil ar Aisdúichiú agus Aisdúichiú (ACRR). Bhunaigh an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ACRR an 23 Meitheamh 2023. Is iad Patricia O'Hare (comhalta den Chomhairle) agus Virginia Teehan (POF) ionadaithe na Comhairle Oidhreachta ar an gCoiste. Is éard atá i dtéarmaí tagartha an choiste comhairle a thabhairt don Rialtas maidir le saincheistanna a bhaineann le hathbhunú réad íogair cultúrtha, dréacht-chomhairle beartais agus treoirlínte náisiúnta maidir le réadmhaoin oidhreachta cultúrtha a athbhunú in Éirinn a d'fhéadfadh a bheith meallta nó trádáilte go neamhdhleathach nó go mí-eiticiúil, agus treoir a thabhairt d'institiúidí cultúrtha, lena n-áirítear na Forais Chultúrtha Náisiúnta ar raon ábhar a bhaineann le taighde dualfhoinsé. Chruinnigh an ACRR dá chéad chruinniú an 4 Nollaig 2023.

Tuarascáil Ráitis Rialachais agus Chomhaltaí na Comhairle ar lean

Príomh-Athruithe Foirne

Le linn 2023, líonadh post amháin ar an bhFoireann Bainistíochta, ar a raibh an Ceannasaí Taighde, Foghlama agus Oidhreachta Cultúrtha. Chuaigh an t-oifigeach roimhe sin ar scor i ndiaidh 26 bliana seirbhíse don Chomhairle Oidhreachta.

Nochtadh a Éilítear faoin gCód Cleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit (2016)

Tá an Chomhairle freagrach as a chinntiú go gcomhlíonann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ceanglais an Chóid Cleachtais chun Comhlachtaí Stáit a Rialú (“an Cód”), arna fhoilsiú ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe i mí Lúnasa 2016 agus foilsíodh san larscríbhinn in 2020. Éilítear na nochtuithe seo a leanas ag an gcód:

Sochair Ghearr-Théarmacha Fostaithe

Áirítear miondealú ar shochair Fostaithe Ghearrthéarmacha i Nóta 9 de na ráitis airgeadais.

Costais na Sainchomhairleoireachta

Áirítear le costais shainchomhairleoireachta costas comhairle sheachtrach don bhainistíocht sna réimsí seo a leanas agus ní áirítear leo feidhmeanna ‘gnó mar is gnách’ a fhoinsítear go seachtrach:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Comhairle dlí	7,686	6,015
Comhairle dlí maidir le bunú an NBDC mar chuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta	44,882	85,846
Comhairle sainchomhairleoireachta maidir le bunú an NBDC mar chuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta	0	49,815
Feabhsú gnó & Rialachas	37,776	20,176
Acmhainní Daonna & Earcaíocht	34,109	40,261
Iniúcháireacht Inmheánach	24,184	36,040
Measúnuithe S1003	2,676	400
Pinsin	11,978	8,919
Soláthar	7,594	0
Iomlán	170,885	247,472

Áirítear ar Chostais Shainchomhairleoireachta Táillí Gairmiúla (€85,592) agus Táillí Dlí (€52,569) a nochtar i Nóta 8 leis na ráitis airgeadais; agus Costais Earcaíochta (€32,725) nochtar i Nóta 9 (a) leis na ráitis airgeadais. Baineann costais shainchomhairleoireachta eile a áirítear i Nóta 8 agus Nóta 10 leis na ráitis airgeadais le feidhmeanna ‘gnó mar is gnách’ seachfhoinsithe.

Tuarascáil Ráitis Rialachais agus Chomhaltaí na Comhairle ar lean

Caiteachas Taistil agus Caolmhaireachtála

Déantar an caiteachas taistil agus caolmhaireachtála a chatagóiriú mar a leanas:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Baile		
Comhairle & Coiste*	15,410	9,105
Foireann	64,264	33,219
Idirnáisiúnta		
Comhairle & Coiste	0	0
Foireann	3,452	1,351
Iomlán	83,126	43,675

*Áirítear leis sin taisteal agus cothabháil de €7,351 a íocadh go díreach le comhaltaí na Comhairle agus an Choiste in 2023 (2022: €5,285).

Costais Dlí agus Socraíochtaí

Níor thabhaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta aon chostais dlí, socraíochtaí ná íocaíochtaí idir-réitigh agus eadrána a bhain le conarthaí le tríú páirtithe. Tá gach costas a bhaineann le comhairle dlí ghinearálta a fhaigheann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta cuimsithe sna costais Sainchomhairleoireachta thuas.

Caiteachas Fáilteachais

Cuimsítear sa Ráiteas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais caiteachas fáilteachais de €6,765 (€5,013 in 2022). Ní éascaíonn cineál an chaiteachais fáilteachais deighilt fhiúntach idir an fhoireann agus na cliaint mar a éilítear leis an gCód Cleachtais. Éilítear leis an gCód Cleachtais chun Comhlachtaí Stáit a Rialú go gcuimseofar costais a bhaineann leis an gClár Leasa Fostaithe faoin gcatagóir seo.

Comhardú Inscne, Éagsúlacht agus Cuimsiú

Tá sé (60%) bhean agus 4 (40%) fhear ar chomhaltaí na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Comhlíonann an Chomhairle sprioc an Rialtais maidir le hionadaíocht 40% ar a laghad de gach inscne i mballraíocht na mBord Stáit.

Tuarascáil Ráitis Rialachais agus Chomhaltaí na Comhairle ar lean

Ráiteas um Chomhlíonadh

Chomhlíon an Chomhairle ceanglais an Chóid Cleachtais chun Comhlachtaí Stáit a Rialú, arna fhoilsiú ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe i mí Lúnasa 2016 agus foilsíodh a larscríbhinn in 2020.



Martina Moloney
Cathaoirleach na Comhairle
27 Meitheamh 2024



Michael Farrell
Comhalta den Chomhairle
27 Meitheamh 2024

Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach

Scóip na Freagrachta

Thar ceann na Comhairle Oidhreachta, admhaím freagracht na Comhairle as a chinntiú go ndéanfar córas éifeachtach rialaithe inmheánaigh a choinneáil ar bun agus a fheidhmiú. Cuirtear san áireamh sa fhreagracht sin ceanglais an Chóid Chleachtais chun Comhlachtaí Stáit a Rialú (2016).

Aidhm an Chórais Rialaithe Inmheánaigh

Tá an córas rialaithe inmheánaigh deartha chun riosca a bhainistiú go dtí leibhéal réasúnta seachas deireadh a chur leis. Ní féidir, dá bhrí sin, ach dearbhú réasúnta seachas dearbhú iomlán a thabhairt leis an gcóras go bhfuil sócmhainní á gcosaint, go bhfuil idirbhearta á n-údarú agus á dtaifeadadh i gceart, agus go ndéanfar earráidí nó neamhrialtachtaí ábhartha a chosc nó a bhrath ar bhealach tráthúil.

Bhí an córas rialaithe inmheánaigh, atá ag teacht le treoir arna heisiúint ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe, i bhfeidhm sa Chomhairle Oidhreachta don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2023 agus suas go dtí dáta faofa na ráiteas airgeadais.

An Cumas Riosca a Láimhseáil

Tá Coiste Iniúchóireachta, Riosca agus Airgeadais (ARFC) ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta ar a bhfuil trí bhall den Chomhairle, duine acu ina Chathaoirleach, agus ball seachtrach amháin ag a bhfuil saineolas airgeadais agus iniúchóireachta. Tháinig an ARFC le chéile 6 huaire in 2023.

Chomh maith leis sin, tá comhairleoirí seachtracha ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta chun an fheidhm iniúchóireachta inmheánaí dhéanamh, feidhm ag a bhfuil dóthain acmhainní agus a reáchtálann clár oibre a chomhaontaítear leis an ARFC.

Tá beartas bainistíochta riosca forbartha ag an ARFC lena leagtar amach a inghlacthacht riosca, na próisis bainistíochta riosca atá i bhfeidhm agus ina sonraíonn ról agus freagrachtaí na foirne maidir le riosca. Rinne an Chomhairle an Beartas Bainistíochta Riosca agus an Creat Oibriúcháin sin a athbhreithniú agus a fhaomhadh an 30 Márta 2023 agus an 7 Nollaig 2023.

Creat Riosca agus Rialaithe

Tá córas bainistíochta riosca curtha i bhfeidhm ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta lena sainithnítear agus trína dtuairiscítear príomhrioscaí agus na gníomhaíochtaí bainistíochta atá á nglacadh chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar na rioscaí sin agus, a mhéid is féidir, chun na rioscaí sin a mhaolú.

Tá clár rioscaí i bhfeidhm lena sainithnítear na príomhrioscaí atá roimh an gComhairle Oidhreachta agus rinneadh iad sin a shainaithint, a mheasúnú agus a ghrádú de réir a dtábhachta. Déanann an ARFC an clár a athbhreithniú agus a nuashonrú gach dhá bhliain. Úsáidtear toradh na measúnuithe sin chun acmhainní a phleanáil agus a leithdháileadh lena chinntiú go ndéanfar rioscaí a bhainistiú go dtí leibhéal inghlactha. Rinne an Chomhairle an Clár Riosca a athbhreithniú agus a fhaomhadh an 6 Iúil 2023 agus an 9 Samhain 2023.

Sonraítear sa chlár rioscaí na rialuithe agus na gníomhaíochtaí is gá chun rioscaí a mhaolú agus an fhreagracht as rialuithe a shanntar do bhaill foirne ar leith a fheidhmiú. Deimhním go bhfuil timpeallacht rialaithe i bhfeidhm ina bhfuil na gnéithe seo a leanas:

Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach ar lean

Creat Riosca agus Rialaithe ar lean

- nósanna imeachta maidir le gach príomhphróiseas gnó doiciméadaithe,
- sannadh freagrachtaí airgeadais ar leibhéal na bainistíochta le cuntasacht chomhfhreagrach,
- tá córas buiséadaithe cuí ann lena bhfuil buiséad bliantúil, ar a ndéanann lucht bainistíocht sinsearaí athbhreithniú,
- tá córais ann a dhírítear ar shlándáil na gcóras teicneolaíochta faisnéise agus cumarsáide a áirithiú,
- tá córais i bhfeidhm chun na sócmhainní a chosaint, agus
- le nósanna imeachta um rialú ar mhaoiniú deontais do ghníomhaireachtaí seachtracha, cinntear go ndéantar rialú leordhóthanach ar fhaomhadh deontas agus monatóireacht agus athbhreithniú ar dheontaithe lena chinntiú gur cuireadh maoiniú deontais i bhfeidhm don chuspóir a bhí beartaithe.

Monatóireacht agus Athbhreithniú Leanúnach

Cuireadh nósanna imeachta foirmiúla ar bun chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar phróisis rialaithe, agus cuirtear easnaimh rialaithe in iúl dóibh siúd atá freagrach as beart ceartaitheach a dhéanamh agus don lucht bainistíocht agus don Chomhairle, más ábhartha, in am agus i dtráth. Deimhním go bhfuil na córais monatóireachta leanúnaí seo a leanas i bhfeidhm:

- sainaitníodh príomhrioscaí agus rialuithe gaolmhara, agus cuireadh próisis i bhfeidhm chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar oibriú na bpríomhrialuithe sin agus chun aon easnaimh a sainaitníodh a thuairisciú,
- cuireadh socruithe tuairiscithe ar bun ar gach leibhéal inar sannadh freagracht as bainistíocht airgeadais, agus
- déanann an lucht bainistíochta sinsearaí athbhreithnithe rialta ar thuarascálacha feidhmíochta agus airgeadais tréimhsiúla agus bliantúla ina léirítear an fheidhmíocht i gcoinne buiséid.

Soláthar

Deimhním go bhfuil nósanna imeachta curtha i bhfeidhm ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta lena chinntiú go gcomhlíonfar na rialacha agus na treoirlínte reatha soláthair.

Athbhreithniú ar Éifeachtúlacht

Deimhním go bhfuil nósanna imeachta i bhfeidhm ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta chun monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar éifeachtúlacht a nósanna imeachta um bainistíocht agus rialú riosca. Bunaítear monatóireacht agus athbhreithniú na Comhairle Oidhreachta ar éifeachtúlacht an chórais rialaithe inmheánaigh ar obair na n-íniúcháirí inmheánacha agus seachtracha, an ARFC a dhéanann maoirseacht ar a gcuid oibre, agus an lucht bainistíochta sinsearaí laistigh den Chomhairle Oidhreachta atá freagrach as gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh a fhorbairt agus a choinneáil ar bun.

Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach ar lean

Athbhreithniú ar Éifeachtúlacht ar lean

Deimhním go ndearna an Chomhairle athbhreithniú bliantúil ar éifeachtúlacht na rialuithe inmheánacha do 2023 an 28 Márta 2024 arbh éard a bhí i gceist leis ná Athbhreithniú ar an gCeistneoir ar Rialuithe Inmheánacha Airgeadais agus Rialú Inmheánach.

Iniúcháireacht Inmheánach agus Sheachtrach

Rinne an Chomhairle Oidhreachta a feidhm iniúcháireachta inmheánaí a seachfhoinsiú, feidhm ag a bhfuil acmhainní leordhóthanacha agus a reáchtálann clár oibre bunaithe ar riosca a chomhaontaítear leis an gCoiste ARF. Tá Iniúchadh Inmheánach freagrach don AFRC as meastóireacht neamhspleách agus oibiachtúil maidir leis na próisis bainistíochta riosca, rialaithe agus rialachais laistigh den Chomhairle Oidhreachta a sholáthar. Leis an Iniúcháireacht Inmheánach, scrúdaítear leordhóthanacht, éifeachtúlacht agus éifeachtacht na gcóras, na ndaoine agus na bpróiseas chun rioscaí féideartha agus réimsí le haghaidh feabhais a shainaithint. Le 2023, rinne an tIniúcháir Inmheánach iniúchadh oibríochtúil amháin agus athbhreithniú amháin ar rialuithe inmheánacha agus thuairiscigh sé a chuid torthaí agus moltaí don AFRC.

Ina measc sin bhí:

- Athbhreithniú ar Chibearshlándáil- Gan aon torthaí nó moltaí lenar bhain tosaíocht ard, seacht gcinn lenar bhain tosaíocht mheasartha agus trí cinn lenar bhaint tosaíocht íseal.
- Athbhreithniú ar an gCóras Rialaithe Inmheánaigh (CRI)- Gan aon torthaí nó moltaí lenar bhain tosaíocht ard, ceann amháin lenar bhain tosaíocht mheasartha agus ceithre cinn lenar bhaint tosaíocht íseal.

De thoradh ar an Athbhreithniú ar Chibearshlándáil, d'fhostaigh an ARFC sainchuideachta chun aon bhearnaí a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann idir bonneagar TFC agus córais slándála na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus na Caighdeáin Bhonnlíne Cibearshlándála (Samhain 2021) arna n-eisiúint ag Rialtas na hÉireann a shainaithint. Bhreithnigh an ARFC torthaí an athbhreithnithe sin agus ghlac sé leo ag a chruinniú i mí Feabhra 2024. Tugadh chun suntais sa Tuarascáil agus sna bréagionsaithe tástála gaolmhara roinnt bearnaí agus soláthraíodh leo plean gníomhaíochta tosaíochta don Chomhairle Oidhreachta chun feabhas a chur ar a staid cibearshlándála d'fhonn an caighdeán bonnlíne a chomhlíonadh ar bhealach níos fearr.

Le linn 2023, thuairiscigh an tArd-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste don AFRC maidir le haon torthaí agus tuairimí óna scrúdú ar phróisis ghnó agus airgeadais mar chuid den iniúcháireacht sheachtrach ar Ráitis Airgeadais 2022.

Déanann ARFC athbhreithniú ar chur chun feidhme na moltaí iniúcháireachta atá fós le réiteach ag gach cruinniú. Áirítear leis an athbhreithniú sin nuashonruithe ar ghníomhaíochtaí a glacadh chun moltaí atá fós le réiteach a chur chun feidhme agus nuashonruithe ar amlínte feidhmithe.

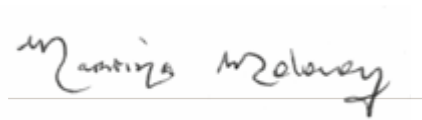
Nuair a síníodh na Ráitis Airgeadais, ní raibh aon laigí “Ardtosaíochta” sainaitheanta le hiniúchadh na bliana roimhe sin a rinne an tArd-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste agus iniúchtaí inmheánacha a rinneadh le linn 2023.

Ráiteas ar Rialú Inmheánach ar lean

Soláthar

Chloígh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta go substaintiúil leis na treoirlínte soláthair. Rinne an Feidhmeannach athbhreithniú ar chaiteachas 2023 do sholáthraithe agus cuireadh faoi bhráid an Choiste Iniúchóireachta, Riosca agus Airgeadais é i mí an Mhárta 2024. Níor sainaithníodh leis an athbhreithniú sin aon chaiteachas a tabhaíodh maidir le hearraí agus seirbhísí i gcás nár chomhlíon na nósanna imeachta a úsáideadh na treoirlínte soláthair.

Tá sé ina ardtosaíocht ag an gComhairle cloí le treoirlínte soláthair phoiblí. Rinneadh dul chun cinn suntasach sa réimse sin le roinnt blianta anuas agus tá beartais agus nósanna imeachta láidre tugtha isteach agus curtha chun feidhme. Leanfar le dlúthmhonatóireacht a dhéanamh ar an réimse seo agus déanfar beart chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar réimsí inar sainaithníodh neamhchomhlíonadh.



Martina Moloney
Cathaoirleach na Comhairle
27 Meitheamh 2024



Ard Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste **Comptroller and Auditor General**

Report for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

Heritage Council

Opinion on the financial statements

I have audited the financial statements of the Heritage Council for the year ended 31 December 2023 as required under the provisions of section 21 of the Heritage Act 1995. The financial statements comprise

- the statement of income and expenditure and retained revenue reserves
- the statement of comprehensive income
- the statement of financial position
- the statement of cash flows, and
- the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Heritage Council at 31 December 2023 and of its income and expenditure for 2023 in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 — *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland*.

Basis of opinion

I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as promulgated by the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions. My responsibilities under those standards are described in the appendix to this report. I am independent of the Heritage Council and have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the standards.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Report on information other than the financial statements, and on other matters

The Heritage Council has presented certain other information together with the financial statements. This comprises the annual report, the governance statement and Council members' report, and the statement on internal control. My responsibilities to report in relation to such information, and on certain other matters upon which I report by exception, are described in the appendix to this report.

I have nothing to report in that regard.

Paula O'Connor
For and on behalf of the
Comptroller and Auditor General

28 June 2024

Appendix to the report

Responsibilities of Council members

As detailed in the governance statement and Council members' report, the Council members are responsible for

- the preparation of annual financial statements in the form prescribed under section 21 of the Heritage Act 1995
- ensuring that the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with FRS 102
- ensuring the regularity of transactions
- assessing whether the use of the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate, and
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

I am required under section 21 of the Heritage Act 1995 to audit the financial statements of the Heritage Council and to report thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas.

My objective in carrying out the audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud or error. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the ISAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. In doing so,

- I identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks; and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal controls.
- I evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures.

- I conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, on whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Heritage Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Heritage Council to cease to continue as a going concern.
- I evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I report by exception if, in my opinion,

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- the accounting records were not sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Information other than the financial statements

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information presented with those statements, and I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, I am required under the ISAs to read the other information presented and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or with knowledge obtained during the audit, or if it otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work I have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact.

Reporting on other matters

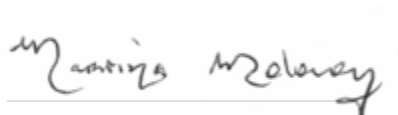
My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation. I report if I identify any material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit. I report if I identify any material instance where public money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them.

Ráiteas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais agus Cúlchistí Ioncaim Coinnithe Don Bhliain Dar Críoch 31 Nollaig 2023

	Nótaí	2023 €	2022 €
Ioncam			
Deontais an Oireachtais	2	14,863,820	12,133,510
Ioncam Eile	3	314,802	894,308
Glanmhaoiniú iarchurtha do phinsin	10 (c)	<u>408,000</u>	<u>509,000</u>
Ioncam Iomlán		15,586,622	13,536,818
Caiteachas			
Deontais	5	8,193,980	6,608,179
Forbairt Beartas	6(a)	161,376	99,032
Cláir	6(b)	2,211,596	1,565,732
Tacaíocht do Bhonneagar Oidhreachta	6(c)	<u>1,504,756</u>	<u>2,575,076</u>
Iomlán Deontais, Beartas & Bonneagar		12,071,709	10,848,019
Riarachán			
Costais teaghlachais	7	252,893	204,374
Soláthairtí oifige agus riarachán	8	443,920	540,931
Costais foirne	9	2,303,985	2,012,471
Dímheas	11	<u>35,860</u>	<u>219,526</u>
Riarachán Iomlán		3,036,658	2,977,302
Caiteachas Iomlán		15,108,367	13,825,321
Barrachas/(Easnamh) don bhliain		478,255	(288,503)
Aistriú ón gCuntas Caipitil	4	<u>69,019</u>	<u>111,623</u>
Barrachas/(Easnamh) i ndiaidh Aistriú ón gCuntas Caipitil		547,273	(176,880)
larmhéid tugtha chun tosaigh an 1 Eanáir		<u>503,003</u>	<u>679,883</u>
larmhéid tugtha ar aghaidh an 31 Nollaig		1,050,276	503,003

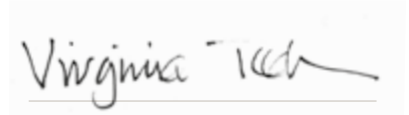
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Ráiteas Ioncam Cuimsitheach Don Bhliain dar Críoch 31 Nollaig 2023

	Nótaí	2023 €	2022 €
Brabús/(Easnamh) don bhliain		478,255	(288,503)
(Caillteanais)/gnóthachain ó thaithí ar oibleagáidí sochair scoir	10 (d)	(34,000)	113,000
Athruithe ar bhoinn tuisceana is bun le luach reatha oibleagáidí sochair scoir & boinn tuisceana dhéimeagrafacha		<u>(407,000)</u>	<u>3,686,000</u>
Iomlán na (gcaillteanas)/gnóthachan ó thaithí sa bhliain		(441,000)	3,799,000
Coigeartuithe ar mhaoiniú sochar scoir iarchurtha		<u>441,000</u>	<u>(3,799,000)</u>
Ioncam Cuimsitheach Iomlán don Bhliain		<u>478,255</u>	<u>(288,503)</u>

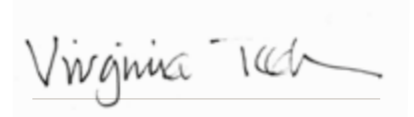
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Ráiteas ar Staid an Airgeadais amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023

	Nótaí	2023 €	2022 €
Sócmhainní Seasta			
Maoín, gléasra & trealamh	11	5,154,178	5,223,197
Sócmhainní Reatha			
Infháltais	12	161,180	374,723
Airgead tirim agus coibhéis airgid thirim		<u>2,512,401</u>	<u>1,926,326</u>
		2,673,581	2,301,049
Dlíteanais Reatha (méideanna atá dlite laistigh de bhliain amháin)			
Suimeanna Iníoctha	13	<u>1,623,305</u>	<u>1,798,046</u>
Glansócmhainní Reatha		<u>1,050,276</u>	<u>503,003</u>
Sochair Scoir			
Oibleagáidí Sochair Scoir	10(b)	(7,259,000)	(6,410,000)
Sócmhainn maoinithe Sochair Scoir iarchurtha	10(b)	<u>7,259,000</u>	<u>6,410,000</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Glansócmhainní Iomlána		<u>6,204,454</u>	<u>5,726,200</u>
Ag léiriú			
Cuntas Caipitil	4	5,154,178	5,223,197
Cúlchistí Ioncaim Coinnithe		<u>1,050,276</u>	<u>503,003</u>
		<u>6,204,454</u>	<u>5,726,200</u>

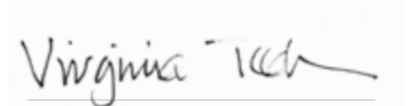
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Ráiteas ar Shreafaí Airgid Don Bhliain dar Críoch 31 Nollaig 2023

	Nótaí	2023 €	2022 €
Sreabhadh airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí oibriúcháin			
Brabús/(Easnamh) don bhliain		478,255	(288,503)
Dímheas	11	35,860	219,526
Diúscairt Sócmhainní		42,864	0
(Méadú)/Laghdú ar infháltais		213,542	(261,418)
(Méadú)/Laghdú ar shuimeanna Iníoctha		(174,741)	841,133
Glan-insreabhadh Airgid ó Ghníomhaíochtaí Oibriúcháin		595,780	510,738
Sreafaí airgid ó ghníomhaíochtaí infheistíochta			
Íocaíochtaí chun maoin, gléasra agus trealamh a cheannach	4	(9,705)	(107,903)
Glansreafaí Airgid ó Ghníomhaíochtaí infheistíochta		(9,705)	(107,903)
Glanmhéadú/(laghdú) ar airgead tirim agus ar choibhéisí airgid thirim		586,075	402,835
Airgead Tirim agus Coibhéisí Airgid Thirim amhail an 1 Eanáir		1,926,326	1,523,491
Airgead Tirim agus Coibhéisí Airgid amhail an 31 Nollaig		2,512,401	1,926,326

Nótaí Leis na Ráitis Airgeadais Don Bhliain dar Críoch 31 Nollaig 2023

Nóta 1. Beartais Chuntasaíochta

Tá an bunús leis an gcuntasaíochta agus na beartais chuntasaíochta shuntasacha ar ghlac an Chomhairle Oidhreachta leo leagtha amach thíos. Cuireadh gach ceann acu i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach le linn na bliana agus don bhliain roimhe sin.

a) Eolas Ginearálta

Bunaíodh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta faoin Acht Oidhreachta 1995, agus tá ceannoifig aici in Áras na hOidhreachta, Lána an Teampaill, Cill Chainnigh. Is iad seo a leanas príomhchuspóirí na Comhairle Oidhreachta mar atá leagtha amach in Alt 6 den Acht Oidhreachta 1995: beartais agus tosaíochtaí a mholadh chun an oidhreacht náisiúnta a aithint, a chosaint, a chaomhnú agus a fheabhsú agus tuiscint uirthi a chur chun cinn.

b) Ráiteas um Chomhlíonadh

Ullmhaíodh ráitis airgeadais na Comhairle Oidhreachta don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2023 de réir na reachtaíochta is infheidhme, agus FRS 102, an Caighdeán Tuairiscithe Airgeadais is infheidhme sa Ríocht Aontaithe agus i bPoblacht na hÉireann arna eisiúint ag an gComhairle um Thuairisciú Airgeadais sa Ríocht Aontaithe.

c) Bunús leis an Ullmhú

Ullmhaítear na ráitis airgeadais ar bhonn an ghnóthais leantaigh, faoi choinbhinsiún an chostais stairiúil, cé is moite de shócmhainní agus de dhliteanais áirithe mar a mhínítear sna beartais chuntasaíochta thíos. Tá na ráitis airgeadais san fhoirm atá faofa ag an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta le comhthoiliú an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe faoin Acht Oidhreachta, 1995. Cuireadh na beartais chuntasaíochta seo a leanas i bhfeidhm go comhsheasmhach chun déileáil le míreanna a mheastar a bheith ábhartha maidir le ráitis airgeadais na Comhairle Oidhreachta.

d) Ioncam

Deontais an Oireachtais

Aithnítear ioncam go ginearálta ar bhonn fabhráithe; eisceacht amháin maidir leis sin is ea Deontais Oireachtais a aithnítear ar bhonn fáltais airgid.

Ioncam Eile

Aithnítear ioncam eile ar bhonn fabhráithe.

e) Íocaíochtaí Deontais

Cuireann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta deontais ar fáil do chomhlachtaí agus do dhaoine aonair éagsúla chun oibreacha a dhéanamh faoina scéimeanna deontais oidhreachta. Nuair a ghlacann deontaí le téarmaí agus coinníollacha maidir le tairiscint deontais ón gComhairle, déanann an Chomhairle gealltanais leis an deontaí sin. Ní aithnítear an gealltanais sin mar fhabhrú ach nuair a fheictear gur chomhlíon an deontaí téarmaí agus coinníollacha iomlána na tairisceana deontais. Tá sonraí na ngealltanais deontais amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023 tugtha i nóta 16.

f) Maoin, Gléasra agus Trealamh

Luaitear maoin, gléasra agus trealamh ag costas lúide dímheas carntha, arna choigeartú d'aon

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soláthar le haghaidh bearnú. Soláthraítear dímheas ar gach maoin, gléasra agus trealamh, seachas ar thalamh ruilse agus ar shaothar ealaíne, ag rátaí a mheastar chun an costas a dhíscríobh lúide luach iarmharach measta gach sócmhainne ar bhonn méid chothroim thar a saolréanna fiúntacha ionchais mar seo a leanas:

Foirgnimh	2.5%	Maoín & Trealamh	10%-20%
Trealamh Oifige	20%	Troscán Oifige	10%-20%
Saothar Ealaíne	0%	Ríomhairí (Crua-earraí agus Bogearraí)	25%
Mótarfheithicilí	20%	Ábhar Tagartha agus Ceadúnais OSI	20%

Léirítear leis an luach iarmharach an méid measta a gheofaí faoi láthair ó dhiúscairt sócmhainne, i ndiaidh costais mheasta diúscairthe a asbhaint, dá mbeadh an tsócmhainn an aois agus sa bhail a mbeifí ag súil leis ag deireadh a saolré fiúntaí cheana féin.

Má tá fianaise oibiachtúil ann go bhfuil luach sócmhainne bearnaithe, aithneofar caillteanas bearnaithe sa Ráiteas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais agus Cúlchistí Coinnithe sa bhliain.

g) Cuntas Caipitil

Cuimsítear sa chuntas caipitil ioncam leithdháilte chun sócmhainní seasta a cheannach. Déantar é a amúchadh i gcomhréir le dímheas na sócmhainní gaolmhara.

h) Léasú

Déantar sócmhainní a fhaightear faoi léasanna airgeadais a chaipitliú agus a chuimsiú i maoín, gléasra agus trealamh agus déantar iad a dhímheas de réir bheartas na Comhairle.

i) Sochair Fostaithe

Sochair Ghearrthéarmacha

Aithnítear sochair gearrthéarmacha amhail pá saoire mar speansas sa bhliain, agus áirítear sochair a fhabhraítear ag deireadh na bliana i bhfigiúir na suimeanna Iníoctha sa Ráiteas ar an Staid Airgeadais.

Sochair Scoir

Chuir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta a scéim pinsin le sochar sainithe féin ar bun roimhe seo, arna maoiniú go bliantúil ar bhonn íoc mar a thuilltear ó airgead a sholáthraíonn an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta agus ó ranníocaíochtaí a asbhaintear ó thuarastail na mball foirne agus na gcomhaltaí.

Oibríonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta Scéim Pinsean Aonair na Seirbhíse Phoiblí (“Scéim Aonair”) freisin, ar scéim sochair sainithe í do sheirbhísigh phoiblí inphinsin a ceapadh an 1 Eanáir 2013 nó dá éis. Íoctar ranníocaíochtaí bhaill na Scéime Aonair leis an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe (RCPA).

Léirítear leis na costais phinsin na sochair phinsin atá tuillte ag fostaithe agus léirítear iad glan ó ranníocaíochtaí pinsin na foirne arna gcoimeád ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta. Aithnítear méid atá comhfhreagrach leis an muirear pinsin mar ioncam sa mhéid go bhfuil sé inghnóthaithe, agus go bhfritháirítear é le deontais a fhaightear sa bhliain chun íocaíochtaí pinsin a scaoileadh. Léirítear gnóthachain nó caillteanais achtúireacha a eascraíonn as dliteanais

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scéime sa Ráiteas ar Ioncam Cuimsitheach, agus aithnítear coigeartú comhfhreagrach sa mhéid atá inghnóthaithe ón Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta.

Léirítear leis na ráitis airgeadais, ag luach cóir, na sócmhainní agus na dliteanais a eascraíonn as oibleagáidí pinsin na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus aon mhaoiniú gaolmhar agus aithníonn siad na costais maidir le sochair phinsin a sholáthar sna tréimhsí cuntasáíochta ina dtuilleann na fostaithe iad. Tomhaistear dliteanais scéime sochair scoir ar bhonn achtúireach ag baint úsáid as modh na n-aonad réamh-mheasta creidmheasa.

j) Breithiúnais agus Meastacháin Chriticiúla Cuntasáíochta

Chun na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú, caithfidh an lucht bainistíochta breithiúnais, meastacháin agus boinn tuisceana a dhéanamh a théann i gcion ar na méideanna a thuairiscítear do shócmhainní agus do dhliteanais amhail an dáta tuairiscithe agus na méideanna a thuairiscítear le haghaidh ioncaim agus speansais le linn na bliana. Mar sin féin, mar gheall ar chineál an mheastacháin, is féidir leis na torthaí iarbhír a bheith difriúil leis na meastacháin sin. Tá an tionchar is suntasaí ag na breithiúnais seo a leanas ar mhéideanna a aithnítear sna ráitis airgeadais.

Bearnú ar Mhaoin, Gléasra agus Trealamh

Athbhreithnítear sócmhainní atá faoi réir amúchta le haghaidh bearnú nuair a léirítear le himeachtaí nó le hathruithe ar chúinsí go bhféadfadh sé nach mbeadh an tsuim ghlanluacha inghnóthaithe. Aithnítear caillteanas bearnaithe don mhéid a sháraíonn suim ghlanluacha na sócmhainne a méid inghnóthaithe. Is é an méid inghnóthaithe luach cóir sócmhainne lúide costas díola agus luach úsáide, cibé acu is airde. D'fhonn bearnú a mheasúnú, déantar sócmhainní a ghrúpáil ar na leibhéil is ísle a bhfuil sreafaí airgid inaitheanta go leithleach (aonaid giniúna airgid) ina leith. Déantar athbhreithniú ar shócmhainní neamhairgeadais a bearnaíodh le haghaidh chealú féideartha an bhearnaithe ag gach dáta tuairiscithe.

Dímheas agus Luachanna Iarmharacha

Rinne an Chomhairle athbhreithniú ar shaolréanna sócmhainní agus ar luachanna iarmharacha gaolmhara na n-aicmí sócmhainní seasta go léir, agus go háirithe, ar an tsaolré fhiúntach eacnamaíoch agus ar luachanna iarmharacha daingneán agus feisteas, agus chinn sí go bhfuil na saolréanna sócmhainní agus na luachanna iarmharacha oiriúnach.

Oibleagáidí Sochair Scoir

Déantar na boinn tuisceana is bun leis na luachálacha achtúireacha dá gcinntear na méideanna a aithnítear sna ráitis airgeadais (lena n-áirítear rátaí lascaine, ráta boilsicthe, rátaí ardaithe ar leibhéil chúitimh amach anseo, rátaí básmhaireachta agus aois scoir) a nuashonrú ar bhonn bliantúil bunaithe ar dhálaí eacnamaíocha reatha agus chun críche aon athruithe ábhartha ar théarmaí agus ar choinníollacha na bpleananna pinsin agus iar-scoir.

D'fhéadfadh an méid seo a leanas dul i gcion ar na boinn tuisceana:

- (i) an ráta lascaine, athruithe ar an ráta toraidh ar bhannaí corparáideacha ardchaighdeán
- (ii) leibhéil chúitimh amach anseo, coinníollacha an mhargaidh saothair amach anseo; agus
- (iii) rátaí básmhaireachta agus aois scoir.

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Nóta 2: Deontais an Oireachtais

Cuimsítear sa tsuim €14,863,820 Deontais ón Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta (Vóta 34) agus maoiniú ón tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra.

	2023	2022
	€	€
An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta		
Deontas Riaracháin	7,141,000	5,761,000
Deontais Caipitil	<u>7,200,000</u>	<u>5,683,666</u>
	<u>14,341,000</u>	<u>11,444,666</u>
An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta		
Deontais Neamh-Chaipitil ón tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta agus Fiadhúlra	<u>522,820</u>	<u>688,844</u>
	<u>522,820</u>	<u>688,844</u>
Iomlán	<u>14,863,820</u>	<u>12,133,510</u>

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Nóta 3: Ioncam Eile

	2023	2022
	€	€
Ranníocaíocht le Scéim na bhFoirgneamh Feirme Traidisiúnta (Vóta 30, Fo-Cheannteideal C.31 de chuid na Roinne Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara)	96,300	88,376
Fáilte Éireann - Deontas le cuidiú le Seachtain Oidhreachta	30,000	30,000
Táillí Ballraíochta Bhailte Múrtha na hÉireann	73,665	67,484
Ranníocaíocht Údarás Áitiúil le Tionscadal an Bhreathnóra Oidhreachta	34,500	28,500
Ranníocaíocht Bhord Bia le Post an Chomhordaitheora Pailneoirí in Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta	16,303	65,712
Fógraíocht don tSeachtain Oidhreachta	4,000	4,000
Údarás Fuinnimh Inmharthana na hÉireann - Maoiniú le haghaidh Taighde ar Athfheistiú Foirgneamh	(29,308)	26,896
Tionscadal Nuálaíochta Eorpaí LLOC2004 "Pailneoirí Talaimh Feirme a Chosaint" (Vóta 30, Fo-cheannteideal C.31 de chuid na Roinne Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara)	39,071	318,397
Ranníocaíocht an GCC le Post um Eolaíocht Saoránach san Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta	16,383	67,000
Músaeim Náisiúnta, Tuaisceart Éireann - Ranníocaíocht le staidéir ar an mBéichíocht Éireannach agus ar an Snáthaid Mhór Órfháinneach arna ndéanamh ag an Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta	10,000	5,983
Ranníocaíocht ó Chaomhnú Ialtóg Éireann leis an bhfoilseachán leis an Ionaid Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta "A Guide to Bats in Ireland" (Treoir maidir le hIaltóga in Éireann)	0	0
Tionscadal Erasmus "AN CREAT EORPACH UM SCILEANNA & OILIÚINT OIDHREACHTA"	20,733	19,714
Ranníocaíocht na Roinne Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara le hOifigeach um Pailneoirí Talaimh Feirme san Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta	0	60,000
Ranníocaíocht na Roinne Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara le Clár Náisiúnta Monatóireachta Pailneoirí san Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta	0	11,079
Ioncam Eile	3,156	1,167
Total	314,803	894,308

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Nóta 4: Cuntas Caipitil

	2023	2022
	€	€
Iarmhéid amhail an 1 Eanáir	5,223,197	5,334,820
Aistriú (chuig)/ón gCuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais		
An méid a leithdháileadh chun ceannacháin sócmhainní seasta a mhaoiniú	9,705	107,902
Lúide: Amúchadh ar aon dul le dímhéas	(35,860)	(219,525)
Lúide: Diúscairtí	(42,864)	0
Aistriú ón gCuntas Caipitil	(69,019)	(111,623)
Iarmhéid amhail an 31 Nollaig	<u>5,154,178</u>	<u>5,223,197</u>

Nóta 5: Caiteachas ar Dheontais

	2023	2022
	Total	Total
	€	€
Deontais Líonra Bhailte Múrtha na hÉireann i gcomhair Tionscadail Reatha	123,104	157,787
Deontais Líonra Bhailte Múrtha na hÉireann i gcomhair Oibreacha Caipitil	529,233	200,385
Ciste Tacalochta na hEarnála Oidhreachta	1,351,742	918,824
Deontais Pleananna Oidhreachta Contae	973,880	971,845
Deontais Oidhreachta Pobalbhunaithe	1,630,213	1,521,911
Deontais Chaipitil na mBailte Stairiúla	771,660	1,419,608
Irish Landmark Trust Ltd. (Nóta 14)	345,000	329,489
Clár Fionnachtana (Nóta 15)	900,000	814,000
Deontais um Maoiniú Oidhreachta	425,952	274,330
Ionad Sonraí na Bithéagsúlachta Náisiúnta	<u>1,143,197</u>	<u>0</u>
Iomlán	<u>8,193,980</u>	<u>6,608,179</u>

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Nóta 6(a): Caiteachas Beartas

	2023	2022
	lomlán	lomlán
	€	€
Foilseacháin Oidhreachta Tógtha	12,117	3,609
Foilseacháin Fiadhúlra	0	1,451
Tionscnaimh Bhithéagsúlachta	92,307	37,750
An Oidhrecht a chur in iúl i mBeartais Náisiúnta Tírdhreacha	<u>56,951</u>	<u>56,222</u>
lomlán	<u>161,376</u>	<u>99,032</u>

Nóta 6(b): Cláir

	2023	2022
	lomlán	lomlán
	€	€
Oidhrecht i Scoileanna:	663,486	507,148
Foghlaim Bunaithe ar Áit	34,876	31,630
Seachtain Oidhreachta	639,336	510,027
Cumarsáid maidir le gníomhaíochtaí na Comhairle	387,396	335,998
Taighde & Staidéir	150,644	0
Intéirneachtaí Caomhantais	39,787	33,402
Cothabháil Choisctheach a Chur Chun Cinn	13,677	16,912
Moltaí ón nGrúpa Oibre um Scileanna Traidisiúnta a chur i bhfeidhm	92,856	57,218
Tionscadal Erasmus: An Creat Eorpach um Scileanna & Oiliúint Oidhreachta	20,733	19,714
Athbhreithniú ar Chláir	31,728	16,703
Tionscadail Life	13,251	22,982
iCan (Líonra Cartlainne Pobail na hÉireann)	117,488	0
An Creat Taighde Oidhreachta Cultúrtha/Cultúr 2025	<u>6,338</u>	<u>13,998</u>
lomlán	<u>2,211,596</u>	<u>1,565,732</u>

Nóta 6(c): Bonneagar Oidhreachta

	2023	2022
	lomlán	lomlán
	€	€
An tlonad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta	0	1,676,828
An Clár um Chaighdeáin Músaem	57,042	64,206
An Clár Oifigeach Oidhreachta	757,359	657,890
An Clár Oifigeach Bithéagsúlachta	511,499	0
Breathnóir Oidhreachta	51,988	59,175
Oidhrecht Uirbeach (lena n-áirítear Riarachán Líonra Bailte Múrtha na hÉireann)	<u>126,868</u>	<u>116,978</u>
lomlán	<u>1,504,756</u>	<u>2,575,076</u>

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Nóta 7: Costais Teaghlachais

	2023	2022
	lomlán	lomlán
	€	€
Stóráil	12,640	15,031
Cumhacht, teas agus solas	27,086	19,358
Ceaintín, lónadóireacht agus glanadh	31,389	23,004
Cruinnithe	17,225	13,405
Taisteal, speansais agus cruinnithe*	88,414	57,095
Deisithe, cothabháil & slándáil	63,894	65,151
Árachas	29,470	24,734
	252,893	204,373

* Tá i dtaisteal, costais agus cruinnithe €15,410 a íocadh le Baill na Comhairle agus Choiste; íocadh €67,716 le baill foirne agus íocadh €5,288 i dtreo costais eile, ionad a fháil ar cíós agus costais eile imeachtaí san áireamh.

Nóta 8: Soláthairtí Oifige agus Riarachán

	2023	2022
	lomlán	lomlán
	€	€
Teileafón agus postas	16,813	16,126
Stáiseanóireacht, priontáil & deisithe trealaimh oifige	12,726	11,316
Tuascáil Bhliantúil & Plean Straitéiseach	21,887	35,411
Leabharlann	0	0
Soláthairtí agus cothabháil ríomhairí	173,109	174,574
Táillí gairmiúla	103,601	166,800
Ilearraí	189	5,270
Táillí Dlí	54,967	91,862
Sintiúis	1,904	16,498
Táille iniúchóireachta	13,000	13,000
Ús & Muirir	2,195	9,065
Bronntanais	665	1,010
Brabús/Cailteanas ar Dhiúscairt Sócmhainní Seasta	42,864	0
	443,920	540,931

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Nóta 9: Aoisliúntas

(a) Anailís ar Chostais Foirne

	2023	2022
	€	€
Tuarastail Foirne	1,601,141	1,360,773
Costais Phinsin	183,146	104,004
Costais Earcaíochta	34,973	45,608
Costais Sochair Scoir - nóta 10 (a)	460,000	485,000
Folláine & Socraíochtaí Foirne	1,872	2,270
Oiliúint	22,853	14,816
	<u>2,303,985</u>	<u>2,012,471</u>

(b) Sochair Chomhiomlána Fostaithe

	2023	2022
	€	€
Sochair ghearrthéarmacha foirne	1,446,280	1,238,232
Costais Phinsin	183,146	104,004
Ranníocaíocht an Fhostóra le Leas Sóisialta	154,861	122,541
Fo-iomlán	1,784,287	1,464,777
Costais Sochair Scoir	<u>158,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
Iomlán	<u>1,942,287</u>	<u>1,544,777</u>

Ba é 29 líon iomlán na mball foirne a bhí fostaithe (WTE) ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta ag deireadh na bliana (2022: 25). Níor íocadh aon ragobair nó sochair scoir in 2023. Cuimsítear sa líon iomlán foireann ar iasacht leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta, lena n-áirítear an POF a bhí ar iasacht ó Choláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh le héifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2019.

Le héifeacht ón 1 Eanáir 2020, cuireadh an ranníocaíocht aoisliúntais bhreise (ASC) in ionad na hasbhainte a bhaineann le pinsin (PRD). B'ionann an ranníocaíocht aoisliúntais bhreise a íocadh leis an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta i leith 2023 agus €38,205 (2022: €39,857).

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(c) Príomhphearsanra Bainistíochta

CuimsítearibpríomhphearsanrabainistíochtanaComhairleOidhreachtaanPríomhfheidhmeannach, na Cinn Seirbhíse agus an Ceann Airgeadais. Ní fhaigheann an Chomhairle aon luach saothair.

Tá luach iomlán na sochar fostaithe don phríomhphearsanra bainistíochta leagtha amach thíos:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Tuarastal	636,354	473,477

Ní áirítear leis sin luach na sochar scoir a tuilleadh sa tréimhse. Tá príomhphearsanra bainistíochta, cé is moite den Phríomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin reatha a ceapadh le héifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2019 agus atá ar iasacht ó Choláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh, ina mbaill de scéim pinsin na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus ní théann a dteidlíochtaí chuige sin thar théarmaí na Scéime Eiseamláirí nó na Scéime Aonair.

(d) Tuarastal agus Sochair an Phríomhoifigigh Feidhmiúcháin

	2023	2022
	€	€
Pá Bunúsach, ÁSPC Fostóra agus Aoisliúntas Fostóra	<u>135,214</u>	<u>130,594</u>

Ceapadh an POF reatha le héifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2019 agus tá sé ar iasacht ó Choláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh agus níl sé ina bhall de scéim pinsin na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Íocann Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh an Príomhoifigeach Feidhmiúcháin agus faigheann sé an tuarastal sin ar ais trí shonrasc don Chomhairle Oidhreachta.

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Nóta 9: Aoisliúntas ar lean

(e) Miondealú ar Shochair Ghearrthéarmacha na bhFostaithe

Déantar sochair ghearrthéarmacha na bhfostaithe os cionn €60,000 a chatagóiriú sna bandaí seo a leanas

	2023	2022
Catagóir Tuarastail	LÍON FOSTAITHE	LÍON FOSTAITHE
€60,000 GO €69,999	2	3
€70,000 GO €79,999	4	1
€80,000 GO €89,999	1	2
€90,000 TO €99,999	0	0
€100,000 GO €109,999		00
€110,000 GO €119,000	1	1

Chun críocha an nochta sin, áirítear le sochair ghearrthéarmacha na bhfostaithe i ndáil le seirbhísí a soláthraíodh le linn na tréimhse tuairiscithe tuarastal, liúntais ragoibre agus íocaíochtaí eile thar ceann an fhostaí ach ní áirítear ÁSPC an fhostóra leo.

Note 10: Scéim Aoisliúntais

(a) Anailís ar chostais sochair scoir iomlána a cuireadh chun dochair an Ráitis loncaim agus Caiteachais agus Cúlchistí loncaim Coinnithe

	2023	2022
	€	€
Costais Seirbhíse Reatha	332,000	463,000
Ús ar dhliteanais na scéime sochair scoir	234,000	126,000
Ranníocaíochtaí Fostaithe	(106,000)	(104,000)
Iomlán	<u>460,000</u>	<u>485,000</u>

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Note 10: Scéim Aoisliúntais ar lean

(b) Gluaiseacht in oibleagáidí um ghlansochair scoir le linn na bliana airgeadais

	2023	2022
	€	€
Oibleagáid um ghlansochair scoir amhail an 1 Eanáir	(6,410,000)	(9,700,000)
Costas Seirbhíse Reatha	(332,000)	(463,000)
Costas Úis	(234,000)	(126,000)
Gnóthachan/(caillteanas) achtúireach	(441,000)	3,799,000
Pinsin a íocadh sa bhliain	158,000	80,000
Oibleagáid um ghlansochair scoir amhail an 31 Nollaig	<u>(7,259,000)</u>	<u>(6,410,000)</u>

(c) Maoiniú larchurtha le haghaidh sochair scoir

Aithníonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta na méideanna sin mar shócmhainn a chomhfhreagraíonn don dliteanas iarchurtha neamhchistithe do shochair scoir ar bhonn shraith na mbonn tuisceana a gcuirtear síos orthu thíos agus roinnt imeachtaí san am atá thart. Áirítear ar na himeachtaí sin an bonn reachtúil do bhunú na scéime sochair scoir, agus an beartas agus an cleachtas atá i bhfeidhm faoi láthair maidir le pinsin seirbhíse poiblí a mhaoiniú lena n-áirítear ranníocaíochtaí a dhéanann fostaithe agus an próiseas meastachán bliantúil. Níl aon fhianaise ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta nach leanfar leis na suimeanna sin a chomhlíonadh leis an mbeartas maoiniúcháin sin de réir an chleachtais reatha.

Is é seo a leanas an Glanmhaoiniú larchurtha le haghaidh sochair scoir a aithnítear sa Ráiteas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais agus Cúlchistí Coinnithe:

	2023	2022
	€	€
Maoiniú In-aisghabhála maidir le sochair scoir na bliana reatha	566,000	589,000
Deontas Stáit as a mbaineadh úsáid chun sochair scoir a íoc	<u>(158,000)</u>	<u>(80,000)</u>
Iomlán	<u>408,000</u>	<u>509,000</u>

Is ionann an tsócmhainn maoiniúcháin iarchurtha le haghaidh sochair scoir amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023 agus €7.259M (2022: €6.410M).

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Note 10: Scéim Aoisliúntais ar lean

(d) Stair na n-oibleagáidí sochair shainithe

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Oibleagáidí Sochair Sainithe	7,259	6,410	9,700	10,550	8,737
Gnóthachan/(Caillteanas) ó Thaithí ar Dhliteanais Scéime *	(34)	113	151	12	140
Céatadán na nDlíteanas Scéime	0.5%	1.8%	1.60%	0.10%	1.60%

* Cuimsítear sa mhír seo gnóthachain/(caillteanas) maidir le taithí dliteanais amháin agus ní áirítear léi aon athrú ar dhliteanais maidir le hathruithe ar na boinn tuisceana achtúireacha a úsáideadh.

(e) Cur síos Ginearálta ar an Scéim

Socrú pinsin tuarastail deiridh le sochar sainithe is ea an scéim sochair scoir le sochair agus ranníocaíochtaí sainithe faoi threoir rialacháin reatha scéim 'eiseamláireach' na hearnála poiblí. Soláthraítear leis an scéim pinsean (1/80 in aghaidh na bliana seirbhíse), aisce nó cnapshuim (3/80 in aghaidh na bliana seirbhíse) agus pinsin chéilí agus leanaí. Is í an Ghnáthaois Scoir 65ú breithlá baill, agus tá baill a bhí ann roimh 2004 i dteideal dul ar scor gan laghdú achtúireach ó 60 bliain d'aois ar aghaidh. Is gnách go méadaíonn pinsin atá á n-íoc (agus pinsin iarchurtha) ar aon dul le boilsciú ginearálta tuarastal na hearnála poiblí.

Ullmhaíodh na nothaí thíos don Chomhairle Oidhreachta maidir le sochair iníoctha ó Scéim Aoisliúntais Fostaithe na Comhairle Oidhreachta 2003 agus Scéim Céilí agus Leanaí. Tá na scéimeanna neamhchistithe de chineál an tsochair sainithe, agus soláthraítear leo sochair scoir bunaithe ar sheirbhís agus ar thuarastal inphinsin. Tá an luacháil a úsáideadh do nochtadh FRS 102 bunaithe ar mheasúnú iomlán ar dhliteanais na Scéimeanna amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023. Tomhaiseadh luachanna láithreacha na hoibleagáide sochair sainithe agus an costas seirbhíse ag baint úsáid as modh na n-aonad réamh-mheasta creidmheasa.

Áirítear sa nóta nochta seo sonraí maidir leis an gclár comhardaithe agus na boinn tuisceana don bhliain airgeadais dar críoch an 31 Nollaig 2023 agus 31 Nollaig 2022.

Tá na príomhbhoinn tuisceana achtúireacha a úsáideann achtúirí cáilithe neamhspleácha chun na dliteanais faoi FRS 102 a ríomh leagtha amach thíos:

Boinn Tuisceana	31/12/2023	31/12/2022
Boilsciú	2.10%	2.2%
Ráta méadaithe ginearálta fadtéarmach ar thuarastail	3.60%	3.7%
Ráta an mhéadaithe ar shochair stáit	2.10%	1.9%
Ráta an mhéadaithe ar shochair iarchurtha	2.60%	2.7%
Méaduithe ar Phinsin	2.60%	2.7%
Ráta lascaire do dhliteanais scéime	3.30%	3.7%

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Nóta 11: Maoin, Gléasra agus Trealamh

	Foirgnimh	Troscán Oifige	Trealamh Oifige	Gléasra & Trealamh	Ríomhairí	Ábhair thagartha & Ceadúnais OSI	Saothair Ealaíne	Iomlán
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
COSTAS								
Amhail an 1 Eanáir 2023	8,064,752	234,033	199,163	72,404	904,981	457,204	203,217	10,135,753
Breiseanna	0	0	0	7,943	1,763	0	0	9,705
Athaicmiú	0	(5,317)					5,317	0
Diúscairt	(1)	(180,202)	(158,038)	(8,770)	(832,933)	(457,204)	0	(1,637,148)
Amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023	8,064,751	48,514	41,125	71,577	73,810	0	208,534	8,508,311
Dímheas Carnach								
Amhail an 1 Eanáir 2023	3,166,704	221,151	199,163	21,649	846,686	457,204	0	4,912,556
Muirear don bhliain	33,601	166	0	1,112	981	0	0	35,860
Ar dhiúscairtí	0	(178,738)	(158,038)	(7,122)	(793,182)	(457,204)	0	(1,594,284)
Amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023	3,200,305	42,579	41,125	15,639	54,485	0	0	3,354,133
GLANLUACHANNA DE RÉIR NA LEABHAR								
Amhail an 1 Eanáir 2023	4,898,048	12,882	0	50,755	58,295	0	203,217	5,223,197
Amhail an 31 Nollaig 2023	4,864,446	5,935	0	55,938	19,325	0	208,534	5,154,178

Nóta 12: Infháltais

	2023	2022
	€	€
Féichiúnaithe	97,459	197,014
Réamhíocaíochtaí & Féichiúnaithe Eile	63,721	177,710
Iomlán	161,180	374,723

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Nóta 13: Suimeanna Iníoctha

Thabhaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta íocaíochtaí cíosa ar luach €20,000 i ndáil leis an léas ar an réadmhaoín atá áitithe ag an Ionad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta i gCarraig an Óir, Contae Phort Láirge, atá san áireamh i gCostais an Ionaid Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta ag Nóta 6(c). Is léas deich mbliana é an léas, lena ngabhann clásal scortha is féidir leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta a fheidhmiú ar fhógra 6 mhí.

	2023	2022
	€	€
Creidiúnaithe	338,741	1,017,098
Fabhruithe	<u>829,957</u>	<u>425,321</u>
Creidiúnaithe & Fabhruithe Ginearálta	1,168,698	1,442,419
Fabhruithe Deontais	<u>454,607</u>	<u>355,627</u>
Iomlán	<u>1,623,305</u>	<u>1,798,046</u>

Nóta 14: The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd.

Bunaíodh an Irish Landmark Trust Ltd in 1992 mar chuideachta neamhbhrabúis agus d'fhoill foirgnimh stairiúla a bhí tréigthe nó i mbaol a shábháil. Baintear é sin amach trí fheidhm úsáideach inmharthana a thabhairt dóibh mar lóistín saoire gearrthéarmach, rud a chinnteodh a dtodhchaí fhadtéarmach. Socraítear leibhéal maoiniúcháin na Comhairle gach bliain faoi threoir Phlean Cúig Bliana na Comhairle, Phlean Corparáideach Irish Landmark Trust, agus staid bhuiséadach iomlán na Comhairle.

Note 15: Clár Fionnachtana: Ionad Seandálaíochta agus Nuálaíochta Éireann

Maoiníonn an Chomhairle an Clár Fionnachtana a bunaíodh in 1991 agus a cláraíodh mar chuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta an 15 Eanáir 1996. Tá an Chomhairle freagrach as cathaoirleach an Chláir Fionnachtana agus as trí cinn dá stiúrthóirí a cheapadh. Tá an Príomhfheidhmeannach nó a h/ainmní ar dhuine d'ionadaithe na Comhairle ar Bhord an Chláir Fionnachtana. Socraítear leibhéal maoiniúcháin na Comhairle gach bliain faoi threoir Phlean Cúig Bliana na Comhairle, Phlean Corparáideach an Chláir Fionnachtana, agus staid bhuiséadach iomlán na Comhairle.

Is é is cuspóir don chlár cur lenár dtuiscint ar stair na hÉireann trí thaighde agus trí thochailtí seandálaíochta.

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Note 16: An tlonad Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta

Cistíonn an Chomhairle croíchostais an Ionaid Náisiúnta le Sonraí Bithéagsúlachta (an NBDC) a cláraíodh mar chuideachta faoi theorainn ráthaíochta an 20 Nollaig 2022. Tá an Chomhairle freagrach as cathaoirleach an NBDC agus cúigear dá stiúrthóirí a cheapadh. Deimhnítear an leibhéal cistithe a sholáthraíonn an Chomhairle gach bliain trí thagairt a dhéanamh do Phlean Cúig Bliana na Comhairle, Plean Corparáideach an NBDC, agus do shuíomh foriomlán buiséadach na Comhairle. Is é cuspóir an NBDC go mbeadh fáil gan srian ar shonraí agus ar fhaisnéis bithéagsúlachta le tuiscint níos fearr a fháil ar bithéagsúlacht na hÉireann agus le cabhrú lena cosaint.

Nóta 17: Gealltanais Deontais

Ar an 31 Nollaig 2023 bhí gealltanais deontais déanta ag an gComhairle i ndáil le gníomhaíochtaí a bhí le tarlú i ndiaidh an dáta sin. Ní dhéantar an méid geallta de €389,033 (2022: €0) a léiriú sna Ráitis Airgeadais seo.

	2023	2022
	€	€
Deontais atá geallta amhail an 1 Eanáir	0	39,009
Ceaduithe sa bhliain	9,174,890	7,893,148
Deontais a tarraingíodh siar	(285,522)	(1,012,616)
Deontais a díscríobhadh	(304,046)	(311,362)
Caiteachas deontais sa bhliain (Féach nóta 5)	<u>(8,218,429)</u>	<u>(6,608,179)</u>
Gealltanais Deontais amhail an 31 Nollaig	<u>366,892</u>	<u>0</u>

Nóta 18: Nochtaí Páirtithe Gaolmhara

Cuimsítear i bpríomhphearsanra bainistíochta na Comhairle Oidhreachta, comhaltaí na Comhairle, an Príomhfheidhmeannach, na Cinn Seirbhíse agus an Ceann Airgeadais. Ní fhaigheann an Chomhairle aon luach saothair. Chun miondealú a fháil ar an luach saothair agus na sochair a íoctar le príomhphearsanra bainistíochta, féach nóta 9 agus nóta 10.

Glacann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta nósanna imeachta de réir na dtreoirínte atá eisithe ag an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe ina gclúdaítear leasanna pearsanta chomhaltaí na Comhairle. Sa ghnáthchúrsa gnó, féadfaidh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta deontais a cheadú agus socruithe conartha eile a dhéanamh le heintitis ina bhfuil comhaltaí na Comhairle fostaithe nó a bhfuil leas eile acu iontu ar bhealach eile.

I gcásanna ina bhféadfadh coinbhleacht leasa a bheith ann, ní ghlacann comhaltaí na Comhairle páirt i bplé maidir leis na hidirbhearta sin agus ní fhreastalaíonn siad ar phlé maidir leo. Coinnítear clár agus tá sé ar fáil ach é a iarraidh i ngach cás den sórt sin.

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Nóta 18: Nochtaí Páirtithe Gaolmhara ar lean

Nocht na comhaltaí seo a leanas leas in eagraíochtaí ar faomhadh cúnamh airgeadais ina leith le linn na bliana.

Comhalta den Chomhairle	Deontas Tagairt	Deontaí	Tairiscint Deontais (€)
Fionnuala May	SF17745	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall	€2,600
Fionnuala May	C17844	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall	€10,000
Fionnuala May	C17856	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall	€10,000
Fionnuala May	C17866	Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall	€17,250
John Pierce	D17727	Comhairle Phortaigh na hÉireann	€35,000
Dr. Martina Moloney	D17656	Burrenbeo Trust	€50,000
Dr. Mary Tubridy	D17703	Irish Uplands Forum Ltd.	€30,000
Dr Mary Tubridy	CH18289	Irish Uplands Forum Ltd.	€4,000

Fuair an Dr Patricia O'Hare íocaíochtaí de €3,577 (2022: €2,272) as seirbhísí a soláthraíodh don Chomhairle Oidhreachta i dtaca leis an gClár um Chaighdeáin Músaem na hÉireann (MSPI). Bhain íocaíochtaí in 2023 le hathbhreithnithe a rinneadh maidir le Tigh Mór Dhoire Fhíonáin (Ciarraí); Leabharlann Edward Worth (Baile Átha Cliath) agus Músaem Poiblí Chorcaí.

Le linn 2023, d'fhág an Dr Patricia O'Hare an cruinniú nuair a phléigh agus nuair a d'aontaigh an Chomhairle Músaem Poiblí Chorcaí agus Plás Nano Nagle maidir le MSPI.

Nóta 19: Gnóthas Leantach

Tarraingíonn an Chomhairle cistí ón Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta de réir mar is gá. Aithníonn sí an t-ioncam sin ar bhonn fáiltais airgid ach aithníonn sí an caiteachas ar bhonn fabhráithe. Measann an Chomhairle, ós rud é go soláthraíonn an t-eintiteas seirbhís phoiblí a fhaigheann 98% dá mhaoiniú ó airgead a sholáthraíonn an Stáitchiste, trína mháthair-roinn, an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta, gur cuí na ráitis airgeadais seo a ullmhú ar bhonn an ghnóthais leantaigh.

Nóta 20: Áitreabh

Oibríonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ó áitreabh in Áras na hOidhreachta, Lána an Teampaill, Cill Chainnigh, áras a áitíonn sí agus ar léi í.

Nóta 21: Faomhadh na Ráiteas Airgeadais

D'fhaomh an Chomhairle na Ráitis Airgeadais an 27 Meitheamh 2024.

Íocaíochtaí Deontais

Tabhair cuairt ar ár suíomh gréasáin, le do thoil, chun teacht ar liosta de na Deontais go léir a d'íoc an Chomhairle Oidhreachta in 2023, ag

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