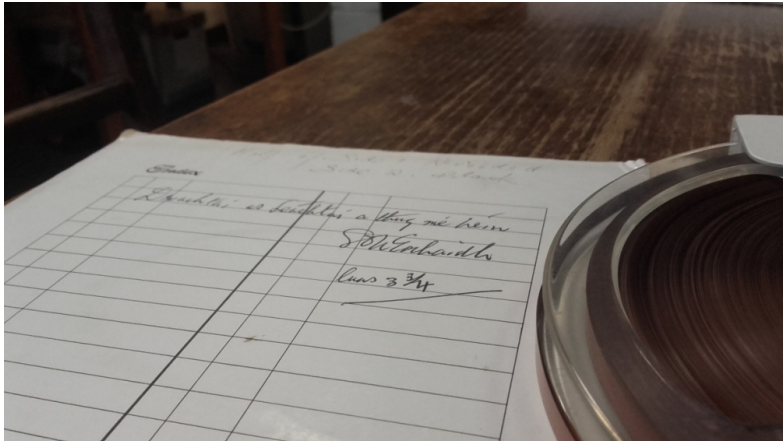


*County Donegal Heritage Office, Cultural Services, Donegal County Council
presents*

ORAL HISTORY TRAINING WORKSHOP

Events Centre, Central Library, Oliver Plunkett Road, Letterkenny
Saturday, May 27, 2017
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



This one-day training event will offer a basic introduction to all aspects of an oral history project from commissioning to disseminating and archiving. It will introduce concepts of best practice in terms of ethical and legal considerations and provide participants with the key skills necessary to properly research, prepare for and conduct oral history interviews. This will be an interactive workshop and participants will be invited to raise questions and concerns about their own past, ongoing or future projects.

TRAINING OUTLINE

9:30 a.m. Registration

Planning & Preparing Your Oral History Project

10:00 a.m. Oral History - Commissioning & Planning Your Project

11:00 a.m. Ethics & Considerations – Long-Term Picture

11:45 a.m. Research & Preparation - Interview Approach

1:00 p.m. Lunch (*Soup & Sandwiches will be provided*)

The Interview

1:45 p.m. Practicalities & Set up for Interview (Demonstration)

2:30 p.m. Before & After Pressing Record

3:00 p.m. Recording Sample - Interview Skills Discussion

4:00 p.m. Close of Workshop



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ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP TRAINERS



Dr. Arlene Crampsie

Dr. Arlene Crampsie is an historical geographer in the School of Geography, University College Dublin. She is currently Chairperson of the Oral History Network of Ireland and has been involved in oral history since she started work as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the GAA Oral History Project at Boston College-Ireland in 2008. Her research interests lie at the intersection of historical, social and cultural geographies with her main research to date focussing on the social, cultural and political landscapes of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries in Ireland. She is a Donegal native and has published and lectured frequently on the history and historical geography of the county.



Dr. Tomás Mac Conmara

Dr. Tomás Mac Conmara is an oral historian from Tuamgraney in east Clare. In 2016, he was commended by President Michael D. Higgins as one of seven recipients who have made outstanding contributions to culture over the last 100 years for a *Comhaltas Forógra na Cásca* Centenary Award. Since 2004, he has been documenting social memory associated with the Irish revolutionary period. He has published articles on various aspects of folklore and oral tradition and lectured both nationally and internationally on aspects of Irish history, culture and folklore. Between 2008 and 2014 he led the development of the award-winning *Cuimhneamh an Chláir* (Memories of Clare). As a heritage consultant, he advises national bodies like the Military Archives and Waterways Ireland and has worked on several heritage initiatives across the country. In 2015 he was awarded a Doctorate by the University of Limerick for his study into the social memory of the Irish War of Independence and has published two books, *'High Prestige', Clare's All Ireland Victory of 1914*, (Clare, 2015) and *Patrick Brennan's Autograph Book - Frongoch 1916*, (Clare, 2016). In 2016, he was commissioned by Donegal County Council to undertake an audit of oral history recordings for County Donegal.