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MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL



2004 saw the Heritage Council secure its permanent home in Kilkenny when the ownership of the Bishop's Palace and a substantial portion of the grounds transferred from the Church of Ireland to the Heritage Council. This ended a process which began in 1999 and will secure the significant heritage value of the important property for the people of Kilkenny and beyond. Thanks are due to the Minister and his staff in the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government for providing funding to acquire the property, as well as for the works required to convert it to use as the Heritage Council's national headquarters.

The Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government supports and has endorsed the policy proposed by the Heritage Council for a National Biological Records Centre. The proposal will see the Centre established under the aegis of the Heritage Council in partnership with Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT). This marks an important step in Ireland meeting national and international responsibilities for its natural heritage.

The Heritage Council's commitment to architectural heritage received a major boost with funding levels increased late in 2004 for grant aid in this area. This support allowed allocations for landmark properties such as Westport House and Russborough as well as many smaller properties listed on the Buildings at Risk Register.

Work in the educational area was a central and core theme of all our activities in 2004. Co-operation with the Department of Education on the new revised syllabus for geography Leaving Certificate saw the Heritage Council build on its successful Heritage in Schools programme in the primary sector. These initiatives together with the establishment of the Freda Rountree Scholarship illustrate our commitment to applying our objectives with a long term perspective across the full spectrum of education in the state.

Ongoing partnership with the local authorities has seen the Heritage Officer programme continue to flourish and there has been important preparatory work to develop policy proposals in the areas of the marine and inland waterways. Steady progress has been made in the museums sector to implement the standards and accreditation programme and important initiatives in the field of archaeology are due to emerge in 2005.

2004 has been a busy and productive year and one in which firm foundations have been laid to lead us into 2005 and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom O'Dwyer', written in a cursive style.

Dr Tom O'Dwyer
Chairperson
An Chomhairle Oidreachta



'Awareness' is a word which can have all sorts of connotations. When used in the context of heritage it can be mis-represented or, in today's parlance, "spun". However, there is no spin put on the fact that in the five years since the Heritage Council ran its first National Heritage Awareness Survey there has been a significant increase in the numbers of people who consider heritage to be important, up from 46% in 1999 to 55% in 2004.

The Heritage Council first commissioned this National Survey to help devise its strategic plan for 2000-2005 and beyond and re-ran the survey with some trepidation. That trepidation existed primarily because of the mainly polarised views put forward in the media of heritage being anti-development in principle (or indeed development being anti-heritage).

Surely people were fed up with such confrontation and would wish heritage off the agenda. Not a bit of it. One of the most surprising figures in the 2004 Survey was that Dublin had the biggest single increase in those who "considered heritage to be very important", up from 41% in 1999 to 71% in 2004. Yet Dublin is where some of the most polarised views seem to be expressed.

In a related move, 2004 saw the award of the first Freda Rountree Scholarship, an award established to honour the first Chairperson of the Heritage Council. Building on the theme of awareness and influences on it, the scholar will consider the treatment of heritage issues in the media. The first results are awaited with interest.

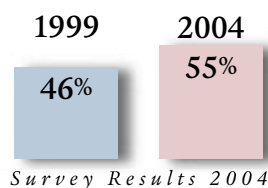
This Annual Report for 2004 shows many of the tangible benefits of the Heritage Council's work and also as a theme throughout its pages highlights many of the interesting shifts in levels of awareness since 1999. They are dramatic changes we would all do well to heed. There is no need for a constant polarisation of views. People value their heritage, both cultural and natural aspects, and want to see more done, in a constructive way, to protect it for future generations. What is more, they are prepared to contribute towards conservation and protection.



Michael Starrett

Chief Executive

Heritage Awareness



THE HERITAGE COUNCIL 2004

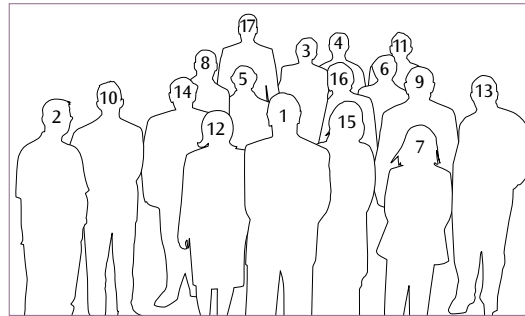
The Heritage Council was established in July 1995, under the *Heritage Act, 1995*, to “propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage”. National Heritage is defined in the Act as including:

monuments	landscapes
archaeological objects	seascapes
heritage objects	wrecks
architectural heritage	geology
flora and fauna	gardens and parks
inland waterways	wildlife habitats

The Heritage Act, 1995 is available to download at: www.heritagecouncil.ie

In particular, the *Heritage Act, 1995*, charges the Heritage Council with the responsibility to:

- promote interest, education, knowledge and pride in, and facilitate the appreciation and enjoyment of the national heritage;
- co-operate with other bodies in the promotion of its functions; and
- promote the co-ordination of all activities relating to its functions.



Council Members and Chief Executive

1 Chairperson Tom O'Dwyer, 2 Simon Berrow, 3 Mary Bryan, 4 Con Costello, 5 Ruth Delany, 6 Nessa Dunlea, 7 Deirdre Ellis-King, 8 Maurice Hurley, 9 Michael MacMahon, 10 Éamonn McEaney, 11 Michael McNamara, 12 Mary Moylan, 13 Tomás Ó Caoimh, 14 Níoclás Ó Conchubhair, William J. Smyth (not present), 15 Virginia Teehan, 16 Primrose Wilson, 17 Chief Executive Michael Starrett.



HERITAGE COUNCIL STAFF

The greatest resource of the Heritage Council is its staff. Our staff must be of the highest professional standing and competence in order to maintain our position as a dynamic and high achievement organisation. The credibility of the Heritage Council depends on the quality and calibre of its staff.

There was a significant turnover of Heritage Council staff in 2004 with resignations from three long standing staff members:

Mary Hanna, Architecture Officer

Eithne Verling, Museums and Archives Officer

Patrick Mathews, Planning Officer.

Council is pleased to announce that it has appointed the following staff in 2004

New appointments to these posts were:

Dr Hugh Maguire, Museums and Archives Officer

Alison Harvey, Planning Officer

There has been no appointment to date to the Architecture Officer post.

The full list of staff is as follows:

Michael Starrett *Chief Executive*

Anne Barcoe *Personal Assistant to Chairperson and Chief Executive*

Ian Doyle *Archaeology Officer*

Mary Hanna *Architecture Officer (to October 2004)*

Alison Harvey *Planning and Development Officer (from December 2004)*

Beatrice Kelly *Inland Waterways Officer*

Fionnuala Lynch *Grants Administrator*

Liam Lysaght *Wildlife Officer*

Martina Malone *Secretarial Support*

Linda O'Brien *Finance Officer*

Amanda Ryan *Secretarial Support*

Stephen Rhys Thomas *Planning Officer (to September 2004)*

Liam Scott *Human Resources Officer*

Viney Shine *Secretarial Support (to March 2004)*

Isabell Smyth *Education and Communication Officer*

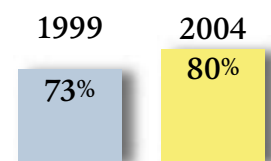
Eithne Veeling

Hugh Maguire *Museums and Archives Officer (to January 2004)*



Rothe House, Kilkenny

Heritage Awareness



Survey Results 2004

HERITAGE TRAINING

HERITAGE TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Heritage Council provides comprehensive training and development for County Heritage Officers and Heritage Council Professional Officers. This programme allows both groups to share expertise and information on national and local heritage issues. There are workshops and discussions on both practical and policy issues relating to heritage. Six two-day seminars took place at various locations throughout the country. Local heritage professionals and local authority personnel often participated to positive effect. Issues discussed are always particularly relevant to the work of the Heritage Council and County Heritage Officers and the programme offers a mechanism for developing a valuable heritage network.



Heritage Council staff and County Heritage Officers at a Heritage Training and Development Seminar in Glasson, Athlone, Co. Westmeath in October 2004.

HERITAGE COUNCIL STAFF TRAINING

Staff training should always be relevant, appropriate and practical to the actual duties a person performs at work. Relevant training was available to individuals as appropriate but collective training was not possible due to staff shortages in 2004.

Formal training was available in areas as diverse as GIS, Site Safety, Media Communications, Executive Secretarial, Payroll and IT. Members of the Heritage Council staff also provided in-house training on heritage issues.

HERITAGE COUNCIL MEETING IN LOUTH

The Heritage Council held a formal meeting in Bellingham Castle, Castle Bellingham, Co. Louth on 22 April 2004.

Following the business of the day there was a programme of events in conjunction with Louth Local Authorities.

Nicholas McCabe, Cathaoirleach, Louth County Council, hosted a reception for members and officials of the Heritage Council and Louth local authorities. County managers from adjoining local authorities also attended the event.

The Heritage Council subsequently hosted a dinner meeting at which Donncha Ó Dulaing, Dublin City Council Heritage Officer, presented information on County Heritage Plan projects to the participants.

Heritage Awareness

People should be penalised for not preserving Heritage

1999

2004

51%

64%

NEW HEADQUARTERS

A NEW HOME FOR THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

Eight years after its move to Kilkenny, the Heritage Council has secured a permanent home in the city. The new national headquarters will be the former Bishop's Palace, adjacent to St Canice's Cathedral. The property and a substantial proportion of the grounds were transferred from the Church of Ireland to the Heritage Council at a ceremony held in Butler House, Kilkenny on 26 October 2004. A new See House for the Bishop of Ferns and Ossory will be built by the Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland at Cathedral Close which will maintain the ecclesiastical continuum.



Pictured at the signing of the Contract from the Bishop's Palace on 26th October 2004 were: (From Left to Right) Ms. Mary Moylan, Heritage Council Member, Dr. Tom O'Dwyer, Chairman of The Heritage Council, Mr Geoffrey Perrin, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the RCB and Mr. Denis Reardon, Chief Officer and Secretary of the RCB

The Palace forms part of a wider complex ecclesiastical site, which includes the Cathedral, the Deanery, a robing room and round tower, and the line of the Kilkenny City Walls. Acquisition of the Palace by the Heritage Council and its use as a national headquarters will secure the long term conservation of the building and provide Kilkenny with an additional and important civic building and garden.



The conversion of the Palace building will include the use of ground floor facilities for purposes other than just those required by the Heritage Council. As meetings of the Diocesan Council will continue to be held in the Palace ecclesiastical links will be maintained. It is hoped that the community will seek to use the facilities for other purposes.

The ground floor will be conserved with substantial display and exhibition space, including initially an interpretation of the building and its uses. The design will also allow temporary displays for particular events or exhibitions.

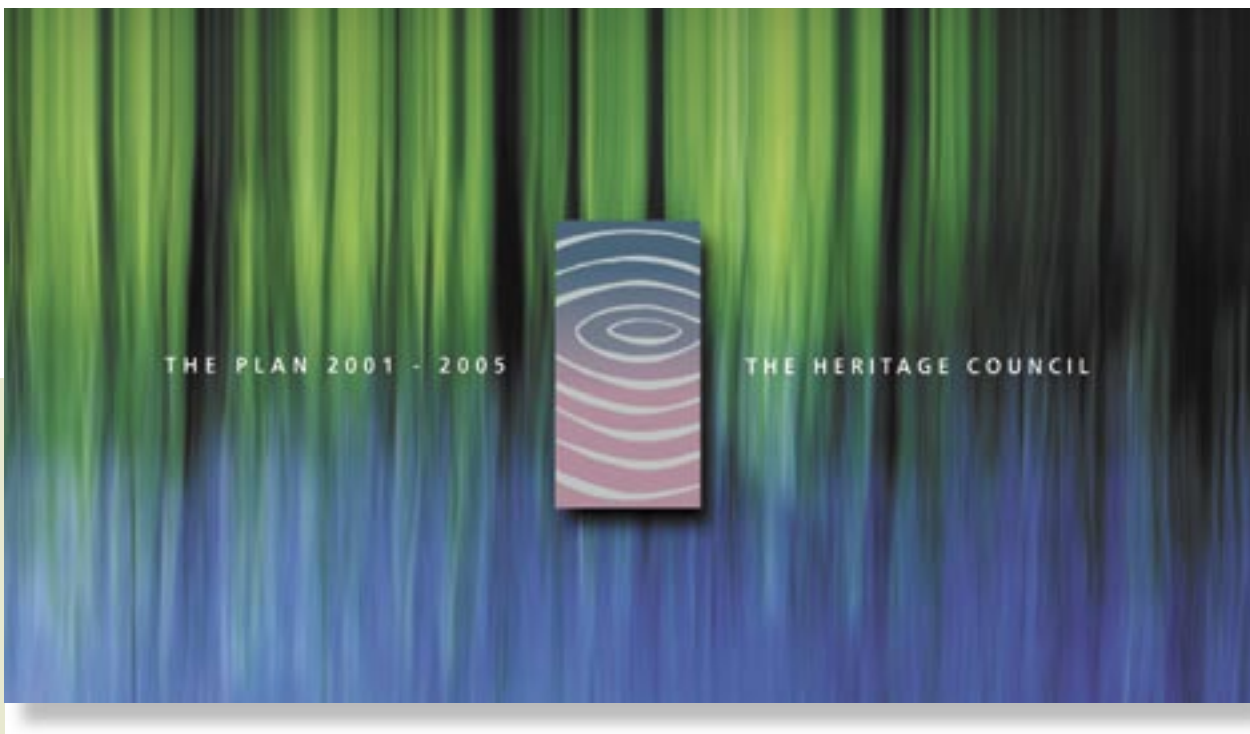
Having established its national identity through a range of initiatives while based in its temporary home in Rothe House, the Heritage Council looks to the future with a real sense of optimism as it moves to the Palace.

THE PLAN 2001-2005

This is the fourth year of implementing the Plan 2001-2005.

The Plan 2001-2005 contains 83 specific actions or action areas to be undertaken by the Heritage Council.

These fall under the following six Key Performance Areas:



- 1. Heritage information: collection and dissemination**
- 2. Advice to the Minister**
- 3. Placing heritage at the heart of public life**
- 4. Local Authorities and heritage management**
- 5. Raising awareness and appreciation of our heritage**
- 6. Best practice in heritage conservation and management**

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN IN 2004

The chart below illustrates the structure the Heritage Council has put in place to implement the Plan in 2004. The structure of the Heritage Council and its four standing committees are a statutory requirement under the provision of the 1995 act. Working groups appointed from time to time oversee or co-ordinate an aspect of policy formulation on behalf of the Heritage Council. Such groups are established for a fixed period of time and may include representatives from outside the Heritage Council.



*Standing committees

Heritage Awareness

Taxpayers money should be used to fund Heritage Protection

1999

41%

2004

53%

Survey Results 2004

SUMMARY LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS 2004

1 HERITAGE INFORMATION – COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

Major items of data collection included:

- Production of an annotated indexed bibliography on the cultural and built heritage of the Irish coastal zone
- Website for unpublished excavations
- Survey of Irish lowland grasslands – a scoping study
- Digitising Irish manuscripts
- Expanding the Heritage Council website.

2 ADVICE TO THE MINISTER

The Heritage Council provided advice to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government on:

- Public participation in the Water Framework Directive
- Woodstown, Co. Waterford
- Mid-term review of the National Biodiversity Action Plan
- Development of a National Biological Records Centre
- Promotion of Standards and Accreditation Scheme within the Museum sector.

3 PLACING HERITAGE AT THE HEART OF PUBLIC LIFE

This was achieved through:

- Local authorities and heritage management – Field Monument Advisor Programmes in Sligo and Clare
- Submitting comments on planning appeals to An Bord Pleanála and Local Planning Authorities
- Developing the Freda Rountree Scholarship.

4 LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

New Achievements include:

- Securing three new Heritage Officer posts in local authorities
- Continuing the Heritage Training and Development Programme for Heritage Officers
- Contributing €580,557 towards the implementation of 12 county/city Heritage Plans
- Carrying out four Heritage Appraisals of Local Authority Development Plans
- Carrying out six Heritage Appraisals of Regional Authority Planning Guidelines
- Promoting Local Biodiversity Action Plans
- Initiating Feasibility Study for an Integrated Cultural Facility in Kilkenny.

SUMMARY LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS 2004

5 RAISING AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF OUR HERITAGE

This major aspect of Council's work was advanced through:

- Awarding grants in the areas of local heritage, publications, wildlife, archaeology, museums & archives and buildings at risk
- ISCOPE – Irish Scheme for Cetacean Observation and Public Education
- Pilgrim Path Seminar, May
- Water Heritage Day, 11 September 2004
- Traditional Boat Seminar, November 2004
- Funding the publication of Archaeological Excavations
- Providing twenty bursaries for an Art Handling Course
- Ongoing commitment to developing the archives sector across Ireland
- Hosting the Museum of the Year Award
- Funding for the Irish Museums Association
- Producing a new and revised Heritage in Schools Directory
- Launch of Geography Project – Revised Leaving Certificate Syllabus
- Launch of Clonfert Conservation Plan
- Launch of Freshford Conservation Plan
- Launch of Guide to Irish Stained Glass
- Publishing Heritage Outlook.

6 BEST PRACTICE IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

Actions taken here include:

- Waterway Corridor Studies
- Bere Island Conservation Plan
- Beara Breifne Greenway – Irish section of the REVER network
- Funding for continuous professional development of archaeologists
- Diploma in Museum and Cultural Management
- Providing Seed Funding to the Institute of Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland
- Completion of work on Browne Clayton Monument
- Completion of Survey of Heritage Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Ireland
- Architectural Research Grant Scheme.



BIBLIOMARA

The Coastal and Marine Resources Centre compiled an annotated indexed bibliography on the cultural and built heritage of the Irish coastal zone using a multidisciplinary team from the Departments of Bealoideas and Archaeology from UCC, and Meitheal Mara. It was placed on the web in user-friendly format in 2004 at www.bibliomara.ie Further work on an easy-to-use search tool took place during 2004 to be implemented during 2005.

UNPUBLISHED EXCAVATIONS WEBSITE

Finalised in 2004, this project brought together details of sixty significant archaeological excavations not yet published in full. A short account of each excavation and some associated images will be placed on the Heritage Council website. It is hoped this will bring details from these important excavations into the wider public domain.

SURVEY OF IRISH LOWLAND GRASSLANDS – A SCOPING STUDY

The Heritage Council commissioned a scoping study to establish the most effective way to undertake a national lowland grassland survey of Ireland, to identify the remaining key grassland sites of conservation interest. The study demonstrates that using remote sensing, and ground truthing sites, will identify species-rich grasslands. The scoping study also provided indicative costs of a national survey.



DIGITISING IRISH MANUSCRIPTS

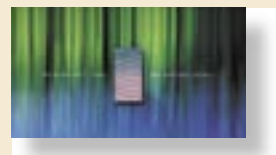
For a second year, the Museums and Archives Committee supported the Irish Script on Screen project (ISOS) run by the Institute of Advanced Studies. The project's principal aims are the research and digitisation of Irish manuscripts with a view to making them accessible to the public. The methodologies employed and the data derived from this project may have positive repercussions for disseminating such material to a wider public audience.

HERITAGE COUNCIL WEBSITE WWW.HERITAGECOUNCIL.IE



For many, the first point of contact with the Heritage Council is the website. The website is constantly updated with new sections added and continues to make a broad range of heritage information accessible to all. Its publications section makes almost all the Heritage Council research and policy documents available to the wider public, reflecting a substantial body of work carried out over the past decade. There are new sections on museums, landscape, marine and the Local Heritage Officer programme. A breakdown of all our grant awards shows the distribution of Heritage Council funding throughout the community and across all sectors. The diverse range of funded projects, publications and research grants is now available online as are press releases, information on tenders and an e-zine newsletter. The website and the e-zine newsletter help the Heritage Council meet its objectives of communicating with the wider public in an immediate and cost effective way. This web-based library is currently providing one of the best on-line heritage resources in the country.

ADVICE TO THE MINISTER



ADVICE ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE

Following the 2003 consultation process “Seeking your views on Water Quality”, the Heritage Council sent advice on public participation in the Water Framework Directive to the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government. This advice is available on our website. Feedback from the consultation was also published.

WOODSTOWN, CO WATERFORD

In April 2004 the Heritage Council recommended to the Minister that the site at Woodstown, Co. Waterford, be archaeologically investigated in advance of motorway construction. The site lies just outside Waterford City on the proposed route of the M25 and has produced important evidence of Viking occupation.

MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government requested the Heritage Council, in association with Comhar, to assist the mid-term review of the National Biodiversity Plan. A working group established by Cohmar completed the review and submitted it to the Department in November 2004.

DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL RECORDS CENTRE

The Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government accepted an earlier policy proposal to establish a Biological Records Centre. The Centre will be under the aegis of the Heritage Council in partnership with Waterford Institute of Technology. This will see the Centre make an important contribution to implementing Ireland’s responsibilities under the Convention on Biological Diversity as well as its own National Biodiversity Plan.

STANDARDS AND ACCREDITATION SCHEME

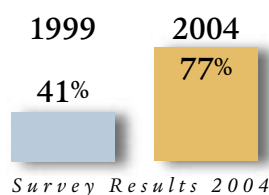
Louise Ryan produced the final report on this pilot scheme which will benefit the implementation of the Heritage Council’s museums’ policy in the years ahead. At a ceremony in Dublin on 23 March 2004 there was a presentation to each of the 13 institutions participating in the pilot scheme.

Six of the participating collecting institutions met the eligibility criteria to attain Interim Accreditation. These are:

- Chester Beatty Library
- Monaghan County Museum
- Muckross House, Killarney
- National Gallery of Ireland
- National Print Museum
- Waterford Treasures

Twelve participating institutions received funding to improve standards identified in the course of the pilot scheme.

Heritage Awareness





LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT – FIELD MONUMENTS ADVISOR PROGRAMMES IN COUNTIES SLIGO AND CLARE

In 2004 the Heritage Council continued to fund the Field Monument Advisor Programme. This ran in partnership with Sligo County Council in 2003 and Clare County Council appointed a second advisor in 2004. This innovative project involves an advisor visiting landowners and providing advice about the management and significance of archaeological earthworks. Both advisors have been well received in each county.

SUBMITTED COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPEALS TO AN BORD PLEANÁLA AND LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITIES IN 2004

An Bord Pleanála forwarded a number of appeals in relation to large-scale developments proposals for comment to the Heritage Council. Council made a total of four submissions to An Bord Pleanála in 2003. The Heritage Council also commented on a range of individual development control cases at local authority level where heritage sensitivity was a concern.

The Heritage Council will introduce an electronic referral system in 2005 in partnership with the local planning authorities, the Environmental Protection Agency and An Bord Pleanála. Referral responses will be available on the planning page of the Heritage Council's website in 2005.

THE FREDA ROUNTREE SCHOLARSHIP

Simon Bourke, graduate of the DCU Master's in Journalism course, has just received the first Freda Rountree doctoral scholarship from the Heritage Council. The award scheme is in memory of Freda Rountree, first Chair of the Heritage Council, who died in 2000. The subject of the three year research project is: "Consumption and Conflict: Representations of heritage in the National Irish Press".

This topic is particularly relevant in today's widening public debate on heritage. It is particularly interesting given Simon Bourke's innovative approach, looking at heritage issues from a communications perspective, one not carried out by any other researcher to date.

Heritage Awareness

I am actively involved
with Heritage
at a local level

1999

2004

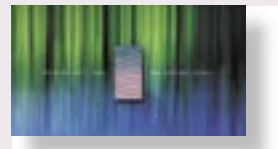
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LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

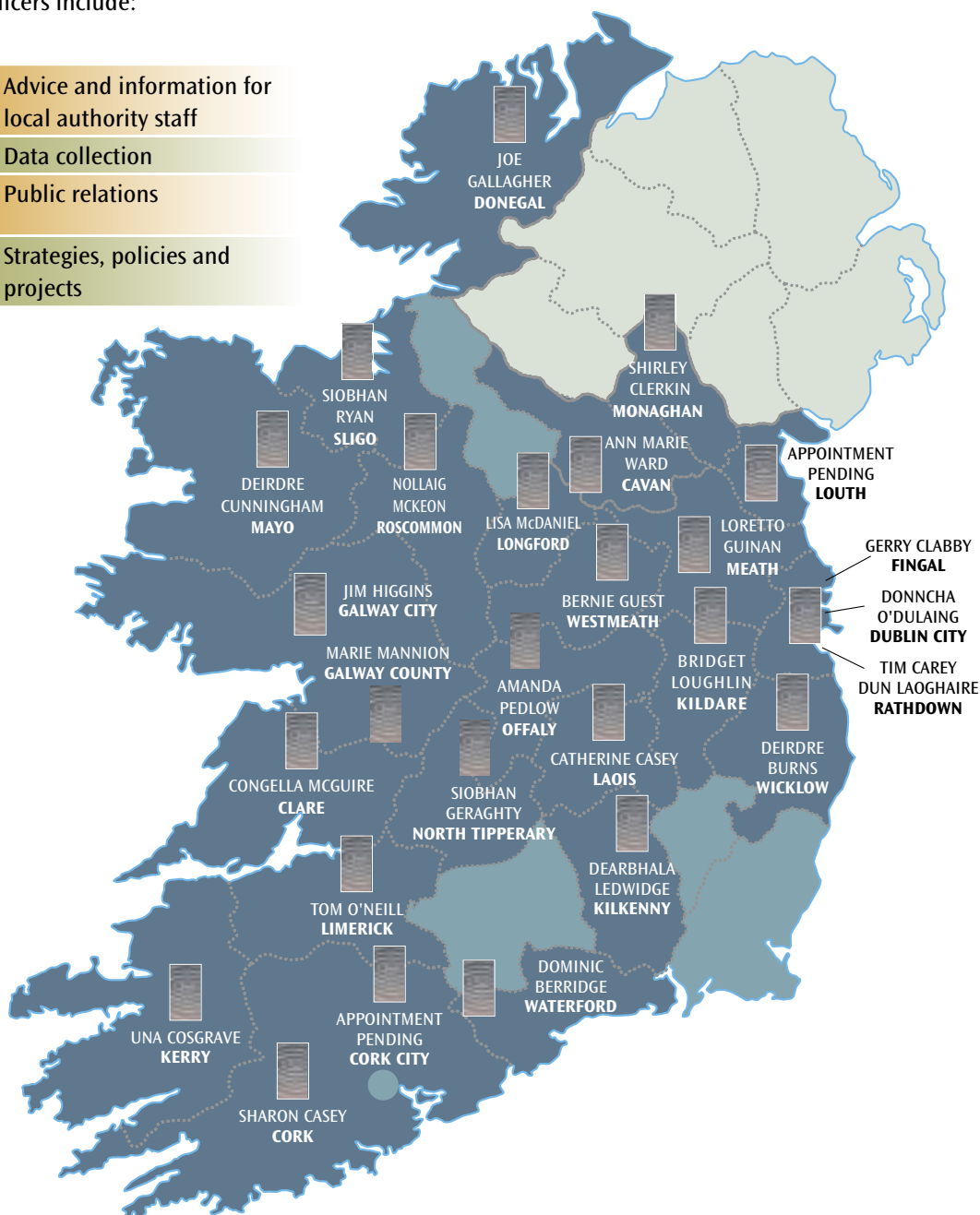


THE HERITAGE OFFICER PROGRAMME 2004

The Heritage Council partnership programme encourages local authorities to employ County Heritage Officers who will provide a professional, strategic and co-ordinated heritage service. They aim to promote greater understanding, conservation and preservation through improving the status and perception of heritage. Their role is extensive and facilitates the preferences of individual local authorities. Some of the principal areas addressed by Heritage Officers include:

The programme has proved an outstanding success with twenty-four County Heritage Officers in post at the end of 2004. Three new posts were added in 2004 but, unfortunately, two posts were discontinued. The discontinuation was caused by difficulties for local authorities in obtaining departmental sanction, in addition to financial constraints.

County Heritage Plans	Advice and information for local authority staff
Heritage appraisal	Data collection
Liaison	Public relations
Public consultations	Strategies, policies and projects



IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY/CITY PLANS

In 2004 the Heritage Council contributed a total of €580,556 towards the implementation of 12 County and City Heritage Plans in partnership with the relevant local authority. The plans were awarded the following amounts:

Carlow County Heritage Plan	34,376
Clare County Heritage Plan	63,086
Dublin City Heritage Plan	127,263
Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Heritage Plan	48,447
Galway County Heritage Plan	57,086
Kerry County Heritage Plan	19,402
Laois County Heritage Plan	20,308
North Tipperary Heritage Plan	42,539
Offaly County Heritage Plan	42,675
Roscommon County Heritage Plan	33,248
Sligo County Heritage Plan	31,750
Westmeath County Heritage Plan	60,376
Total	580,556

SPECIFIC HERITAGE PLAN PROJECTS IN 2004

A sample of individual projects supported by the Heritage Plan fund is provided below:

- Inventory and assessment of the thatched houses of Co. Galway
- Conservation Plan for Athlone Town Walls, Co. Westmeath
- Hedgerow Education Programme, Co. Offaly
- Desktop survey of the significant trees of Co. Carlow
- Access audit study to establish the extent, location and nature of public access to heritage sites in Co. Roscommon
- Habitat mapping survey of the parks of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council
- Feasibility study to establish best practice model for a family history and local heritage service in North Tipperary
- Schools heritage and IT programme in Co. Sligo

HERITAGE APPRAISALS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY DEVELOPMENT PLANS

During 2004, the Heritage Council carried out three heritage appraisals of county and town development plans. The relevant local authority jointly funded a number of appraisals.

- Mallow Draft Development Plan, Co. Cork
- North Tipperary Draft Development Plan
- Clare Draft County Development Plan

The heritage appraisal process aims to “systematically, comprehensively, and impartially assess the likely effects of implementing the policies in the development plan on the heritage” (*Source: Heritage Appraisal of Development Plans – A Methodology for Planning Authorities, Heritage Council, July 2000*). A heritage appraisal also helps to ensure a development plan deals with the full range of heritage considerations.

With the introduction of the new EU SEA Directive in Ireland July 2004, the work on heritage appraisal and the in-depth methodology it encourages is viewed as a very worthwhile tool for proofing heritage-related policy. Heritage appraisals will continue in 2005-6 and will support SEA.

The SEA, (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Directive took effect from July 2004 and was transposed into Irish law by; •S.I. No. 435 of 2004 European Communities (Environmental Assessment of certain Plans and Programmes) Regulations 2004 and •S.I. No. 436 of 2004. •Planning and Development (Strategic Environmental Assessment) Regulations 2004.

HERITAGE APPRAISALS OF REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDELINES

The Heritage Council also undertook heritage appraisals of the following Regional Authority Planning Guidelines in 2004:

- West Regional
- South-west
- South-east
- Midland
- Mid-west
- Border, Midlands and Western Region (BMW).

RURAL HOUSING IN IRELAND – LOCATION IN THE LANDSCAPE AND PLACE IN THE NATIONAL HERITAGE, FINAL REPORT, 2004

This detailed submission to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government sets out the Heritage Council's position on rural housing and provides recommendations for the Guidelines for Rural Housing, issued by the Department of the Environment. The Council's Rural Housing Report examines the planning process and investigates the key impacts of rural housing on heritage including visual impact, impact on the landscape (direct and cumulative), and the impact on biodiversity.



There are eleven recommendations under two key categories – administration and policy development. Recommendations include the need to undertake landscape capacity studies in pilot areas to inform rural housing applications, the need for a one-stop-shop web-based integrated heritage map for each county and the need for a detailed review of the existing landscape character assessments to ensure the effectiveness of this important resource. The Council's submission is available to download from the website.

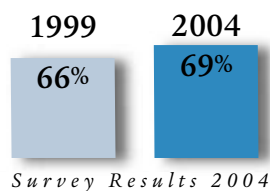
LOCAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLANS

The Heritage Council continues to promote and support Local Biodiversity Action Plans. Working with County Heritage Officers, the Heritage Council provided funding for six local authorities to help produce Local Biodiversity Action Plans. The local authorities funded in 2004 were Carlow, Clare, Dublin City, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown, North Tipperary and Sligo.

FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR INTEGRATED CULTURAL FACILITY IN KILKENNY

The Heritage Council together with Kilkenny County Council initiated a Feasibility Study for an Integrated Cultural Facility in Kilkenny. This study will attempt to address the needs of the Butler Gallery, one of Ireland's most prestigious art collections, together with the display needs of collections, that will address the diversity and history of Co. Kilkenny. This study will be completed in 2005.

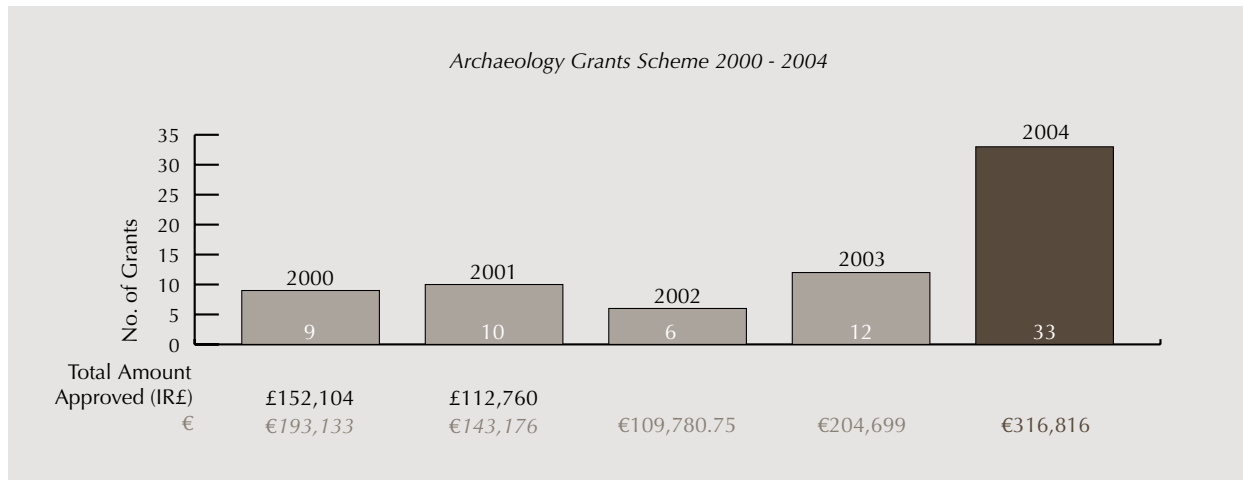
Heritage Awareness





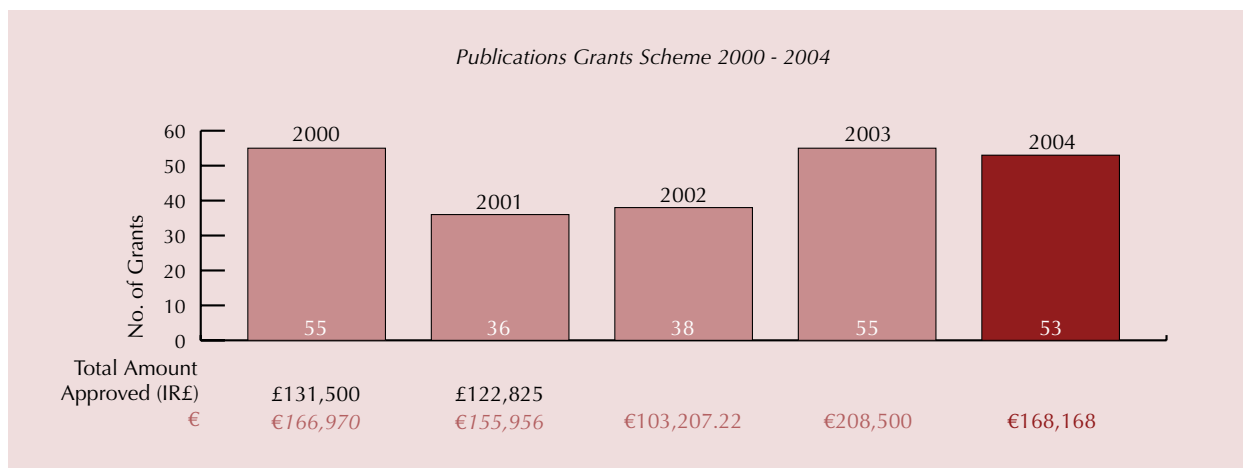
ARCHAEOLOGY GRANTS SCHEME 2004

The Council also repeated its Archaeology Grants Scheme in 2004. Under the scheme €316,816 was awarded to 33 projects. A list of payments to projects during 2004 is included in Financial Statements .



PUBLICATIONS GRANTS SCHEME 2004

The Publications Grants Scheme aims to assist the production of high quality publications on aspects of Ireland's heritage. In 2004, a total of €168,168 was offered to 53 publications. A list of payments to projects during 2004 is included in the Financial Statements.





Local Heritage Grant Awards 2004

LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS SCHEME 2004 FUNDED IN ASSOCIATION WITH FORD IRELAND



The purpose of these grants is to encourage local groups to take an interest in the heritage that surrounds them, and to enable them to undertake projects which raise awareness of that rich and diverse resource. 99 projects shared a total of €379,329. A list of payments to projects during 2004 is included in the Financial Statements. Council recognises the ongoing support of Ford with its Local Heritage Grants Scheme.

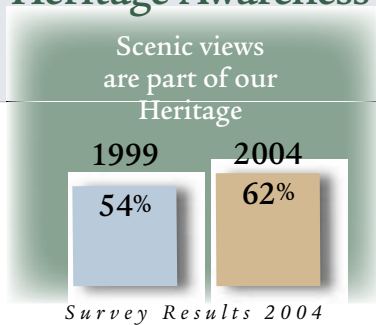


WILDLIFE GRANTS SCHEME 2004

The aim of the Wildlife Grants Scheme is to contribute to the collection of data on flora, fauna and wildlife habitats, landscapes and seascapes. In 2004, €257,107 was awarded to 27 projects under the Wildlife Grants Scheme. A list of payments to projects during 2004 is included in the Financial Statements.

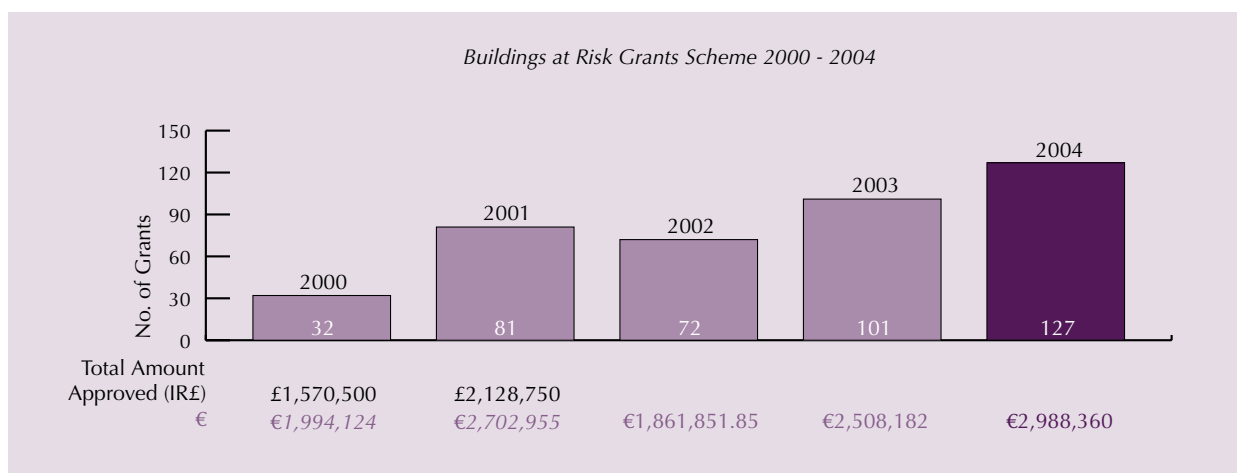


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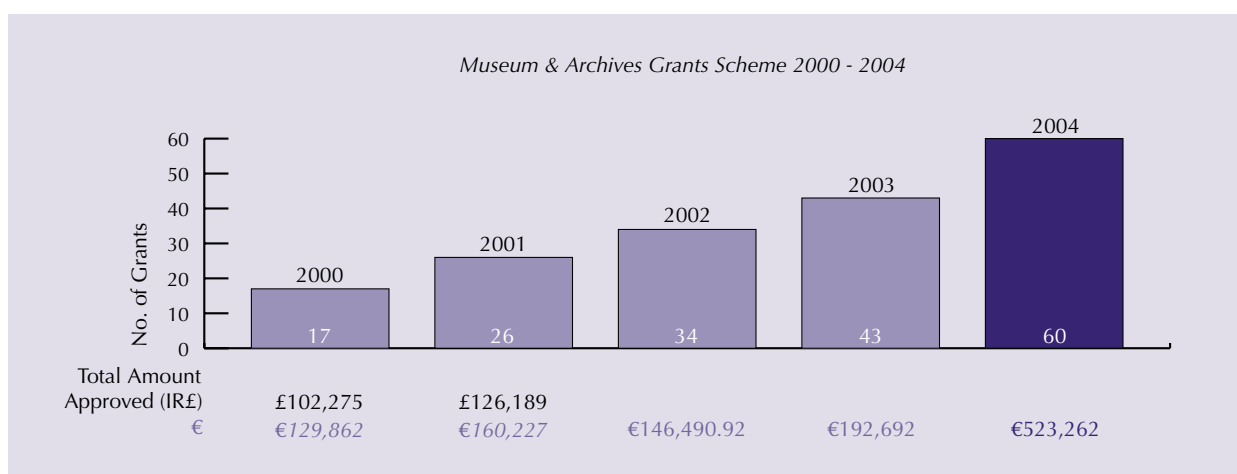
BUILDINGS AT RISK GRANTS SCHEME 2004

The aim of the Buildings at Risk Grants Scheme is to enable the Council to identify the scale and extent of risk to the architectural heritage and to assist it in proposing policies and priorities to address the issue. The list also assists Council in prioritising projects for grant-aid. In 2004, €2,988,360 was awarded to 127 projects. A list of payments to projects during 2004 is included in the Financial Statements.



MUSEUM & ARCHIVES GRANTS SCHEME 2003

The aim of the Museum & Archive Grants Scheme is to contribute to the collection of data, raising awareness and proposing of policy in the following areas: collections management, museum/archival management, education and interpretation, and public services. In 2004, €523,262 was awarded to 60 projects under the Museum & Archives Grants Scheme. A list of payments to projects during 2004 is included in the Financial Statements.





ISCOPE – IRISH SCHEME FOR CETACEAN OBSERVATION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Heritage Council, with other partners, has provided financial assistance for the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group towards ISCOPE. This national initiative aims to promote better awareness and knowledge of cetaceans (whales, dolphins and porpoises) in Irish waters, by encouraging public participation in cetacean recording.

PILGRIM PATHS SEMINAR, MAY 2004

The Royal Irish Academy held a seminar on pilgrim routes in Europe and Ireland, current and historic. Speakers included Jose Maria Ballesteros from the Institutes of European Cultural Routes, Fr Tomas Ó Caoimh of the Heritage Council, Dr Colmán Ó Clabaigh OSB, Glenstal Abbey/Micheál Ó Cléirigh Institute, UCD and Dr Peter Harbison, Royal Irish Academy. The launch of the map guides for the Pilgrim Path project, Lough Derg, St Kevin's Way, Cosán na Naomh followed. These routes are open and it is hoped to complete two further routes in 2005 - St Declan's Way and the Slí Mhór.

WATER HERITAGE DAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2004

A recommendation came from the consultation process "Seeking Your Views on Water Quality", to create a Water Heritage Day as part of Heritage Week and was piloted on 11 September 2004, during Heritage Week. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness amongst the public and highlight the importance of water as part of our heritage. The day celebrated all aspects of water from providing wildlife and aquatic habitats, to folklore, industrial



heritage and archaeology. Organisations were encouraged to host events in their area focussing on the heritage aspects of water. The Heritage Council supported the events through a publicity campaign

including a website, posters and a booklet on Irish water. Secchi disks were also available to the public to test for water transparency. Over 44 events took place across the country covering a wide range of activities. Reports are available on the Heritage Council's website. A second Water Heritage Day will take place in 2005.

TRADITIONAL BOAT SEMINAR, NOVEMBER 2004

Arising from Reggie Goodbody's survey for the Heritage Council in 2003, a seminar took place in November 2004 to discuss the main heritage issues. Speakers included: Jim Horgan – "Traditional boats - how do we keep the idea alive?"; Donal MacPolin – "Recording and researching traditional boats"; and John Kearon of the Merseyside Maritime Museum – "The care and conservation of heritage and historic vessels". Reggie Goodbody spoke about the survey and over 60 people attended the event representing both inland and maritime boats. The proceedings will be published in 2005.



Traditional Boat Seminar, November 2004

FUNDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS

The Heritage Council continued to fund the publication of archaeological excavations. Projects which received funding included excavations in Cork City, Galway City, Limerick City, Knowth and the Hill of Tara in Co. Meath.

BURSARIES FOR AN ART HANDLING COURSE

Recognising that promoting the primary care of objects, preventative conservation, is a core function, the Heritage Council provided twenty bursaries for an Art Handling Course operated in May by ICHAWI (Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland).

COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARCHIVES SECTOR

The Heritage Council has an ongoing commitment to the development of archives across Ireland. It was appropriate to sponsor the 25th anniversary event of the Society of Archivists held in Kilkenny. Acknowledging the prestige of the National Theatre and its centenary celebrations the Heritage Council also provided support for the Abbey Theatre on-line Archive www.abbeytheatre.ie

MUSEUM OF THE YEAR AWARDS, 2004

The Museum of the Year Awards recognise the achievements of museums throughout Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The Northern Ireland Museums Council organises the awards each year, in partnership with the Heritage Council. This year was the thirteenth year of the awards. The award ceremony took place at Stormont Buildings on 18 January 2005 with presentations by Northern Ireland Minister Angela Smith MP.

MUSEUM OF THE YEAR 2004

Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, Cultra, Co Down.

BEST COLLECTIONS CARE

National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Dublin.

BEST PUBLICATION FOR VISITORS

Waterford Treasures, and Ulster Folk and Transport Museum Cultra, Co Down.

BEST EXHIBITION

Ulster Museum for its exhibition: "Conflict, the Irish at War".

BEST ACCESS AND OUTREACH

National Museum of Ireland, Natural History Division, for its comprehensive education programme.

A commendation was given in the Best Collections Care category to Monaghan County Museum.



(Left to Right) Tom Cooke, Chief Executive of Museums & Galleries of Northern Ireland (MAGNI); Anne McMullan, Head of Marketing at Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, Angela Smith MP and Marshall McKee, Director of Operations at MAGNI

FUNDING TOWARDS THE IRISH MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION (IMA)

The Heritage Council provides core funding to the Irish Museums Association to support its activities and development. As a pivotal agency in the support of Irish museums and their staff the IMA offers a key means for the Heritage

Council to implement its policies across the sector.

NEW AND REVISED HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS DIRECTORY JANUARY 2004

The scheme offers a panel of heritage specialists who will, at the request of a teacher, visit a primary school to work directly with the children. The visit is part-funded by the school and the Heritage Council funds the remaining fee plus expenses.

This year the directory lists a total of 128 heritage specialists and indicates whether they are able to undertake their visit through English or Irish. Their areas



Children participate in Heritage in Schools scheme.

of expertise range from bats to whales, from Vikings to the history of bread, from storytelling to traditional dance, and from charcoal making to military heritage. Specialists usually conduct their visits in or close to their own county, although many are prepared to travel.

As one teacher pointed out: "Children's lives revolve around their locality" so the specialist's knowledge of local heritage enhances young people's appreciation of their surroundings. All the specialists are trained to communicate effectively with children and their spontaneity and enthusiasm for their subject makes the visits a very appealing educational experience for both pupils and teachers.

Heritage Awareness

Streetscapes
are part of our
Heritage

1999 2004
55% 63%

Survey Results 2004

The value of the Heritage in Schools scheme is in the richness and depth of knowledge it makes available to children. Its expansion is well timed with the phased introduction of the new Social, Environment and Scientific Education (SESE) curriculum. The scheme supports the stated aims and objectives of the SESE curriculum and provides an additional educational tool for teachers. The primary aim is to raise awareness of the natural and built heritage among children, teachers, and parents. The scheme hopes to establish a real and vibrant understanding of heritage in our primary schools, to encourage children and teachers to leave the classroom and enjoy a first hand experience of their local heritage, and to open children's eyes to the world around them.

GEOGRAPHY PROJECT – REVISED LEAVING CERT



Pictured at the Launch of the educational resource 'Geographical Exploration: Investigating Ireland's Heritage' in The Butler House Hotel on 14 October 2004. From left to right: Ms. Isabell Smyth, Communication & Education Officer, The Heritage Council, Prof. Willie Smyth, The Heritage Council, Tony Dunne, County Dublin Curriculum Development Unit and students from Kilkenny College, Kilkenny

A requirement of the Revised Leaving Certificate Syllabus introduced into schools in September 2004 is that every student undertakes a geographical investigation. For most teachers this will involve completing a field study with their students. This resource is designed to inform and assist teachers in their investigative work.

The Heritage Council is required "to promote interest, education, knowledge and pride in and facilitate the appreciation and enjoyment of the national heritage".

This requirement dovetails with the aims and objectives of the revised syllabus particularly the need for students

to develop an understanding of the social, economic and physical processes which shape our heritage. Such understanding can develop a sense of place and pride in our heritage. The CDVEC Curriculum

Development Unit has a long history of developing new courses in response to the needs of students and society. The present resource is the result of such a process with funding, technical advice and assistance from the Heritage Council.

As the Irish market for teacher resources is small, few commercial publishers will produce such resources so the support of the Heritage Council is timely. The resource includes 17 exemplar field studies along with sections on the place of heritage in the curriculum and fieldwork skills. It adopts a step by step approach to field studies and includes a variety of resources including maps, photographs and identification sheets for use in the field.

LAUNCH OF FRESHFORD CONSERVATION PLAN



The Launch of the Conservation Plan for St. Lactains Church, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny

The conservation plan for St Lactain's Cathedral in Freshford, Co. Kilkenny was launched in November 2004. The Conservation plan methodology, introduced by the Heritage Council in 1998, provides a practical vision for the repair, conservation and future of the monument. The conservation plan draws together all aspects of the built and natural heritage and provides a forum for all interested parties to meet and agree a way forward.

LAUNCH OF CLONFERT CONSERVATION PLAN

The launch of the conservation plan for St Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert, Co. Galway took place on 15 October 2004. St. Brendan's is one of the earliest ecclesiastical sites in Ireland in continuous use as a place of worship. The Heritage Council has supported conservation works to the Cathedral since 1998. The publication of the conservation plan will ensure that future decisions are taken within an informed framework.

LAUNCH OF GUIDE TO IRISH STAINED GLASS

The Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland approached the Heritage Council in 1999 to request partnership funding for a diocesan survey by Dr David Lawrence. This first joint initiative proved to be so successful that it has continued for the past six years, surveying and recording stained glass in ten dioceses. This is an invaluable resource for all who have the care of churches and for those who study and write about them.

The Committee was supportive of the project and approved resources for it each year. However it was anxious that Dr Lawrence's knowledge should reach a wider audience and was delighted when he agreed to write *The Care of Stained Glass*. This beautifully illustrated publication, launched in 2004, provides clear concise advice to custodians, conservators and photographers of stained glass.

HERITAGE OUTLOOK

Heritage Outlook is aimed at readers interested in a range of heritage issues. Its distribution continued to grow throughout 2004 with the publication of two additional issues. Articles ranged across the built and natural world covering topics as diverse as the value of heritage-led regeneration to the historical significance of Portlaoigh, Waterford. Richard Nairn wrote about the impact of the roads programme on habitats and the need for better planning for our wildlife to reduce the number of animal deaths on our roads.



The summer 2004 issue carried an article by fisheries scientist, John Molloy, on managing our oceans and outlined the impact of overfishing, with conservation measures undertaken, scientific advice and how we can improve methods in the future. Involving stakeholders in the process has been an important step forward and it is hoped that new management initiatives will help the future survival of our fishing industries. Dr Hugh Maguire discussed the decline in visitor numbers to historic house museums in an article entitled "An end to the open house?"

Heritage Awareness

Wildlife Habitats
are part of our
Heritage

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55%

2004

61%

Survey Results 2004



WATERWAY CORRIDOR STUDIES

Two studies were completed in 2004:

The Shannon Navigation from Shannon Bridge to Lanesborough, including Lough Ree and the River Suck-Royal Canal from Thomastown, Co. Westmeath to Clondra, and the Shannon Navigation from Lanesborough to Rooskey. These projects are in partnership with Waterways Ireland, Westmeath, Roscommon, Galway, Longford and Offaly Co. Councils and won the Irish Landscape Institute's award for landscape planning, thus proving the high quality and effectiveness of these studies. The launch took place in September 2004 in Athlone and copies are available on CD from the Heritage Council.

Another corridor study began during 2004 on the upper Shannon, in partnership with Leitrim, and Roscommon Co. Councils and Waterways Ireland. It covers the upper Shannon from Rooskey upstream and includes the Carnadoe Waters, Lough Key and the Boyle Navigation, Lough Allen. It will be completed in 2005.

BERE ISLAND CONSERVATION PLAN

The Heritage Council continued to support this initiative through funding a project co-ordinator. Work is continuing to further a number of areas including a community scallop project and an island-wide REPS plan. Other activities focus on the military fortifications of the island including the Martello tower and Lonehort battery.

BEARA BREIFNE GREENWAY – IRISH SECTION OF THE REVER NETWORK

Work is ongoing on the plan for a greenway following the march of O'Sullivan Beare from the Beara peninsula, West Cork to Blacklion in the Leitrim/Cavan area. It involves over 66 community groups and 11 local authorities.

BEST PRACTICE IN HERITAGE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Heritage Council provided funding in 2003 for a programme of continuous professional development for archaeologists. The Institute of Archaeologists in Ireland is developing this programme and the Heritage Council participated in several meetings in 2004.

The Heritage Council also took part in a collaborative process entitled 2020 – A Foresight Study for Irish Archaeology which seeks to identify initiatives required to re-position archaeological practice for the near and medium term future.

DIPLOMA IN MUSEUM AND CULTURAL MANAGEMENT

Dundalk Institute of Technology and the University of Ulster are joint third-level providers of a Diploma in Museum and Cultural Management. This initiative is in conjunction with the museum sector in Ireland and all parties are currently working towards its implementation.

FUNDING FOR ICHAWI

Recognising that the protection and welfare of heritage objects is integral to our role in safeguarding Ireland's heritage, the Heritage Council has provided seed funding to the Institute of Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland. ICHAWI's role in promoting preventive conservation practice is key to this.

COMPLETION TO WORK ON BROWNE CLAYTON MONUMENT

Completion of the restoration of the Browne Clayton Monument in Co. Wexford took place in 2004. One of the most noted landmarks in the county, it is a 28.6 metres (94 feet) high Corinthian column modelled on the so-called Pompey's Pillar near Alexandria. Thomas Cobden designed and erected it in 1839 to mark a military victory by General Robert Browne Clayton. Lightning severely damaged the monument in 1995 and under the supervision of James Howley (Howley Harrington Architects), the project involved dismantling the capital and then stabilising the shaft to prevent collapse. The next stage was to cut the replacement stones and then straighten and re-build the damaged part of the shaft, before finally re-instating the capital. The Heritage Council part funded the works which have secured the column's future.

SURVEY OF HERITAGE GARDENS AND DESIGNED LANDSCAPES IN IRELAND

In 2001 the Standing Committee on Architecture convened a meeting of all interested bodies to discuss the possibility of including a survey of heritage gardens and designed landscapes as part of the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). The project was then taken a step further.

The first phase of the project, completed in 2004 and funded by the NIAH, identified over 5,500 sites. This was a desk search, County by County of Ordnance Survey

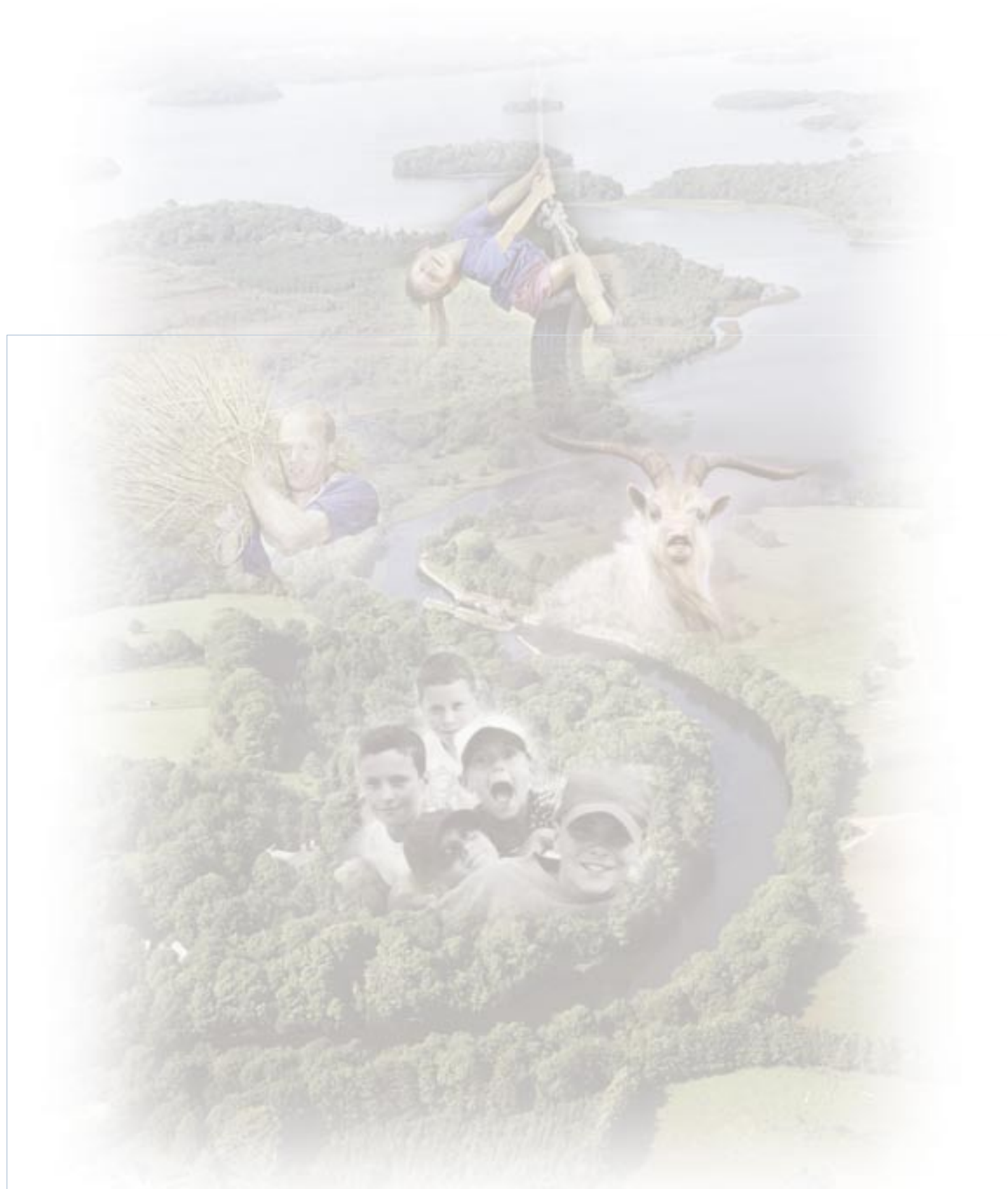
maps, public archives and published sources on historic gardens and designed landscapes. A second phase will commence in 2005.

ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH GRANTS

This scheme is designed to provide grant assistance for research to advance understanding of Ireland's architectural heritage. Applications are invited annually and priority is given to projects which contribute to achieving the objectives of the Heritage Council Plan 2001-5



Completion of Survey of Heritage Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Ireland.
The Walled garden at Belvedere House was restored under the Great Gardens of Ireland Restoration Programme through EU funding



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 "Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies", published by the Department of Finance in 2001.

The Council has established a Finance and Audit 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 Council complies with Government guidelines for the appraisal and management of Capital Expenditure in the public sector. The Council complies with all aspects of Government requirement for public procurement and competitive tender, including EU guidelines. Government policy on pay and directors' fees is also complied with. The Council is fully tax compliant and does not engage in "offensive" tax avoidance transactions.

Prompt Payments

The Heritage Council is required to Comply with the requirements of the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2002 and its predecessor, the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 (collectively the "regulations"). The Council's standard terms of credit taken, unless otherwise specified in contractual arrangements, are 30 days from the receipt of the invoice. Procedures have been implemented which 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 against material non-compliance with the ACT.

A review of all payments made during the year ended 31 December 2004 shows 11 payments totalling €80,827 giving rise to an interest penalty of €379 under the above regulations.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2004

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REPORT OF COMPTROLLER & AUDITOR GENERAL

Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for presentation to the Houses of the Oireachtas

I have audited the financial statements on pages 35 to 71 under Section 21 (2) of the Heritage Act, 1995.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND THE COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL

The accounting responsibilities of the members of the Council are set out on page 35. It is my responsibility, based on my audit, to form an independent opinion on the financial statements presented to me and to report on them.

I review whether the statement on the system of internal financial control on page 36 reflects the Council's compliance with applicable guidance on corporate governance and report any material instance where it does not do so, or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information of which I am aware from my audit of the financial statements.

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

In the exercise of my function as Comptroller and Auditor General, I conducted my audit of the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board and by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation.

An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I planned and performed my audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations that I considered necessary to provide me with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

OPINION

In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Council and the financial statements, which are in agreement with them, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Heritage Council at 31 December 2004 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended.



Gerard Smyth

For and on behalf of the

Comptroller and Auditor General

28 June 2005

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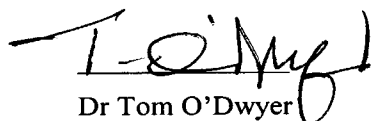
Statement of responsibilities of the council

Section 21(1) of the Heritage Act, 1995 requires the Council to prepare financial statements in such form as may be approved by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government after consultation with the Minister for Finance.

In preparing the financial statements, the Council is required to:

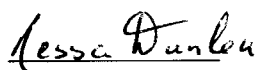
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Heritage Council will continue in operation.
- state whether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

The Council is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Council and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 21(1) of the Act. The Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Heritage Council and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Dr Tom O'Dwyer

Council Chairperson



Nessa Dunlea

Council Member

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Statement on the system of Internal Financial Control

On behalf of the members of Council I wish to acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated.

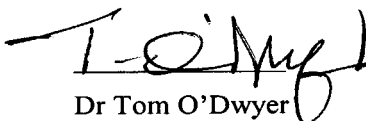
The system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

Key Control Procedures

- i) The Council has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment is in place by:
- Agreeing a detailed work programme for each year, monitoring and evaluating progress against the work programme
 - Implementing financial procedures to control the significant financial elements of The Heritage Council's business
 - Maintaining a comprehensive schedule of insurances to protect The Heritage Council's interest
 - Reviewing and approving all Agency policies and procedures
 - the establishment of an Audit and Finance Committee which regularly reviews the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. The Committee selects different areas of Council's financial activities for detailed review on a rolling basis, in order to assess the effectiveness of controls in these areas.
 - production of regular management information, segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability
 - compliance with all aspects of Government requirement for public procurement and competitive tender
 - compliance with Department procedures as regards reporting and draw down of funds
 - immediate and positive response to all items drawn to Council's attention in management letters from the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- ii) The system of internal financial controls is based on a framework of regular management information, a system of delegation and accountability, a set of financial procedures, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and rigorous checks of the finance function. In particular it includes:
- Restricting authority for authorising disbursement of Agency monies to four named officers.
 - Modern computerised Financial Accounting, Payroll and Fixed Asset Register software systems to underpin the internal financial controls of The Heritage Council.
 - Detailed procedures for engaging consultants.
- iii) The Council has an internal audit programme and uses the services of various independent financial consultants as and when required to carry out this and report on their findings to Council.
- iv) The Heritage Council has adopted the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies and has adopted a Code of Business Conduct for directors and employees in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice.

Annual Review of Controls

The Council did not conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control during 2004. It is intended that this review would take place during 2005.



Dr Tom O'Dwyer

Council Chairperson

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GENERAL

The Heritage Council was established under the Heritage Act, 1995. The general function of the Heritage Council is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage and to promote its appreciation.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Accounting basis

The financial statements are prepared under the accruals method of accounting, except as indicated below, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention. Financial Reporting Standards recommended by the recognised accountancy bodies are adopted, as they become operative.

2. Oireachtas Grant-in-Aid

Oireachtas Grant-in-Aid is accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

3. 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 2004 are given in note 13.

4. Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets comprise buildings, office furniture, office equipment, computers and works of art of the Heritage Council and are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated in order to write off the cost of tangible assets over their estimated useful lives by equal annual instalments.

The depreciation rates used are:

Buildings	2.5%	Office Furniture	10%
Office Equipment	20%	Computers	25%
Works of Art	Nil		

5. 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.

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6. Stock

Stock comprising stationery and publications is written off in the year of purchase.

7. Leasing

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated in accordance with the Council policy.

8. Superannuation

There was a defined contribution scheme with Scottish Provident in operation until 1 February 2003 upon which date the Heritage Council transferred to the public service model scheme. Details of contributions paid during the year are given in Note 7. Contributions are accounted for as they fall due.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

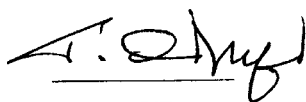
	NOTES	2004 €	2003 €
INCOME			
Oireachtas Grants	1	12,497,000	8,534,000
Other Income	2	193,142	114,045
Transfer from Capital Account	3	(1,510,771)	12,938
TOTAL INCOME		11,179,371	8,660,983

EXPENDITURE			
Grants	4	6,377,660	4,972,810
Projects, promotions and studies	5	2,923,072	3,080,492
Administration			
Council members' expenses		147,728	137,841
Staff costs	6	785,298	837,676
Establishment expenses	8	123,155	110,275
Office supplies and administration	9	171,317	291,320
Depreciation	10	106,712	107,529
Total Administration		1,334,210	1,484,641
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		10,634,942	9,537,943
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		544,429	(876,960)
Balance at 1 January 2004		(1,164,801)	(287,841)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER 2004		(620,372)	(1,164,801)

The Council had no gains or losses in the financial year or the preceding year other than those dealt with in the income and expenditure account.

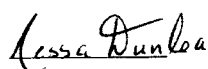
The results for the year relate to continuing operations.

The Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes 1 to 17 and Schedule 1 form part of these financial statements.



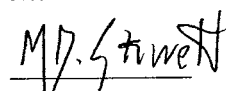
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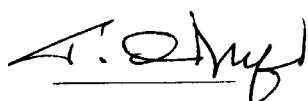
Michael Starrett

Chief Executive

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

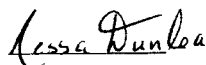
	NOTES	2004 €	2003 €
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	10	1,993,524	482,753
<i>Current Assets</i>			
Debtors and Prepayments		208,865	132,004
Cash at bank and in hand		1,101,716	10,612
		1,310,581	142,616
<i>Current Liabilities</i>			
General Creditors and Accruals		507,892	812,845
Grants Outstanding		1,423,061	494,572
		1,930,953	1,307,417
Net Current (Liabilities)		(620,372)	(1,164,801)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,373,152	(682,048)
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Capital Account	3	1,993,524	482,753
Income and Expenditure Account		(620,372)	(1,164,801)
		1,373,152	(682,048)

The Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes 1 to 17 and Schedule 1 form part of these financial statements.



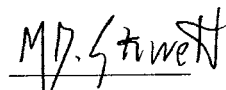
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Council Chairperson



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Council Member



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Chief Executive

THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

NOTE 1: OIREACHTAS GRANTS

The amount of €12,497,000 comprises Grants-in-Aid from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government as follows:

	2004 €	2003 €
Administration Expenses (Exchequer funded)	1,578,000	1,476,000
Capital Grants (Exchequer funded)	0	10,000
Capital Grants (National Lottery funded)	8,919,000	5,077,000
Non-Capital Grants (National Lottery funded)	2,000,000	1,971,000
	12,497,000	8,534,000

NOTE 2: OTHER INCOME

	2004 €	2003 €
EU- grant towards Mayglass	0	7,271
EU- grant towards Rever project	0	3,095
EU- grant towards Cultural Paths project	0	10,950
Ford Ireland – Sponsorship of Community awards	50,000	50,000
Deposit Interest	1,944	4,114
Attendance at Seminars	1,500	9,756
Sale of publications and data	12,724	26,863
Miscellaneous	126,974	1,996
	193,142	114,045

NOTE 3: CAPITAL ACCOUNT

	2004 €	2003 €
Balance at 1 January	482,753	495,691
TRANSFER (TO)/FROM INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT		
Amount allocated to fund fixed asset purchases	1,617,483	94,591
Less: Amortisation in line with depreciation	(106,712)	(107,529)
	1,510,771	(12,938)
BALANCE AT 31 DECEMBER	1,993,524	482,753

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NOTE 4: GRANTS

	2004 CAPITAL €	2004 NON CAPITAL €	2004 TOTAL €	2003 TOTAL €
Local Heritage Grant Scheme	260,127	119,203	379,330	340,049
Publication Grants	168,168	0	168,168	163,954
Archaeology Grants	306,616	10,200	316,816	241,376
Museums and Archives Grants	448,875	74,387	523,262	336,542
Wildlife Grants	257,107	0	257,107	460,936
Buildings Grants	2,988,360	0	2,988,360	1,862,827
Education and Other Grants	135,663	101,354	237,017	136,526
Irish Landmark Trust Ltd. Note 11	320,600	0	320,600	280,600
Discovery Programme Ltd. Note12	890,250	296,750	1,187,000	1,150,000
	5,775,766	601,894	6,377,660	4,972,810

Schedule 1 contains details of grants payable during the year.

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NOTE 5: PROJECTS, PROMOTIONS AND STUDIES

	2004 CAPITAL €	2004 NON CAPITAL €	2004 TOTAL €	2003 TOTAL €
COUNCIL INITIATIVES				
Maintenance & Professional Fees - headquarters	0	697	697	33,715
TV Programme Development	90,750	0	90,750	90,750
Heritage Officer Scheme	0	446,962	446,962	527,119
County Heritage Plans	580,556	0	580,556	355,745
Rever – Greenways project	0	0	0	34,066
Advertising	0	109,037	109,037	144,909
Subscriptions	0	13,305	13,305	11,055
Conferences, seminars & meetings	0	142,367	142,367	180,676
Library	0	3,266	3,266	4,993
	671,306	715,634	1,386,940	1,383,028
ARCHAEOLOGY				
Consultancy, studies and reports	14,890	4,494	19,384	70,817
ARCHITECTURE				
Consultancy, studies and reports	266,658	17,021	283,679	422,563
Publications	5,985	0	5,985	40,531
	272,643	17,021	289,664	463,094
EDUCATION, PLANNING AND PROMOTION				
Consultancy, studies and reports	89,096	395,389	484,485	304,324
Publications	273,237	0	273,237	198,180
Heritage in schools scheme	0	180,640	180,640	175,930
	362,333	576,029	938,362	678,434
INLAND WATERWAYS				
Consultancy, studies and reports	33,378	102,680	136,058	205,551
MUSEUMS AND ARCHIVES				
Consultancy, studies and reports	59,168	12,208	71,376	163,812
Publications	0	0	0	875
	59,168	12,208	71,376	164,687
WILDLIFE				
Consultancy, studies and reports	81,288	0	81,288	114,881
TOTAL	1,495,006	1,428,066	2,923,072	3,080,492

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NOTE 6: STAFF COSTS

The average number of staff employed by the Heritage Council for the year was 15. (2003 – 15).

	2004	2003
	€	€
Staff salaries and wages	677,075	722,057
Travel and subsistence	97,740	98,960
Training	10,483	16,659
	785,298	837,676

NOTE 7: SUPERANNUATION

There was a defined contribution scheme with Scottish Provident in operation until 1 February 2003. In accordance with Section 20 of the Heritage Act 1995, the Council sought to establish a superannuation scheme for all permanent staff in line with the public sector model. Accordingly, two defined benefit schemes were approved by the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government with effect from 1 February 2003 on a operational basis and apply to staff employed at that date in respect of qualifying past service. The Schemes are the Heritage Council Employee Superannuation Scheme, 2003 and the Heritage Council Spouses and Children's Contributory Pension Scheme, 2003. Consequent to this approval, the Scottish Provident Scheme was ceased and a refund of the employer fund value (€200,102) was made to the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in January 2004. The treatment of the refund of the employees' fund value (€168,239) is under advisement and will be made in due course to the relevant employees.

(a) Financial Reporting Standard on Retirement Benefits (FRS17) was issued in November 2000 and under this there are phased disclosure requirements. The disclosures below relate to the Council's defined benefit schemes.

The disclosures are based on liability valuations carried out by an independent qualified actuary at 31 December 2003 and 31 December 2004. There are no assets as the schemes are unfunded.

The financial assumptions used to calculate the retirement benefit liabilities under FRS17 were as follows:

ASSUMPTIONS	31/12/2003	31/12/2004
Rate of return on assets	N/A	N/A
Discount Rate	5.00%	4.50%
Salary escalation	4.00%	3.75%
Increases to pensions in payment	3.00%	2.75%
Increases in state pension	3.00%	2.75%
NET PENSION LIABILITY	€(914,000)	€(1,336,000)

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NOTE 7: SUPERANNUATION (CONTINUED)

(b) Had FRS 17 been reflected in the primary financial statements, the following are the amounts that would have been included in the Profit and Loss account and the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and losses:

	YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004
Included in payroll costs:	€000
Current service costs	88
Past service costs	0
Settlements and curtailments	0
Net operating profit charge	88
Included in finance costs	
Interest cost	49
Expected return on assets	0
Net finance costs	49
Included in Statement of Total Recognized Gains and Losses (STRGL):	
Difference between expected and actual return on assets	0
Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities	(154)
Effect of changes in actuarial assumptions	(89)
Net gain (loss) recognized in STRGL	(243)

(c)

	YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) DURING THE YEAR	€000
(Deficit) in scheme at beginning of year	(914)
Movement in year:	
Disposals	0
Current service costs	(88)
Employer contributions paid	(42)
Past service costs	0
Other finance income	(49)
Actuarial loss	(243)
(Deficit) in scheme at end of year	(1336)

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NOTE 7: SUPERANNUATION (CONTINUED)

HISTORY OF ACTUARIAL GAINS OR LOSSES	YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004
Difference between expected and actual return on assets	€000
Expressed as a percentage of scheme assets	
Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities	(154)
Expressed as a percentage of scheme liabilities	-11.53%
Total actuarial gains and losses	(243)
Expressed as a percentage of scheme liabilities	-18.19%

NOTE 8: ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES

	2004 €	2003 €
Rent and service charges	57,019	52,756
Power, heat and light	8,723	6,899
Canteen, catering and cleaning	17,095	9,714
Repairs and maintenance	1,820	3,138
Insurance	38,498	37,768
	123,155	110,275

NOTE 9: OFFICE SUPPLIES AND ADMINISTRATION

	2004 €	2003 €
Telephone and postage	60,049	78,930
Stationery and printing	15,518	15,495
Library and newspapers	3,222	1,776
Computer supplies and maintenance	58,211	63,834
Legal and professional fees	14,619	116,150
Audit fee	7,000	7,000
Gifts	12,698	8,135
	171,317	291,320

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NOTE 10: TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	BUILDINGS €	OFFICE FURNITURE €	OFFICE EQUIPMENT €	COMPUTERS €	WORKS OF ART €	TOTAL €
COST						
As at 1 January 2004	44,441	95,246	74,612	314,058	194,490	722,847
Additions	1,543,481	947	0	73,055	0	1,617,483
Disposals	0	0	0	(1,006)	0	(1,006)
At 31 DECEMBER 2004	1,587,922	96,193	74,612	386,107	194,490	2,339,324
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION						
As at 1 January 2004	7,777	42,495	55,312	134,510	0	240,094
Charge for year	6,256	9,580	9,696	81,180	0	106,712
On disposals	0	0	0	(1006)	0	(1,006)
At 31 DECEMBER 2004	14,033	52,075	65,008	214,684	0	345,800
NET BOOK AMOUNTS						
As at 1 January 2004	36,664	52,751	19,300	179,548	194,490	482,753
As at 31 December 2004	1,573,889	44,118	9,604	171,423	194,490	1,993,524

NOTE 11: 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 Council's Five Year Plan, the Irish Landmark Trust's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position.

NOTE 12: DISCOVERY PROGRAMME LTD.

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 of Council is one of Council's nominees to 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.

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NOTE 13: GRANT COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2004 the Council had entered into commitments in connection with activities due to take place after that date. The amount involved of €216,211 is not reflected in these Financial Statements.

	2004 €	2003 €
Grants committed at 1 January	339,215	238,302
Adjustments	(100,000)	0
Approvals in year	7,077,053	6,078,904
Grants decommitted	(722,397)	(1,005,181)
Grant expenditure in the year	(6,377,660)	(4,972,810)
Grant Commitments at 31 December	216,211	339,215

NOTE 14: COUNCIL MEMBERS' DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

In the normal course of business the Council may approve financial assistance to undertakings in which the Council members are employed or otherwise have an interest.

The Council adopted procedures in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Finance in relation to the disclosure of interests by Council members and these procedures have been adhered to during the year.

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

Virginia Teehan, <i>Director of Hunt Museum:</i>	€46,318 under Museums and Archives Grant scheme
Tomas O'Caomh, <i>Council Member:</i>	€5,500 under Education and Other Grants scheme
Maurice Hurley, <i>City Archaeologist, Cork City Council:</i>	€6,000 under the Local Heritage Grant scheme.
Eamonn McEaney, <i>Manager, Waterford Treasures:</i>	€51,000 under the Museums and Archives Grant scheme.
Simon Berrow, <i>Project Manager, Irish Whale and Dolphin Group:</i>	€10,000 under the Wildlife grant scheme. €6,000 under Education and Other Grants. €2,500 under Local Heritage Grant scheme.

The members withdrew from the meetings where the projects were being discussed and played no part in the decision to grant funding.

NOTE 15: PREMISES

The Council occupies offices in Rothe House, Kilkenny under a short-term lease at a cost in 2004 of €50,000 (2003 €50,000). During 2004 the Council acquired the Bishop's Palace in Kilkenny for use as its permanent Headquarters and refurbishment will commence on same in September, 2005. It is envisaged that these works will be completed by end of 2006.

NOTE 16: GOING CONCERN

The Council draws funds from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government as and when required. It recognises this income on a cash receipts basis but recognises expenditure on an accruals basis. The Council believes that the Department will continue to fund its approved activities and on this basis it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

NOTE 17: APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements were approved by Council on 9 June, 2005.

THE HERITAGE COUNCIL
SCHEDULE 1
TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Achill Archaeological Field School	Provision of signage at the deserted village of slievemore	2,000
Adult Services Enable Ireland	Enable Ireland Wildlife Project	3,000
Airfield Trust	The Education Programme for primary schools in Airfield A series of seminars and training courses for children to raise awareness of heritage	7,000
An Taisce	Site Audits of Afforestation Applications	4,000
Augustinian Abbey Association	Conservation of the Ardnaree Abbey, Ballina, Co Mayo	4,000
Ballisodare Fishing Club	Repairs to stonework and other remedial repairs to the fish passes of the Cooper Salmon Fishery at Ballisodare, Co Sligo	4,300
Ballymurn Heritage Committee	Repairs to features in Kilmallock Cemetary, Ballymurn, Co Wexford	1,500
Bat Conservation Group	National Bat Conservation Awareness Programme	6,000
Birdwatch Ireland	Host a conference entitled "Land for Birds" - March 2004	3,500
Birdwatch Ireland - Tipperary Branch	Continuation of the creation of a Giant Bird Table Project in Co Tipperary	225
Birdwatch Ireland - Fingal Branch	Assist Birdwatch Ireland - Fingal Branch to erect an observation hide with screened approach on its lands at Rogerstown Estuary	6,000
Birr Historical Society	Make a copy of The Macregol Gospel manuscript from the Bodleian for display at Birr Town Library	7,500
Blackwater Resource Development	The establishment of the Blackwater Valley Local Heritage Network - a network of local heritage information, signs, and panels in villages and hamlets in North County Cork	7,500
Camras Heritage Ltd	Archaeological survey of St. Kevin's Well and ancient graveyard adjacent to it	2,118
Cardinal Tomas O'Fiach Memorial	Conservation of Schedule relating to parishes in the Diocese of Armagh	7,500
Cargin Cemetery Committee	Archaeological, Ecological, Bat and detailed mapping of Cargin Cemetery in Co Carlow	2,000
Castlelyons & Bridebridge Heritage	Conservation plan and design statement for Castlelyons in Co Cork	6,000
Centre for Environmental Living & Training	Adult Traditional Skills training Programme 2004	7,000
Chapelizod Heritage Society	Re-edit to DVD the film "On Liffey Banks" which was produced by Fr. Val Rogers	1,500
Clar IRD	Conservation report on the 'Mayfield Cutting' Milepost in Co Mayo	1,200
Clare County Council	The provision of proper pathways, trails, and signage in Ballybeg wood in Ennis town	5,000
Clare Heritage and Genealogy Centre	A series of 8 lectures by suitably qualified personnel, to create an awareness and understanding of, and to encourage pride in all aspects of the rich natural and built heritage of the region.	1,500

LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Cloghran Historical Society	Restoration of Cloghran Graveyard, Co Dublin and Associated Geneological Research	3,000
Colaiste Choilm	The development of a Hedgegrow for an outdoor classroom.	1,000
Comhar Conradh na Boirne Teo	Locate, collect and make available the works of TJ Westropp. Information to be made available to public from the Burren Centre in Co Clare	3,992
Connemara Environmental Education and Cultural Centre	Strands 1 & 3 of the Connemara Environmental and Education Project	4,000
Conservation Volunteers Ireland	Marley Park Woodland Improvement Programme	6,000
Coolagown Development Group	Erect five information panels to raise heritage awareness in the village of Coolagown, Co Cork	2,000
Cork Campus Radio	Proposal to produce a 1 hour radio documentary exploring the history of steam travel from 1900-1950	3,000
Cork City Council	Promotion of St Gobnait's Monastic Settlements	6,000
Cork National School Project	The project is aimed at developing a garden and wildlife area in the grounds of an inner city National school	2,362
Crinkill National School	Pupils recorded and collected information on people buried in Crinkill Military Cemetary and posted the information on the school website. Signage was also erected	1,200
Daibhre Limited	Restoration and public display of the RNLB Rowland Watts on Valentia Island	340
De Courcy, Catherine	Knowing the Land We Walk On: Teaching pack for junior secondary school students	6,000
Deegan, Bryan	Information leaflet on Deep Water Corals	6,000
Drew, David	Create a database that summarises all that is known about caves in Ireland. The study is an attempt to identify their significance and potential threats	7,500
Dromtariffe Parish	Repair and preservation of the monument to Fr. Sean Barry at Dromagh, Co. Cork	4,000
Dysart Enos Conservation Group	Erect information panels at the Old Dysart Enos Graveyard in Dysart, Co Laois	2,500
Festina Lente Foundations	Restoration of the Festina Lente Gardens in Co Wicklow	8,000
Forbairt na Rosann	Produce a map of placenames which have been collated through the project entitled "Even the Rocks have Names". Co. Donegal	1,000
Friends of Leigue	Archaeological report on Leigue Cemetary, Killala Road, Ballina, Co Mayo	2,000
Great Southern Trails	Continuation of repairs to the Barnagh Tunnel as a heritage walk in Limerick	5,000
Growing Awareness	Series of workshops to raise awareness of traditional agricultural heritage of West Cork	2,500
Headford District Association	Creation of a heritage walk for Headford, Co Galway and its environs	5,000
Inistioge Tidy Towns Committee	Erection of an information panel along the River Nore in Inistioge, Co Kilkenny	1,500

LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Irish Seed Savers Association	Creation of copy of native apple collection grown by Irish Seed Savers Association	3,684
Kells Waterworks 1897 Restoration Group	Restoration of Kells Waterworks 1897, Co Meath	3,000
Kerry Earth Education Centre	Development of an environmental heritage garden in local schools	3,000
Kilbride Historical Society	Repair of the east end gable of the Kilbride church, Rahan, Co Offaly	1,700
Killermogh Union Select Vestry	Restore the Comopean and Cornet stops on the swell organ in Samuel Greens 1797 instrument in St. Fintan's Church, Durrow, Co. Laois	3,246
Kilskeagh Graveyard Restoration Committee	Archaeological and ecological surveys at Kilskeagh Graveyard, Co Galway	605
Kilteevan Community Council	Archaeological survey and repair of murals in Kilteevan, Co Roscommon	7,499
Kinvara Community Council	Archaeological Survey of St Colmans Church & Graveyard, Kinvara, Co Galway	3,500
Laois Heritage Society	Mounting of plaques at heritage sites in Portlaoise	3,000
Limerick City Council	Construct a viewing point in the Westfields area of Limerick overlooking the Shannon River	7,000
Limerick County Council	The Golden Mile Competition	2,870
Lismire Development Association	Restoration of the Grave of a Local Landlord, Matthew Sankey B.L, Bawnmore, Co Cork	2,000
Longford Tidy Towns Committee	Erect information panels to increase awareness of the River Camlin and the Royal Canal in Co Longford	1,000
Marino Institute of Education	Phase 2 of the Hands on the Environment Project	-7,500
Mayo County Council	Heritage Information Seminar Series	2,178
McGlinchey Summerschool	Preservation of the old church and graveyard at Straid, Clonmany, Co Donegal	3,000
Meath County Council	Promotion of heritage awareness among local communities in Co.Meath through a series of seminars and conferences	1,000
Midlands 103 Radio	Produce a series of 6 half hour programmes on the bogs of the Midlands	4,000
Monaghan County Council	Repair of The Rossmore Monument in Monaghan Town	7,000
Moran, Tom	Survey, draw and photograph the surviving evidence of the harbours and other evidence of maritime trade and activity for the future study of medieval harbours	1,256
Mountain Meitheal	Wicklow Mountain Path and Devil's Ladder Survey	5,488
National Environment Education Centre	Creation of new interpretative and educational resources for specific trails in Knocksink wood, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow	3,500
Newbridge Tidy Towns Association, Co Kildare	To provide interpretative signage in the Liffeside amenity area, to highlight local flora/fauna fish species, wildlife etc. and provide information on the towns history .	5,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
O'Brien's Bridge Development Association	Lower Shannon Waterway Heritage and Amenity Walkway at O' Brien's Bridge, Co Clare	5,000
Raheen Community Development Group	Topographical and geophysical surveys on a site at Templenacroha, Co Wexford	2,500
Raphoe Tidy Towns Limited.	Raphoe Wildlife Heritage Project- website and roadshow	7,000
Ros Tapestry Project	Ros Tapestry Project, New Ross, Co Wexford	6,000
Roscommon County Council	Golden Mile Competition	2,000
Roundwood & District Community Council	Promoting Existing Walks in Roundwood & district through signage & interpretation materials	3,500
Roundwood & District Community Council	Oral history project to collate information on senior citizens in Roundwood, Co Wicklow	3,000
Shannon Dolphin & Wildlife Foundation	Raising awareness and interest in the marine environment through a series of school visits	2,500
Sneem Castlecove Caherdaniel Intergrated Resource Development	Geology Signage Trail	7,000
Social Housing Development Company Limited	Preparation of an archaeological survey of Skiddy's Almshouses in Cork City	1,500
South Dublin County Council	Provision of heritage Signage in the South Dublin area	3,500
St. John's Cathedral	Conservation of the organ in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick	9,000
St. Joseph's Training Centre	Development and continuation of the traditional copper craft project	7,303
St. Manchans Restoration Committee	Record the fabric & prepare specification for the works to be carried out on St. Mella's Cell, Ballycumber, Co Offaly	2,662
Sustainable Ireland Co-operative	Dublin Green Maps Project	3,500
Tech Amergin Community Education	Iveragh Heritage Resource Collection. Provide a reference library of books, tapes and other material relating to the heritage of Iveragh in South West Kerry	7,500
The Parish of Cobh & Glanmire	Phase II of the repair programme for the organ at the Church of St. Mary & All Saint's, Glanmire, Co. Cork	7,500
The Workhouse Dunfanaghy	Promote interest in and educate and encourage active enjoyment of the New Lake area of Dunfanaghy using 3-dimensional models, maps, photos and panels	6,000
Thomas Ashe Banner Memorial Committee	Display case to house the Thomas Ashe Banner, Kilkelly, Co Mayo	3,000
Irvine, Ken Department of Zoology, Trinity College Dublin	A conference entitled: "The Ecology & Management of the Heritage of the Great Western Lakes, Conn, Carra-Mask & Corrib"	4,000
Tulla Parish Council	Engineers Report on St. Mochulla's Church, Tulla, Co Clare	4,766
Tullahought Community Development	Erection of signage at the wildlife lake which was created two years ago in the village of Tullahought, Co Kilkenny	2,000
Kelvin, Norbert Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University College Cork	Conservation of the heritage pipe organs of cork county.	5,565

LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Vicarstown Village Residents Association	Preparation of a conservation plan for Vicarstown, Co Laois	6,000
Voice	EU Water Framework Directive River Basin Seminar Programme	5,000
Waterford City Archives	John Robert's Weekend 2004	1,500
West Clare Railway Company	Provision of additional interpretative graphic panels and boards for the West Clare Railway Heritage Centre	4,000
Westmeath County Council	The Golden Mile Competition	2,000
Windgap Finance Committee	Restoration of Mosaics at Windgap Grotto, Windgap, Co Kilkenny	5,000
Yewtree Graveyard Restoration Committee	Restoration of the Yewtree Graveyard National Monument in Balisland Shillelagh, Co Wicklow	771
Youghal Town Council	Develop the Youghal Walled Town Conservation Plan, Co Cork.	7,500
TOTAL		379,330

PUBLICATION GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Anvil Books Ltd	“The Blessington Estate 1677-1908” - history of 15000 acre estate on the borders of Kildare and Wicklow	4,000
Barr, James	“The Real Treasure Island”- Gola Island, Gweendore, Co Donegal	350
Bateson, Ray	“The End” - An Illustrated Guide to the Graves of Irish Writers	5,000
Bermingham, Nora	“Tombeagh Bog Body” - a book to investigate the discovery of human remains from Tombeagh, Co Offaly	3,000
Bradley, John	“Monuments, artefacts and People” :studies presented by George Eogan	5,000
Bradley, Martin	Re-design of the website of Archives Ireland. www.archives.ie	5,000
Burrenbeo Toeranta	Produce a series of CD Roms containing images and text relating to the heritage of the burren	5,000
Camogue Rovers GAA Club	“Our Place, Meanus & Our People, Camogue Rovers” - a geographical, historical, social and sporting chronicle of the area	3,000
Clarke, Howard	“Surveying Irelands Past” - Multi Disciplinary Essays in Honour of Anngret Simms	6,500
Comhar Dun Chaochain	“Logainmneacha agus Oidhreacht Dhun Chaochain” - a book of placenames and heritage of Dhun Chaochain	3,000
Comhchoiste Ghaeltacht Uibh Rathaigh	A collection of sean-nos songs gathered from local singer Micheal Ua Duinnin	1,000
Conry, Michael	“Corn Stands for the Spring Threshing”- Corn stands is Co Carlow	3,500
Cork University Press	“The Hook Peninsula: Co Wexford” - exploration of the development of the society and landscape of Hook Penninsula from pre-historic times to the present day	6,000
Cork University Press	“The Honan Chapel”- An analysis and record of the collection of the Honan Chapel at UCC	7,000
Cork University Press	“Landscape Design in 18th Century Ireland” - visual history of the demesnes of Molesworth, Powerscourt, Carton and Castletown and a re-examination of what remains of the original landscapes today	6,000
Cunningham, John	“A Town Tormented by the Sea 1790 to 1914” an urban history of Galway	6,000
Daly, Eugene	“Heir Island, its History & People” - history of the island looking in particular at fishing, the customs and ways of life of it’s inhabitants	4,000
Devitt, Dermott	“A Very Handsome Piece of Water” - local history of the western shore of Lough Eske, Co. Donegal	2,000
Dowling, Liam	CD of database containing almost 12000 shipwreck entries.	1,000
Dungarvan Museum	“A Guide to Historic Dungarvan” - booklet which gives a compact and concise account of the history and architecture of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.	1,240

PUBLICATION GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
East Clare Heritage	“The O’Maddens of Hy Many” - traces the history of O’Maddens from earliest times	1,000
Egleston, Nigel	“Egleston Brothers Photography 1904-2004” - a book of photographs to mark Egleston Brothers Photograph’s anniversary	3,500
Fahy, Sr De Lourdes	“Kiltartan - Many Leaves One Root” - history of Kiltarton, Gort, Co Galway from earliest times	1,000
Four Courts Press	“The Manor in Medieval and Early Modern Ireland” - collection of interdisciplinary essays by scholars on manors and manorial settlement in Ireland between the 12th and 17th centuries	2,000
Four Courts Press	“Maps & Mapmaking” - illustrated guide designed to introduce researchers to the wealth of cartographic resources available for Ireland	2,000
Fr Tom Memorial Group	“St James and Fr. Tom” - articles both on Fr. Tom Lawlor, the history of St. James Church and architecture of the church	3,000
Harbison, Peter	“Beranger’s Rambles in Ireland” - book to publish the remainder of watercolours by Beranger	5,000
Horner, Arnold	Map of mountainous and uncultivated parts of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow made for the Bogs Commissioners by Richard Griffith in 1812	3,476
Irish Academic Press	“Our Own Devices” - outlines the historical background to the continuing controversy about national symbols in Ireland	3,000
Irish Academic Press	“Ireland during the Second World War - An Oral History” - an account of the Irish experience during the second world war through interviews with those who took part	2,690
James, Dermott	“The Gore Booths of Lisadell” - an account of how Lissadell House was built and furnished	3,000
Latteragh Graveyard Carers Group	Creation of a website of the work carried out in Latteragh Graveyard	2,128
Lewis, Colin	“From Hobby Horse to Irish Draft” - history, development and prospect of the Irish Draught Horse	3,500
Lifford association for Tourism, Commerce & Heritage	“The Court Will Rise” - a brief illustrated background to the courthouse and some of the events and activities which took place during it’s 250 year lifespan	1,000
Little Brosna & Camcor Fishing Club	Produce posters on the work compiled on the Croneen Trout in 2003 for schools and wider audience	1,000
MacWeeney, Alen	“Travellers’ - Ireland’s Forgotten” - photographs and text of recorded folktales of unique Irish culture from the mid 1960s	5,000
Mitchelstown Community Council	“The Protestant Church in Mitchelstown - A bi centennial celebration”- A History of St Georges Church, Mitchelstown	4,000
Mna Fiontracha	“Ar an Oilean Tuile’s Tra” - A book about the women of the Aran Islands.	3,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Mote Park Conservation Group	Update and revise the previously published Mote Park Heritage Walkway Guide	1,000
O'hAodha Micheal	"Parlin with Pictures" - The Life and Work of Willy Cawley, Traveller and Painter	3,000
O'Meara, Michael	"A Miscellany of Waterford Wildlife" - CD of all the major wildlife orders in Waterford	900
Power, Joseph	"A history of Clare Castle and its environ's" - study of the evolution of the settlement of Clare Castle and of its parochial hinterland from earliest times to the 20th century	5,000
Representative Church Body Library	Publish a scholarly edition of the vestry book of the United Parishes of St. Catherine's and St. James in Dublin 1657-1692	1,500
South Dublin Libraries	"All Roads Lead to Tallaght" - publication by the late Paddy Healy on the history and antiquities of the Tallaght area	2,000
Stokes, Roy	"U Boat Alley" an account of how german submarines brought the war to the doorsteps of Ireland and Britain in the Irish Channel	2,000
The Ak Ilen Company	"The Gandelow" This book celebrates the vernacular shannon boat, The Gandelow	2,000
The Collins Press	"The Sacred Whore - Sheela Goddess of Celts" The History, location and psychological analysis of Sheela na Gigs	2,000
The Collins Press	"Exploring the Archaeology of The Burren and The Aran Islands"	5,000
The Collins Press	"The Lighthouses of Ireland" - tales from a lighthouse technician on life in a lighthouse	2,000
Traynor, Michael	"Iona National Airways" - history of Ireland's first commercial aviation operation, formed in 1930, pre-dating Aer Lingus by six years and Dublin airport by ten years.	5,000
Voice Books Ltd.	"100 Years of Handball in an Irish County" - the history of the game of handball in Co. Donegal	1,884
Woodstock Heritage Museum	"St Colmcille's and St. Mary' Graveyard inscriptions" - recorded exact copy of each headstone in the graveyards	4,000
Wordwell Limited	"The Disappearing Irish Cottage: A case study for North Donegal".	4,000
TOTAL		168,168

ARCHAEOLOGICAL GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Achill Archaeological Field School	Development of a digitised map of the deserted village of Slievemore and other archaeological monuments on Slievemore Mountain	12,000
Bergh, Stefan, Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	New technique for digitally surveying large and complex archaeological sites. The location selected for this project is Mullaghfarna, Co Sligo	17,890
Brady, Niall	“On and Under Water”: A seminar in honour of Professor Robert T Farrell, FSA, and Director of the Crannog Archaeology Project	807
Casey, Markus	Aerial photographic survey of Coastal Promontory Forts of Ireland	1,600
Cleary, Rose - Department of Archaeology, University College Cork	Inventory of post 1700 archaeological sites in the Barony of Fermoy, Co. Cork	10,000
Colin Shell, University of Cambridge	Understanding the landscape of Loughcrew, Co Westmeath through airborne lidar survey and digital spatial analysis	19,657
Comber, Michelle - Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: Completion of report for Rinnaraw cashel, Co. Donegal	5,973
Council for British Archaeology	Support of British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography for 2004	14,736
Department of Archaeology, UCD	Archaeology 2020 Consultative Forum	4,200
Doran, Linda	A study to examine medieval settlement in the area of the river Suir and how this differs from the ‘Carlow Corridor’ (i.e. the Barrow and Nore Valleys)	14,000
Eogan, George	Post-excavation analysis from excavations at Knowth, Co. Meath	3,500
Finan, Tom - St Louis University	“Settlement and Society in the Diocese of Elphin, c. 1300” A project to survey the medieval settlement pattern in an area of Co Roscommon	4,500
Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth - Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: Publication of Archaeological Investigations in Galway City 1897-1998	9,248
Forsythe, Wes	Historic and Maritime Archaeology of a post-medieval fishing complex at Rutland street, Donegal	8,921
Gabriel Cooney, Department of Archaeology, University College Dublin	Geophysical survey on Lambay Island , Co Dublin	10,000
Geophysical Association of Ireland	Seminar entitled “The Application of Archaeological Techniques for the Mapping of our Unknown Heritage”	1,000
Gibson, Paul - Department of Geography, NUI Maynooth	Geophysical investigation, using ground penetrating radar, magnetometry and resistivity, of the major ecclesiastical sites at Clonard. Co Meath	4,000
Govannon Consultancy	The Archaeology of Industrialisation in Co Offaly - a scoping study.	8,254

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Hodkinson, Brian	Funding towards the publication of two sites excavated in Medieval Limerick	2,500
ICOMOS	Funding towards ICOMOS Conference	5,000
Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland	Assistance in publishing the Journal of Irish Archaeology	4,325
Johnston, Susan - The George Washington University	Funding towards the publication of the excavations at Dun Ailline, Co. Kildare	5,356
Kilkenny Archaeological Society	Geophysical survey at St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny City	5,000
Margaret Gowan & Co Ltd.	Geophysical survey of Mullamast Rath, Co Kildare	5,500
Margaret Gowen & Co Ltd.	Publication of Excavation-24-25 West Street, Stockwell Lane, Drogheda, Co Louth	5,000
National Museum of Ireland	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: National Museum of Ireland Unpublished Burials Project	8,460
O'Brien, William - Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	Towards publication of Ross Island, Co Kerry - Early Copper Mining and Metallurgy in Ireland	10,000
O'Sullivan, Aidan - Department of Archaeology, University College Dublin	Investigation of an Early Medieval Royal Crannog at Coolure Demesne, Lough Derravarragh, Co Westmeath	17,993
Raftery, Barry - Department of Archaeology, University College Dublin	Bronze age settlement at Rathgall, Co. Wicklow	30,000
Raphoe Community in Action group	Geophysical survey on the Beltany circle and early Christian settlement, Co Donegal	4,000
St. Manchans Restoration Committee	Geophysical investigation at Leamonaghan ecclesiastical site, Co Offaly	5,000
Ulster Museum Belfast	Archaeological Object Term list Project	14,096
University College Dublin	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: Completion of report for Knowth, Co. Meath.	44,300
TOTAL		316,816

MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Belvedere College	Purchase of archival quality negative & print boxes	1,000
Butler Gallery	Storage of Artworks-Standards & Accreditation Scheme	5,920
Chester Beatty Library	Archival Finding Aids for the Chester Beatty Library Records-Standards & Accreditation Scheme	15,000
Church of Ireland College of Education	Restoration of education artefacts & materials donated to the college	6,000
Clare County Archives	Clare County Archives oral history project	1,365
Co. Donegal Historical Society	Purchase of a screen to protect the artefacts on display in the bay window of Donegal Historical Society Museum	1,500
Co. Donegal Railway Restoration Ltd	Purchase of anti UV film for windows and purchase of acid free storage equipment	1,700
Cumann Iarsmalann Chleire	Transcription of the baptismal registers for Cape Clear Island.	1,500
Donegal County Museum	Development of a travelling exhibition "Before I Joined the Army I lived in Donegal - Donegal and the Great War 1914 to 1918"	6,999
Donegal County Museum	Design, manufacture and fit out of six themed boxes of artefacts that relate to primary and secondary school curricula- Standards & Accreditation Scheme	11,110
Dublin Civic Trust	Architectural Features & Elements of Historic Buildings	2,735
Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies	Irish Script on Screen project	10,000
Dungarvan Museum	Digitisation of the photograph collection of Dungarvan Museum	2,000
Film Corporation of Ireland Ltd.	The purchase of a camera & equipment to record the material for the archival project - Traditions in Life	20,000
GAA Museum	Restoration of Bray Emmets Banner (1887)	3,000
Holy Ghost Congregation	Purchase of acid-free packing materials	4,000
Hunt Museum	Electronic Documentation and tracking systems for Collections Management Project-Standards & Accreditation Scheme	16,318
Hunt Museum	Capital Equipment for "Heritage Access for Schools" project	30,000
Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland	20 bursaries for the "Art Handling" Course	1,300
Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland	Contribution towards operational costs	18,957
Irish Architectural Archive	Cleaning, repairing and mounting for display 49 items from the Paddy Healy Collection of photographs	6,500
Irish Museums Association	Development Programme 2004	30,000
Irish Museums Association	1500 printed wallets and audio visual projector	2,748
Irish Railway Records Society	The preservation, copying to computer, cataloguing, printing of the David Murray Photographic Collections of 2000 photographs.	5,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Irish Traditional Music Archive	Conservation of the oldest collection of audio reel to reel sound recordings held by the Irish Traditional Music Archive	2,500
Kilkenny County Council	Feasibility Study Re: Integrated Cultural Facility in Kilkenny	22,500
Knock Folk Museum	Employment of Museum Designer for Knock Folk Museum- Standards & Accreditation Scheme	15,000
Knock Folk Museum	Purchase of digital camera and employment of data-logger	1,175
Laois County Council	Digitisation of the Helen Roe Collection	2,500
Limerick City Gallery of Art	Limerick City Gallery of Art: A Community Resource	15,000
Local Studies Department, Kildare Co. Library	Provide composite index to Kildare Archaeological Journals which will be accessible via the internet	5,000
Louth Local Authorities Archives	Conservation of Ardee Poor Law Minute Books	3,575
Monaghan County Museum	Purchase of display cases	10,000
Monaghan County Museum	Purchase of environmental sensors, monitoring equipment and radio receivers.	13,200
Muckross House	Documentation and computerisation of the Muckross Traditional Farms Archives- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	12,350
Musaem Chorca Dhuibhne	Purchase of environmental equipment & display cases- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	19,048
Museums of Mayo Network	Museums of Mayo Spring Training Programme	1,000
National Irish Visual Arts Library	Microfilming the Earley Collection	7,300
National Museum	Rehousing the Irish and British Molluscs Collection	6,000
National Preservation Office	Contribution towards operational costs	2,210
National Print Museum	Documenting the collection, purchase of information panels, creation of a childrens corner and employment of the services of an Interpretative Designer- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	9,835
Old Drogheda Society	Restoration of the trade banners housed at Millmount Museum	7,500
Religious Society of Friends	Conservation work to two early printed books	600
Royal Irish Academy	Repair of the Domhnach Airgid manuscript which dates from the 8th century and forms part of the collection of the National Museum of Ireland	10,000
Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland	Scanning of RSAI Photographic Collection	8,000
St. Patrick's Cathedral	Restoration of two eighteenth century Volunteer Banners	5,902
The Butler Gallery	Re-framing water collection and purchase of environmental monitoring equipment	10,000
Transport Museums Society	Monitoring Equipment, exhibition materials & repairs to exhibition area-Standards & Accreditation Scheme	22,348
Holland, Michael Heritage Office University College Cork	Purchase of display case to show temporary exhibitions at various locations in University College Cork.	5,000

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Helferty, Seamus Archives Department University College Dublin	Preservation Microfilming of the John A. Costello Papers	4,500
O Cathain, Seamus Department of Irish Folklore University College Dublin	Preservation of Nitrate Negatives in the Photographic Collection of the Department of Irish Folklore	15,000
Waterford City Archives	Conservation and scanning of the Sinnott Map of Waterford City	525
Waterford Treasures	Purchase of electronic transmitters for environmental monitoring equipment- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	16,000
Waterford Treasures	Purchase of CCTV system for Waterford Treasures	35,000
Wexford Borough Council	Preservation of burial records for the graveyard at St.Ibars Graveyard in Co. Wexford	4,600
Wexford County Archives	Conservation of a number of volumes in the Wexford Harbour Commissioners collection	7,000
Wexford County Archives	Conservation treatment in the preservation of the Hore Collection	9,900
Woodlawn Parish Church of Ireland	Repair and conservation of 9 architectural drawings of Woodlawn Church dating from 1860	1,080
Yeats Society Sligo	Digitally record the archive of the Yeats Summer School Lectures.	7,462
TOTAL		523,262

WILDLIFE GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Aldwell, Christopher	Donegal Butterfly Survey 2004	3,100
Aster Environmental Consultants	Survey of Lough Conn and Lough Cullen common scoter <i>Melanitta nigra</i> populations	7,125
Bat Conservation Ireland	Pilot car based bat monitoring project 2004	14,950
Bat Conservation Ireland	On line bat records database	15,000
Birdwatch Ireland	Countryside Bird Survey	12,700
Burke, Thomas	The Distribution of the Cladoceran <i>Holopedium Gibberum</i> and associated zooplanktonic species in acid sensitive lakes in western Co. Galway	5,900
Ecological Consultancy Services Ltd.	Establish the first comprehensive baseline dataset for macroinvertebrate species in the Royal and Grand Canals.	15,000
Ennis & District Anglers Association	The River Fergus, Co. Clare: A proposal to evaluate the catchment north of Nutfield Bridge and provide management proposals to enable a rehabilitation programme to take place	8,388
Fingal County Council Parks Division	Ecological study of the coastal habitats in Co Fingal Phase 1 & 2	14,350
Galway City Council	Produce a Habitats Inventory for the Galway City area	15,000
Irish Biogeographical Society	Sponsorship towards producing 2004 bulletin	600
Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Habitat survey of the Bog of Allen, Co Kildare	14,430
Irish Raptor Study Group	Reintroduction of the golden eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> to Ireland	12,700
Irish Whale and Dolphin Group	Irish Scheme for Cetacean Observation and Public Education (ISCOPE)	12,000
Irish Wildlife Trust	The 2nd Irish Lizard Survey	7,500
John Cromie	Red-throated diver <i>Gavia stellata</i> breeding success study	1,498
Moorkens, Evelyn	Collection of data on freshwater pearl mussels <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i> in the South Eastern River Basin District	9,460
Centre for Environmental Science NUI Galway	Funding towards Irish Beetle Meeting	238
Raine, Robin Martin Ryan Institute NUI Galway	The Coccolithophores in the Irish Shelf Seas	9,850
Shannon Dolphin and Wildlife Foundation	IT and other equipment	10,000
St. Johnston & Carrigans Resource Centre	Study of ecology of the River Foyle from St. Johnstown to Carrigans.	6,510
The Irish Char Conservation Group	Identification and investigations of fish fauna in 8 glacial loughs in Co. Donegal	9,453
Waldren Stephen, Department of Botany Trinity College Dublin	Conservation biology of <i>Spiranthes romanzoffiana</i> (Cham).	4,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Sigwart, Julia Department of Zoology University College Dublin	Diversity of Irish Polyplacophora	6,000
Kelly- Quinn, Mary Department of Zoology University College Dublin	Macroinvertebrate assemblages of Irish “headwaters” and their role in conserving individual species and overall catchment biodiversity	15,000
Breen, John Department of Life Sciences University of Limerick	A survey of ants, root aphids and bumblebees in the Burren, Co Clare	13,435
Westmeath County Council	Hedgegrow survey of Co. Westmeath.	12,920
Total		257,107

BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Alfred Beit Foundation	Repairs to roof and other essential repairs at Russborough House, Russborough, Co. Wicklow	478,931
Bayley, E	Repair of windows at dwelling in Ballyarthur, Co. Wicklow	6,000
Blackmore, Charles	Repairs to stonework at Mortelstown Castle, Co. Tipperary	10,000
Bolton, Jason	An Archaeological Appraisal and Assessment of Kanturk Castle, Co. Cork	4,900
Bourke, James	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Kilbreedy, Co. Limerick	2,750
Butler, Ann	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Orristown, Killinick, Co. Wexford	8,995
Byrne, Paul	Repairs to roof of Maghernacloy Castle, Co. Monaghan	36,476
Calry Parish Church	Repairs to roof and external fabric of Calry Parish Church, Co. Sligo	30,000
Camphill Communities of Ireland	Repairs to roof at Callan Workhouse, Callan, Co. Kilkenny	50,000
Carrigan, Anne	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Rathokelly, Co. Tipperary	7,000
Castlerea Community Arts Centre	Repairs to roof of Holy Trinity Church, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon	60,000
Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity - NOTE 1	Preliminary investigations on roof of The Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand, Waterford	20,000
Childs, Anthony	Repairs to roof of Togherstown House, Co. Westmeath	45,000
Church of the Holy Trinity	Repairs to windows of Church of the Holy Trinity, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	14,580
Clonakilty Urban District Council	Structural Repairs to The Brewery Stack, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	20,000
Clones Community Council	Repairs to external walls and windows of The Board Room, Clones, Co. Monaghan	25,000
Cloonan, Nicki	Research into nineteenth century floor tiles in Ireland	10,000
Coillte	Stabilisation works to The Spire, Carrick Wood, Co. Laois	30,000
Conroy, Seamus	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Rearybeg, Rosenallis, Co. Laois	6,500
Corcoran, Catherine	Repairs to roof & stabilisation of Watergate House, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	25,000
Cork Uniterian Congregation	Structural repairs to New Meeting House, Cork City	12,000
Cosgrave Jnr., James	Roof repairs to Newcastle House, Co. Meath	40,000
Cuddihy, Michael	Repairs to the roof of The Chalet, Rathaspeck, Co. Wexford	11,500
Daly, Brendan	Repairs to roof at Egg Cottage, Johnstown, Co. Wexford	9,000
Delaney, William	Repairs to roof of Ceann Tui cottage, Our Ladys Island, Co. Wexford	2,000
Dempsey, Martin	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Castleblakney, Co. Galway	5,000
Diocese of Cashel, Waterford and Lismore	Repairs to the roof and chimney of Kells Priory, Kells, Co. Kilkenny	20,000
Doddy, Mairin	Bursary to attend ICOMOS Conference	1,435

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Dodebier, Servaas	Conservation of stonework at Artramon Castle, Co. Wexford	15,000
Drumcliffe, Lissadell and Munninane Group of Parishes	Repairs to the east window of Lissadell Church Co. Sligo	10,000
Dublin Civic Trust	Establishment of a model to collect core data for the renewal of Dublin City's Fabric	15,000
Dunne, Helen	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Clogh, Co.Kilkenny	6,000
Dysert O'Dea Development Association	Repairs to roof and external stonework of Dysert Castle, Co. Clare	20,000
Eglisnash Abbey Restoration Association	Stabilisation of Eglisnash Abbey, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	6,056
Everyman Palace Theatre	Repairs to internal plaster work of Everyman Palace Theatre, Cork	20,000
Fiddown Union of Parishes	Repairs to stonework of St. Paul's Church, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny	12,000
Fitzgerald, Noel	Repairs to roof of thatched Public House, Cloneen, Co.Tipperary	16,000
Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa	Repairs to roof of Mount Oliver Convent, Co. Louth	25,000
Graves, Les	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Mountaincastle, Co. Waterford	10,000
Guilbridge, Timothy	Repairs to roof and windows at Rush Hill House, Co. Roscommon	34,774
Gunning, Anthony	Repairs to roof of Briar Rose Cottage, Coolroe, Co. Waterford	7,000
Haslam, Ralph	Repairs to roof at Mossfield House, Co.Offaly	25,000
Hayes, Kathleen	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Lannagh, Co Wexford	5,000
Healy, Eamon	Repairs to stonework of Holywell House, Ballyhaunis, Co.Mayo	37,000
Hill Wilson, Jackie	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Glenaglough, Co. Waterford	10,000
Hill, Brian	Repairs to house at Sunlawn, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford	10,000
Hill, Colin & Margaret	Phase 1 Repairs to St. Colman's Church, Ballycotton, Co. Cork	20,000
Holy Trinity Church	Repairs to roof of Holy Trinity Church, Crosshaven, Co. Cork	30,000
Horgan, David	Repairs to windows of Whitewood House, Nobber, Co.Meath	12,500
Hurley, Ruth	Repairs to magazine/Cell Part of 4 Thomand Villas, Clarecastle, Co Clare	10,000
Hutton-Bury, David	Repairs to Mucklagh Gateway at Charleville Castle, Co. Offaly	30,000
ICOMOS	Sponsorship of ICOMOS Conference in October, 2004	15,000
ICOMOS	Sponsorship of Maura Shaffrey Annual Lecture	2,000
Jordan, Matthew	Repairs to windows, walls and drainage to dwelling at Stonepark, Co. Wexford	10,000
Kavanagh, Andrew	Repairs to external façade of Borris House & Chapel, Borris, Co.Carlow	19,427
Keane, Tom	Repairs to roof of Morgan's House, Askeaton, Co.Limerick	20,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Kelly, Enda	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Cloncon, Co.Offaly	5,000
Kelly, Patrick	Emergency Stabilisation of Real Tennis Court, Lambay Island, Co.Dublin	15,000
Keohane, Frank	Cataloguing of the works of the notable nineteenth century architects, James & George Richard Pain	5,850
Kidd, Ian	Repairs to roof and walls at Ballyrankin Lodge, Bunclody, Co. Wexford	10,496
Kilkenny Archaeological Society	Repair to Windows of Rothe House, Parliament Street, Kilkenny	20,000
Langton, Martin	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Killelary, Co Offaly	9,000
Lawrence, David	Survey of Stained Glass Windows in the Church of Ireland	1,916
Linnane, Nora	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Kinvara, Co. Galway	6,000
Lisdoonvarna Failte Limited	Repairs to roof of Maiville House, Lisdoonvarna, Co.Clare	30,000
Longford County Council	Stabilisation of Abbeyshrule Cistercian Abbey, Abbeyshrule, Co. Longford	13,806
Lord Altamont	Repairs to Westport House	320,000
Maelruains Church	Repairs to spire and tower of St. Maelruain's Church, Tallaght, Co. Dublin	10,000
Magorban Parish Church	Repairs to roof and stonework of Magorban Parish Church, Co. Tipperary	19,000
Maher, Tom	Repairs to roof of Holywell House, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Roscommon	25,000
Mahon, Martin	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Poulcassan Eighter, Co. Galway	8,000
Matthews, Bridie	Repairs to roof of Kildevin House, Co. Westmeath	25,000
Mayglass	Repairs & maintenance of mud walled farm complex at Mayglass, Co. Wexford	10,194
Mayo County Council	Repairs to spires and pinnacles at Claremorris Library, Claremorris, Co, Mayo	35,000
McEvoy, Liam	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Garoon, Co.Laois	8,000
McLoughlin, Jim	Repairs to roof of cottage at Jamestown Crossroads, Monesterevin, Co. Kildare	5,836
McLoughlin, Patrick	Repairs to windows at Belin House, Co.Laois	3,461
McSweeney, Nora	Repairs to roof at Flintfield House, Millstreet, Co Cork	21,487
Mining Heritage Society of Ireland	Repairs to door, window, walls, roof and chimney of the Man Engine House, Allihies, Co. Cork	10,000
Montgomery, Daisy	Repairs to Bessmont Park, Co.Monaghan	33,451
Moore, Charles	Repairs to roof of Mooresfort House, Co.Tipperary	25,000
Moss, Jessica	Repairs to external render at Oatlands House, Co. Wicklow	22,567
Mullane, Owen	Roof repairs to thatched cottage at Kintogher, Co Sligo	5,500
Mullen, Michael	Repairs to the roof & gutters of The Laundry, Roscommon	20,000
Myers, Gerald	Repairs to roof at Cairn Cottage, Ballyvintner, Co. Cork	5,000

BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
National University of Ireland	Repair to the murals on the interior wall of 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2	9,907
Nugent, Alice	Structural Stabilisation of Ballinlough Castle, Co. Westmeath	25,000
Offaly County Council	Stabilisation of St. Brendan's Church, Birr, Co Offaly	20,000
O'Rourke, Joan	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Porttaunes, Co. Limerick	10,000
O'Sullivan, Gerard	Repairs to roof of Hartnett's thatched cottage, Millstreet, Co Cork	3,650
Parish of Inniscealtra	Repairs to roof of St. Cronan's Church, Tuamgraney, Co. Clare	8,914
Parish of Killeigh in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin	Repairs to roof, wall & ceilings at Geashill Old School, Co. Offaly	7,500
Pettit, Patrick	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Ballycushlane, Co. Wexford	10,000
Quinlivan, Michael	Repair to external render of Gower Hall, Kilrush, Co Clare	25,378
Rainey & Co. Limited	Stabilisation of Roscomroe Church, Co.Offaly	5,108
Representative Church Body	Survey of Stained Glass Windows in the Church of Ireland	42,840
Ruane, Pat	Bursary for attendance at ICOMOS Conference	1,495
Ryan Purcell, Rosemary	Repairs to roof at Burton Park House, Mallow, Co. Cork	29,253
Saor Ollscoil na hEireann	Pointing and repairs to gutters of Saor Ollscoil na hEireann, Prussia St., Dublin 7.	15,000
School of Philosophy and Economic Science	Repairs of roof at Townley Hall, Co. Louth	40,000
Select Vestry Cloyne Cathedral	Repairs to South Chapel of Cloyne Cathedral, Cloyne, Co. Cork	35,000
Select Vestry Ross Union of Parish	Repairs to roof, walls & floors of Saint Fachtna's Cathedral, Roscarbery, Co. Cork	337
Shelswell White, Egerton	Repairs to Bantry Gate Lodge, Bantry, Co. Cork	25,000
Sirius Arts Centre	First Phase of Repairs of Sirius Arts Centre, Cobh, Co Cork	30,000
Smith, David	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Ballyhane, Co. Waterford	6,000
St George, Richard	Repairs to roof at Kilrush House, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny	20,000
St. Anne's Church Shandon	Repairs to tower of St. Annes Church, Shandon, Cork	50,000
St. Brendan's Church, Clonfert	Repairs to roof and parapets of St. Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert, Co.Galway	20,000
St. Colman's Church	Phase II Repairs to St. Colman's Church, Kinvara, Co.Galway	15,000
St. Finbarre's Cathedral	Repairs to windows of St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork	19,466
St. James Church	Repairs to windows and rainwater goods for St. James Church, Dingle, Co. Kerry	32,000
St. John's Church, Longford	Repairs to roof of St. John's Church, Longford	14,000
St. Lachtain's Church	Conservation works at St. Lachtains Church, Freshford, Co.Kilkenny	24,564
St. Mary's Church, Nenagh	Repairs to the roof of St. Mary's Church, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	40,000

BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
St. Nicholas Church	Repairs to the roof and rainwater goods for St. Nicholas Church, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow	50,000
St. Paul's Church, Cahir	Repairs to roof of St. Paul's Church, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	22,517
Standish, Billy	Repairs to roof of St. John's Church, Drumcree, Co. Westmeath	25,000
Stoddard, Nigel	Repairs to roof of Longford House, Portumna, Co. Galway	34,912
Stout, Lorraine	Repairs to roof and external façade of 1 Sheares Street, Fenn's Quay, Cork	12,214
Stutchbury, Bettina	Funding to provide assistance during Survey of Stained Glass Windows in the Church of Ireland	4,750
Tullamore Union of Parishes	Repairs to roof of Rahan Church, Rahan, Co. Offaly	16,073
Twomey, Claire	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Tallow, Co. Waterford	8,000
United Parish of St. Doulagh's Malahide & Portmarnock	Repairs to window and wall paintings of St. Doulagh's Church, Malahide, Co. Dublin	2,094
Wells, Anne	Repairs to roof of thatched farm building at Licketstown, Co. Kilkenny	7,000
Williamstown Heritage Committee	Repairs to windows and stonework at Templetogether Mill, Williamstown, Co. Galway	20,000
Windsor, Sean	Stabilisation of Wilton Castle, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	25,000
Winters, Thomas	Repairs to roof of Hawthorn cottage, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1,000
TOTAL		2,988,360

NOTE 1: €20,000 was accrued for in year ended 31.12.04 in respect of this grant but has not been paid as at the date of publication of this annual report

EDUCATION & OTHER GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Borrisokane Community College	Sponsorship of Schools Essay Competition	500
Clongowes Wood College	Funding towards archival project	6,000
Countryside Access & Activities	Production of sanitation Leaflet "Where to go in the Outdoors"	1,088
Bourke, Simon - Student Dublin City University	Freda Rountree Scholarship	9,639
Dublin Civic Trust	Funding towards seminar on the History of Irish Wallpaper	800
McEaney, Eamonn	Attendance at International Council of Museums meeting in Korea	813
Environ 2004 -University of Limerick	Sponsorship of 14th Irish Researchers Colloquium	1,000
ES2K- Geological Survey of Ireland	Sponsorship of Earth Science 2000 (ES2k)	4,000
Inland Waterways Association	Interreg Proposal regarding Ulster Canal	3,000
Lucy, Frances School of Science Institute of Technology, Sligo	Bursary for attendance at International Aquatic Invasive Species Conference	5,000
Irish Forestry Certification Initiative	Towards on-going input to the certification process	5,000
Irish in Europe Conference	Funding towards the Third International Irish in Europe Conference	2,000
Irish Rare Breeding Birds Panel	Funding towards administration expenses of The Irish Rare Breeding Birds Panel	823
Irish Uplands Forum	Bursary for attendance at Upland Ecology, Tourism & Access Conference	1,172
Irish Whale and Dolphin Group	International whale conference - Miol Mor 2004	6,000
Irish Wildlife Trust	Press release on Hedgerow Talk & Demonstration Event in Waterford	200
Irish Wildlife Trust	National Wildlife Conference 2004	3,000
Irish Wildlife Trust	Survey entitled "Tramore Bay Sabellaria & Biodiversity Survey with introduction to Marine Biodiversity	999
John Kirwan	Funding towards cost of launch of journal "Ossory, Laois and Leinster"	500
Kilkenny Archaeological Society	Development of Business Plan	6,000
Kilkenny Arts Festival	Sponsorship of Kilkenny Arts Festival Workshop Programme	5,000
Landscape Alliance Ireland	Funding towards European Landscape Convention Workshop	6,500
Listowel Tidy Towns Committee	Sponsorship of Tidy Towns Award 2004	2,000
Mayo County Council	Funding towards the Europeade Conference	2,000
Mining Heritage Trust	Culture 2000 Application	5,000
Musaem Chorca Dhuibhne	Funding towards seminar on Promontory Forts	1,017
Dooley, Terence Department of Modern History NUI Maynooth	Funding towards the Historic Houses of Ireland Conference.	1,300

EDUCATION & OTHER GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
O’Caoimh Tomas	Turas Eireann- Pilgrim Ireland Project	5,500
Offaly County Council	Funding towards County Heritage Plan	4,000
Oranmore Public Library	Funding towards Spring-time Lectures held in Oranmore public Library	600
Royal Irish Academy	Funding towards the purchase of Patrick Donovan Letters	4,000
Royal Irish Academy	Funding towards the New Survey of Clare Island Seminar	1,000
Royal Irish Academy	Funding towards map 2 in “Irish Historic Towns Atlas”	2,100
Scouting Ireland	Improving facilities at museum in Mount Mellary	4,000
Sli Chaomhin Development Committee	Funding towards public lecture on St. Kevin’s Way	190
Traditional Boats of Ireland	Traditional Boats of Ireland Project	4,613
Terry, Barry Department of Medieval History Trinity College Dublin	Funding towards conference organised by “Ruralia” to promote study of medieval rural settlements throughout Europe	3,000
Ulster Waterways Group	Funding toward publication of past conference booklets in one volume	6,000
Waterford Treasures	Conservation of Van der Hagen “View of Waterford” painting 1736	6,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Wicklow Upland Council 2004 initiative	56,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Capital Funding towards construction of new walking trail at Lough Bray, Co. Wicklow	20,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Contribution to participation in Europarc conference September 04	1,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Funding towards Wicklow Sustainable Trails Network	10,000
Woodlands of Ireland	Woodlands of Ireland 2004 initiative.	28,663
Total		237,017
Irish Landmark Trust Limited	Grant 2004	320,600
Discovery Programme Limited	Grant 2004	1,187,000
TOTAL GRANTS PAID IN 2004		6,377,660

APPENDIX A: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Standing Committee on Archaeology

Council Members

Con Costello, (Chairperson), Michael McNamara, Michael MacMahon, Maurice Hurley,

Appointed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Ted Creedon, Michael Gibbons

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Liam Downey, Margaret Gowen, Brian Lacey

Standing Committee on Architecture

Council Members

Primrose Wilson (Chairperson), Con Costello, Mary Bryan, Ruth Delany, Mary Moylan

Appointed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Fionnuala May, Christine Casey, Finola Reid

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Paul Arnold, Loughlin Kealy

Standing Committee on Wildlife

Council Members

Simon Berrow (Chairperson), Nioclás Ó Conchubhair, Michael MacMahon, Michael McNamara

Appointed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Seamus Kelly, John Murphy, Des Crofton (resigned June 2004)

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Rosaleen Dwyer

Standing Committee on Inland Waterways

Council Members

Nioclás Ó Conchubhair (Chairperson), Ruth Delany, Michael McNamara

Appointed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government

John Keane, Colin Becker, Daphne Levinge

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Ian Bath

Museums and Archives Committee

Council Members

Eamonn McEaney (Chairperson), Con Costello, Deirdre Ellis-King, Tómas Ó Caoimh, Virginia Teehan

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Colum O'Riordan, Grellan Rourke, Ragnall O'Floinn, John Coll, Elizabeth Croke, Catherine Marshall

Education and Communication Committee

Council Members

William Smyth (Chairperson), Nessa Dunlea, Deirdre Ellis-King, Eamon McEaney, Primrose Wilson, Tomás Ó Caoimh

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Catherine Gralton, Leo Hallissey, Liam Downey (Archaeology Representative)

Finance/Audit Committee

Council Members

Nessa Dunlea (Chairperson), Tom O'Dwyer, Virginia Teehan, Michael MacMahon

Marine and Coastal Committee

Council Members

Simon Berrow (Chairperson), Ruth Delany, Michael MacMahon, Nioclás Ó Conchubhair, Willie Smyth

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Leo Hallissey, Ted Creedon, Cilian Roden, Gillian Mills, Rick Boelens, Robert Devoy

Planning Review Group

Council Members

Ruth Delany, Mary Moylan, Mary Bryan

Appointed by the Heritage Council

Paul Arnold, Michael Gibbons, Seamus Kelly, Fionnuala May

(Needs to be updated)

APPENDIX B: LINKS

REPRESENTATION ON TASK FORCES, STEERING COMMITTEES, ETC.

Council of National Cultural Institutions Education Committee

Council of National Cultural Institutions Marketing Committee

Board of The Discovery Programme

Chairperson of EAA Cork 2005 National Advisory Board

National Planning Guidelines Committee

Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland's Working Group on Building Regulations and Historic Buildings

Vice-President of European Greenways Association

Member of the National Co-ordination Group for the Water Framework Directive (DEHLG)

Member of Working Group on Public Participation (DEHLG)

Worked on Shannon River Basin Project, South-east River Basin Project and Western River Basin Project

Comhairle na Tuaithe

Member of National Way-Marked Ways Advisory Committee

Member of Rothe House Management Trust

CAP Rural Development Plan 2000-2006 Monitoring Committee

Breeding Bird Atlas of Britain and Ireland Working Group

Comhar- Biodiversity Working Group

European Environmental Advisory Council's Biodiversity Working Group

National Platform for Biodiversity Research

Golden Eagle Re-introduction Project Steering Committee

Countryside Bird Survey Steering Committee

Irish Forestry Certification Initiative

Dublin City Walls Steering Group

Ship Street Framework Plan Steering Group

St Mary's Church and Graveyard, Kilkenny Steering Group

Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland forum to develop programme of Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

UCD Forum for Archaeology 2020: A Foresight Study for Irish Archaeology

Study of Landscape Change in the Burren, Co. Clare, Steering Group

European Archaeological Association Scientific Committee for 2005 Conference

Criteria for National Monuments (Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government)

Seabed Technical and Advisory Committee

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

The Heritage Council has a number of ongoing associations and contacts, both formal and informal, with advisory and professional bodies across Europe and beyond, in an attempt to learn and develop through an observance of best practice abroad. In some instances, the Heritage Council has subscribed to a number of these bodies and organisations and actively partakes in their proceedings.

President of Europarc

Member of IUCN

Member of Co-operative of European Environmental Advisory Councils

Member of European Association of Archaeologists

Member of Countryside Recreation Network

Ongoing contact with English Heritage, English Nature, Countryside Agency, Historic Scotland, Scottish Natural Heritage, Department of the Environment (N.I.), UAHS, ICOMOS

Europarc Natura 2000 Working Group

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The Plan 1997-2000

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February 1997 ISBN 1901137058 (out of print)*

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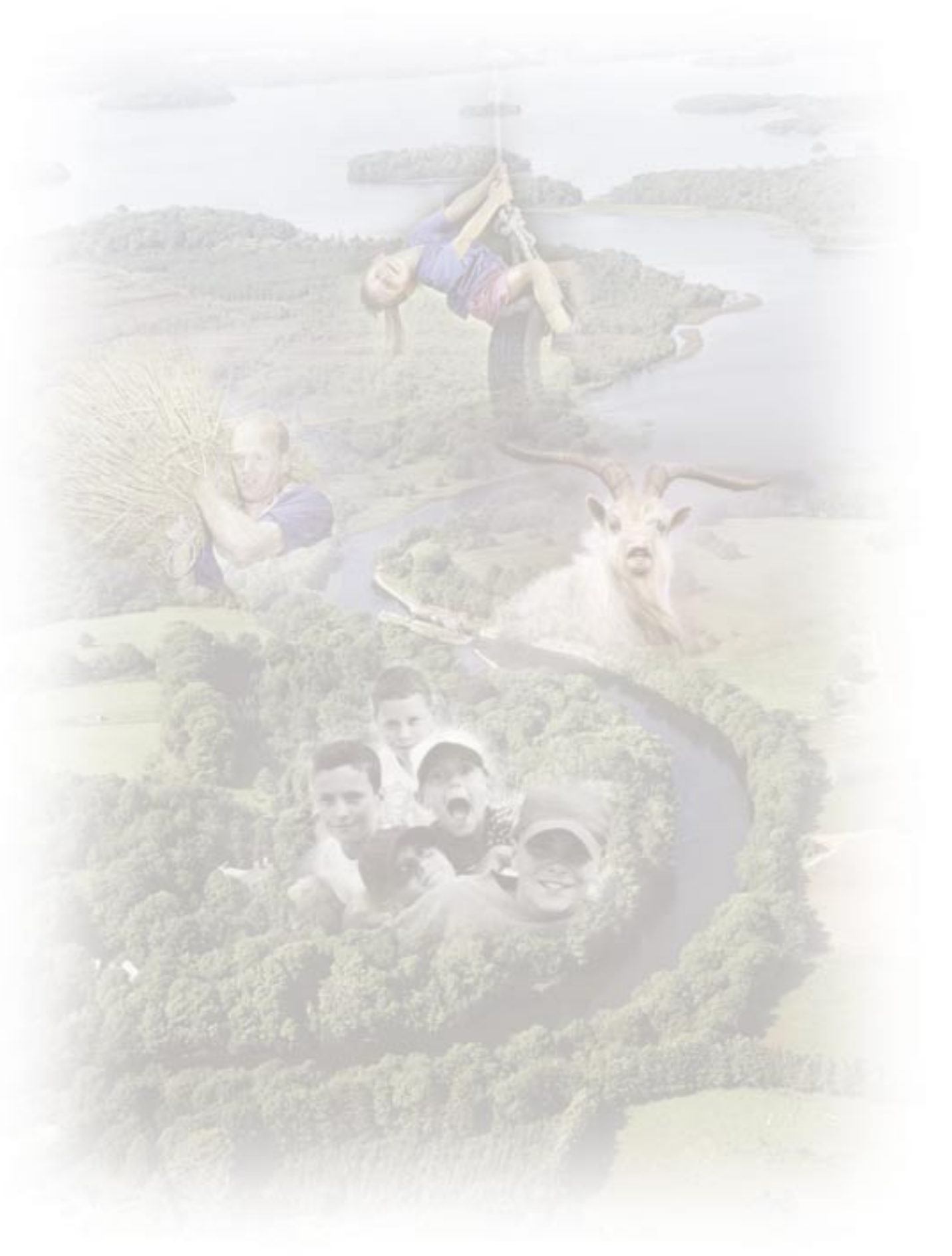
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TEACHTAIREACTH ÓN GCOMHAIRLE



Fuair an Chomhairle baile buan i gCill Chainnigh i 2004 nuair a aistríodh úinéireacht Phálás an Easpaig ó Eaglais na hÉireann go dtí an Chomhairle Oidhreachta. Thug seo chun críche próiseas a thosaigh i 1999 agus soláthraíonn sé sealúchas luachmhar suntasacha oidhreachta do mhuintir Chill Chainnigh agus do dhaoine níos faide ó bhaile. Tá an Chomhairle buíoch den Aire agus dá fhoireann sa Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil as an gcistíocht a sholáthar leis an sealúchas seo a cheannach agus do na hoibreacha ba ghá lena chur in oiriúint mar cheannáras náisiúnta na Comhairle Oidhreachta.

Is mian leis an gComhairle chomh maith buíochas a ghabháil as ardú cistíochta a fuarthas déanach i 2004 le deontais a thabhairt i leith na hoidhreachta ailtireachta. Cistíocht do shealúcháis mar Westport House agus Russborough atá ina gcomharthaí fearainn chomh maith le sealúchais níos lú ná iad atá liostáilte ar Chlár na bhFoirgneamh ar Priacal.

Dhearbhaigh an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus thug tacaíocht do pholasaí molta na Comhairle Oidhreachta maidir le Lárionad Náisiúnta do Thaifid Bitheolaíochta. Féachfaidh an moladh leis an Ionad a bhunú faoi choimirce na Comhairle Oidhreachta i bpáirtnéireacht le hInstitiúid Teicneolaíochta Phort

Láirge. Céim thábhachtach é seo in aclú na hÉireann le freastal ar a freagrachtaí náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta maidir lena hoidhrecht nádúrtha.

Bhí oideachas ina théama lárnach dár ngníomhaíochtaí uile i 2004. Tá comhoibriú leis an Roinn Oideachais ar an siollabas nua athbhreithnithe don tíreolaíocht san Ardteistiméireacht ag teacht le clár na Comhairle Oidhreachta, Oidhrecht sna Scoileanna in earnáil an bhunoideachais. Léiríonn na tionscnaimh seo, agus bunú Scoláireacht Freda Rountree, ár dtiomantacht do fheidhmíú ár gcuspóirí.

Tá ag éirí go maith i gcónaí leis an gClár um Oifigigh Oidhreachta i bpáirtnéireacht leis na húdaráis áitiúla agus deineadh réamhobair thábhachtach le moltaí polasaí a fhorbairt do na huiscí mara agus intíre. Deineadh dul chun cinn leanúnach in earnáil na músaem maidir le feidhmíú ar chlár caighdeáin agus creidiúnaithe agus tá tionscnaimh thábhachtacha i gcúrsaí seandálaíochta le teacht amach i 2005.

Tá áthas ar an gComhairle an Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo do 2004 a chur i láthair. Bliain ghnóthach torthúil ab ea í agus cuireadh dúshraith fóna faoi chúram agus chosaint oidhreachta na hÉireann.



Cathaoirleach
An Chomhairle Oidhreachta

TUARASCÁIL AN PHRÍOMHFHEIDHMEANNAIGH



Is mó ciall is féidir a bhaint as an bhfocal feasacht. Nuair a úsáidtear i gcomhthéacs na hoidhreachta é is féidir míbhrí, nó “casadh” mar a deirtear inniu, a bhaint as. Ar a shon sin, níl aon chasadh curtha ar an bhfíric go bhfuil ardú suntasach ar an líon daoine a shíleann oidhreachta a bheith tábhachtach, ardaithe ó 46% i 1999 go dtí 55% i 2004, is é sin sna cúig bliana ó thosaigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ar a céad suirbhéireacht um Fheasacht Oidhreachta. Dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta coimisiúnú ar an tsuirbhéireacht seo an chéad uair le cuidiú i gceapadh a plean straitéise do 2000-2005 agus ina dhiaidh sin, agus deineadh athshuirbhéireacht faoi neirbhís áirithe. Dob ann don neirbhís sin go príomha mar gheall ar an dearcadh a cuireadh ar aghaidh sna meáin go raibh an oidhreachta in aghaidh na forbartha (nó fiú go raibh an fhorbairt frith oidhreachtuil). Ba dhóigh leat orthu go raibh na daoine bréan den aighneas agus gur mhaith leo an oidhreachta a bhaint den chlár ar fad ar fad. Preit! a dhuine.

Ar na figiúir ba mhó iontais i Suirbhéireacht 2004 bhí go raibh an méadú ba mhó, ina measc siúd a cheap go raibh an oidhreachta fíorthábhachtach, i mBaile Átha Cliath – suas ó 41% i 1999 go dtí 71% i 2004. Agus tá an dealramh air gur i mBaile Átha Cliath a nochtar na heasaontaithe tuairime is mó.

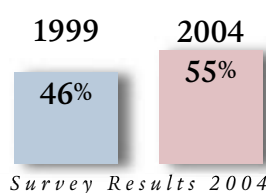
I 2004 bronnadh an chéad Scoláireacht Freda Rountree. Bunaíodh an scoláireacht in ómós do Chéadchathaoirleach na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Ag tógáil ar théama na feasachta agus éifeachtaí uirthi, féachfaidh an buaiteoir scoláireachta ar an gcaitheamh a dhéantar sna meáin ar cheisteanna oidhreachta. Is fada linn go mbeidh na torthaí tosaigh ar fáil.

Léiríonn Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2004 mórán de na buntáistí inbhraite ó obair Comhairle Oidhreachta agus léirítear ann chomh maith mórán de hathruithe ar leibhéil na feasachta ó 1999 i leith. Athruithe drámatúla is ea iad agus ba chóir ceann a thógáil díobh. Níl aon ghá le dibhéirseacht tuairimí. Tá meas ag daoine ar a n-oidhreachta, cultúrtha agus nádúrtha araon, agus teastaíonn uathu go ndéanfaí níos mó, ar bhealach ciallmhar, len í a chosaint do na glúnta atá le teacht.

Michael Starrett

PRÍOMHFHEIDHMEANNAIGH

Feasacht Oidhreachta



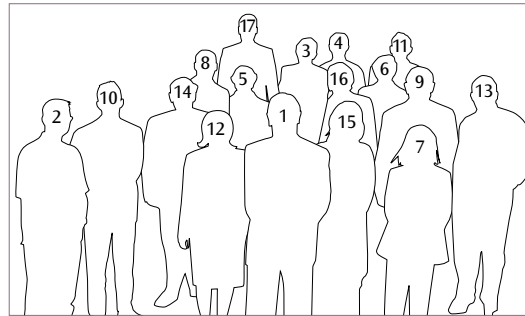
AN CHOMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA 2004

Bunaíodh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta i mí an Iúil 1995, faoi Acht Oidhreachta, 1995, le polasaithe agus tosaíochtaí a mholadh maidir le aithint, caomhnú agus feabhsú na hoidhreachta náisiúnta. Sainmhíníonn an tAcht oidhreachta náisiúnta ag cuimsiú:

Séadchomharthaí	Tírdhreacha
ábhair seandálaíochta	muidhreacha
ábhair oidhreachta	longa briste
oidhreachta ailtireachta	geolaíocht
fásra	gairdíní agus páirceanna oidhreachta
ainmhithe	uiscebhealaí intíre
gnáthóga fiadhúlra	wildlife habitats

Go sonrách, cuireann Acht Oidhreachta, 1995, freagracht ar an gComhairle Oidhreachta:

- spéis, oideachas, eolas agus mórail as, agus áisiú a dheánamh ar thuiscint do agus taitneamh a bhaint as an oidhreachta náisiúnta a chur chun cinn;
- comhoibriú le comhlachtaí eile i gcur chun cinn a cuid feidhmeanna; agus
- comhordú ar na gníomhaíochtaí uile a bhaineann lena cuid feidhmeanna a chur chun cinn



Baill na Comhairle

1 Chairperson Tom O'Dwyer, 2 Simon Berrow, 3 Mary Bryan, 4 Con Costello, 5 Ruth Delany, 6 Nessa Dunlea, 7 Deirdre Ellis-King
8 Maurice Hurley, 9 Michael MacMahon, 10 Éamonn McEaney, 11 Michael McNamara, 12 Mary Moylan, 13 Tomás Ó Caoimh
14 Níoclás Ó Conchubhair, William J. Smyth (not present), 15 Virginia Teehan, 16 Primrose Wilson, 17 Chief Executive Michael Starrett.



FOIREANN NA COMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA

A foireann an acmhainn is mó ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta. Ní mór ár bhfoireann a bheith den chaighdeán is airde proifisiúnachta agus éifeachta d'fhonn ár seasamh mar eagraíocht dinimiciúil bhuacach a chothú. Tá creidiúnacht na Comhairle Oidhreachta ag brath ar chaighdeán agus tréitheacht a foirne.

Tharla athruithe suntasacha ar fhoireann na Comhairle Oidhreachta i 2004 agus triúr ball foirne a bhí linn le fada ag éirí as:

Mary Hanna, Oifigeach Ailtireachta

Eithne Verling, Oifigeach Músaem agus Cartlainne

Patrick Mathews, Oifigeach Pleanála

Is áthas leis an gComhairle a fhógairt gur ceapadh na daoine seo a leanas ar a foireann i 2004.

An Dr Hugh Maguire, Oifigeach Músaem agus Cartlainne

Alison Harvey, Oifigeach Pleanála agus Forbartha

Níor ceapadh aon duine sa phost mar Oifigeach Ailtireachta i 2004.

Ag seo a leanas lánliosta na foirne:

Michael Starrett *Príomhfheidhmeannach*

Anne Barcoe *Cúntóir Pearsanta don Chathaoirleach agus don Phríomhfheidhmeannach*

Ian Doyle *Oifigeach Seandálaíochta*

Mary Hanna *Oifigeach Ailtireachta (go dtí Deireadh Fómhair 2004)*

Alison Harvey *Oifigeach Pleanála agus Forbartha (ó Nollaig 2004)*

Beatrice Kelly *Oifigeach um Uiscebhealaí Intíre*

Fionnuala Lynch *Riarthóir Deontas*

Liam Lysaght *Oifigeach Fiadhúlra*

Martina Malone *Tacaíocht Rúnaíochta*

Linda O'Brien *Oifigeach Airgeadais*

Amanda Ryan *Tacaíocht Rúnaíochta*

Stephen Rhys Thomas *Oifigeach Pleanála (go dtí Meán Fómhair 2004)*

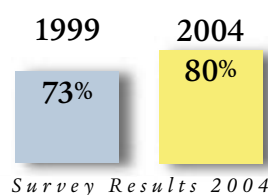
Liam Scott *Oifigeach um Acmhainní Daonna*

Viney Shine *Tacaíocht Rúnaíochta (go dtí Márta 2004)*

Isabell Smyth *Oifigeach Oideachais agus Cumarsáide*

Eithne Veeling *Oifigeach Músaem agus Cartlainne (go dtí Eanáir 2004)*

Feasacht Oidhreachta



CLÁR OILIÚNA AGUS FORBARTHA OIDHREACHTA

Soláthraíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta clár cuimsitheach oiliúna agus forbarta do Oifigigh Forbarta Contae agus do Oifigigh Phroifisiúnta na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Ceadáíonn an clár seo don dá ghrúpa sainscileanna agus eolas ar cheisteanna náisiúnta agus áitiúla oidhreachta a roinnt ar a chéile. Is ann do cheardlanna agus díospóireachtaí ar cheisteanna praiticiúla agus polasáí araon a bhaineann le hoidhreacht. Tionóladh sé sheimineár dhá lá ag áiteanna éagsúla ar fud na tíre. Bhí proifisiúnaigh áitiúla oidhreachta agus pearsanra rialtais áitiúil rannpháirteach iontu agus ba mhínic dea-thoradh orthu. I gcónaí déantar plé ar cheisteanna atá ábharach do obair na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus na nOifigeach Oidhreachta Contae agus is meicníocht é an clár le forbairt a dhéanamh ar líonra luachmhar oidhreachta



Foireann ón gComhairle Oidhreachta agus Oifigigh Oidhreachta Contae ag Seimineár Oiliúna agus Forbarta Oidhreachta i Glasson, Áth Luain, Co. na hIarmhí i Mí Dheireadh Fómhair

AN CHOMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA OILIÚINT FOIRNE

Ba chóir i gcónaí oiliúint foirne a bheith ábharach, cuí agus praiticiúil maidir leis na dualgais a chomhlíonann duine i mbun oibre. Bhí oiliúint ábhartha ar fáil do dhaoine indibhidiúla mar a d'oir ach, de dheasa ganntanas foirne, ní raibh comhoiliúint ar fáil i 2004.

Bhí oiliúint fhoirmeálta ar fáil i réimsí éagsúla mar GIS, Sábháilteacht Suímh, Cumarsáid na Meán, Rúnaíocht Feidhmitheach, Párolla agus TE. Sholáthair baill de

fhoireann na Comhairle Oidhreachta oiliúint in-tí ar cheisteanna oidhreachta

CRUINIÚ NA COMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA I LÚ

Thionól an Chomhairle Oidhreachta cruinniú foirmeálta i gCaisleán Bhaile an Ghearlánaigh, Co. Lú ar an 22 Aibreán 2004.

Agus obair an lae críochnaithe feidhmíodh clár imeachtaí le hÚdaráis Áitiúla Lú.

Dhein Nicholas McCabe, Cathaoirleach, Comhairle Contae Lú, óstaíocht ar fháiltiú do bhaill agus oifigigh na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus Údaráis Áitiúla Lú. Bhí bainisteoirí contae ó údaráis áitiúla thart ar Lú i láthair chomh maith.

Ina dhiaidh sin dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta óstaíocht ar chruinniú dinnéir nuair a chuir Donncha Ó Dúlaing, Oifigeach Oidhreachta Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, eolas i láthair na rannpháirtithe maidir le tograí do Phlean Oidhreachta Contae.

Feasacht Oidhreachta

Ba chóir pionós a chur ar dhaoine nach gcaomhnaíonn an Oidhreacht

1999

51%

2004

64%

Survey Results 2004

BAILE NUA DON CHOMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA

Ocht mbliana tar éis di aistriú go Cill Chainnigh, tá baile buan faighte ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta. Beidh iar-Phálás an Easpaig, in aice le hArdeaglais N. Cainnigh, ina cheanncheathrú náisiúnta. Aistríodh an sealúchas agus cuid suntasach den talamh ó Eaglais na hÉireann go dtí an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ag searmanas i Butler House, Cill Chainnigh ar an 26 Deireadh Fómhair 2004. Tógfaidh Comhlacht Ionadach Eaglais na hÉireann Teach Nua Cathaoireach do Easpag Fearna agus Osraí i gClós na hArdeaglaise a fhanfaidh ina leanúntach eaglaiseach.



Pictiúr ag síniúchán an chonartha ó Phálás an Easpaig ar an 26ú Deireadh Fómhair 2004: Ó chlé) Ms. Mary Moylan, Ball den Chomhairle Oidhreachta, an Dr. Tom O'Dwyer, Cathaoirleach na Comhairle Oidhreachta, an tUas. Geoffrey Perrin, Cathaoirleach ar Choiste Feidhmiúcháin an RCB agus an tUas. Denis Reardon, Príomhoifigeach agus Rúnaí an RCB

Tá an Pálás ina chuid de shuíomh casta eaglaise, ina n-áirítear an Ard-Eaglais, an Déanacht, seomra gléasta agus túr cruinn, agus líne ballaí na cathrach. Ciallóidh sealbhú an Pháláis ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta agus a úsáid mar cheanncheathrú caomhnú fadtéarmach an fhoirgnimh agus soláthróidh sé spás suntasach breise cathróireachta do Chill Chainnigh.



Cuimseoidh oiriúnú an fhoirgnimh úsáid na seomraí ar urlár na talún chun críche seachas iad sin atá ón gComhairle Oidhreachta amháin. De bhrí go dtionólfar cruinnithe de Chomhairle na Deoise sa Phálás coinneofar nascanna eaglaise. Táthar ag súil go n-iarrfaidh an pobal úsáid na n-áiseanna chun críche eile.

Déanfar caomhnú ar urlár na talún áit ina mbeidh spás substaintiúil léiriúcháin agus taispeántais, ag áireamh i dtosach báire míniúcháin den bhfoirgneamh agus a chuid úsáidí. Ceadóidh an dearadh léiriúcháin sealadacha do imeachtaí nó taispeántais ar leith.

Agus a féiniúlacht náisiúnta bunaithe aici trí raon de thionscnaimh le linn di a bheith ina baile sealadach i Rothe House, tá an Chomhairle Oidhreachta muiníneach as a bhfuil le teacht, agus í ag dul isteach sa Phálás.

AN PLEAN 2001-2005

Is í seo an trío bliain inar feidhmíodh Plean 2001-2005.

Tá 83 gníomhaíocht nó réimse gníomhaíochta ar leith i bPlean 2001-2005 le feidhmiú ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta. Is féidir iad sin a rangú sna sé phríomhréimse feidhmiúcháin seo a leanas:



- 1. Eolas oidhreachta: bailiú agus dáileadh**
- 2. Comhairle don Aire**
- 3. An oidhrecht a chur i gcroílár an tsaoil phoiblí**
- 4. Na húdráis Áitiúla agus bainistiú na hoidhreachta**
- 5. Méadú feasachta agus measa ar ár n-oidhrecht**
- 6. An cleachtas is fearr i gcaomhnú agus i mbainistíocht na hoidhreachta**

FEIDHMIÚ AN PHLEAN I 2004

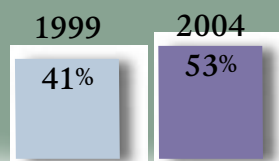
Léiríonn an chart thíos an struchtúr atá curtha ar fáil ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta leis an bPlean a fheidhmiú i 2004. Riachtanas reachtúil is ea struchtúr na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus a ceithre Choiste seasta. Ó am go chéile ceaptar grúpaí oibre le feitheoireacht nó comhordú a dhéanamh ar ghné de cheapadh polasaí thar ceann na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Ceaptar grúpaí den chineál sin do thréimhse socraithe agus is féidir ionadaithe ó lasmuigh den Chomhairle Oidhreachta a bheith orthu



*Standing committees

Feasacht Oidhreachta

Ba chóir airgead na gcáiníocóirí a chaitheamh leis an Oidhreachta a Chosaint



Survey Results 2004

LIOSTA ACHOIMRITHE DÁ BHFUIL BAINTE AMACH

EOLAS OIDHREACHTA – BAILIÚ AGUS DÁILEADH

Ar na mórmhíreanna bailithe sonraí bhí

- Táirgeadh leabharliosta innéacscha ar oidhreacht chultúrtha agus tógtha chrios chósta na hÉireann
- Suíomh idirlín do thochailtí neamhfhoilsithe
- Suirbhé ar thailte féarach ísealtailte na hÉireann– staidéar tochailte
- Digitiú lámhscríbhinní na hÉireann
- Méadú suímh idirlín na Comhairle Oidhreachta

COMHAIRLE DON AIRE

Sholáthair an Chomhairle Oidhreachta comhairle don Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar:

- Rannpháirtíocht an Phobail sa Treoir um Chreatlach Uisce
- Woodstown, Co. Phort Láirge
- Athbhreithniú meántearma ar an bPlean Náisiúnta Gníomhaíochta Bithéagsúlachta
- Forbairt ar Ionad Náisiúnta um Thaifid Bitheolaíochta
- Cur chun cinn Scéime um Chaighdeáin agus Creidiúnacht laistigh de earnáil an Mhúsaem

OIDHREACTH A CHUR AG CROÍLÁR AN TSAOIL PHOIBLÍ

Deineadh seo trí

- Údaráis áitiúla agus bainistíocht oidhreachta – Clár Comhairleacha um Séadchomhartha Páirce i gContaetha Shligigh agus an Chláir
- Aighneachtaí ar achomhairc phleanála chur isteach go dtí an Bord Pleanála agus go dtí na hÚdaráis Phleanála Áitiúla
- Forbairt ar Dhámhachtain Taighde Freda Rountree

ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS BAINISTÍOCHT OIDHREACHTA

Ar na nuathiomantachtaí tá:

- Trí phost nua do Oifig Oidhreachta a bhaint amach in údaráis áitiúla
- Leanúint de Chláir Oiliúna agus Forbartha Oidhreachta ado Oifig Oidhreachta
- €580,557 a chur i leith feidhmiúcháin 12 Phlean Oidhreachta Contae /Cathrach
- Ceithre Mheasúnú Oidhreachta a dhéanamh ar Phleananna Údaráis Áitiúla
- Sé Mheasúnú Oidhreachta a dhéanamh ar Threoirlínte Pleanála Údaráis Réigiúnacha
- Pleananna Gníomhaíochta Áitiúla Bithéagsúlachta a chur chun cinn

LIOSTA ACHOIMRITHE DÁ BHFUIL BAINTE AMACH

MÉADÚ FEASACHTA AGUS MEASA AR ÁR N-OIDHREACTH

Cuireadh an mhórgné seo de obair na Comhairle chun cinn trí:

- Dámhachtain €4,633,042 deontais i réimsí foilsíúcháin oidhreachta áitiúla, seandálaíocht, fiadhúlra, músaem & cartlanna agus foirgnimh ar priacal
- Seimineár Chosán na Naomh, Bealtaine
- Lá Oidhreachta Uisce, 11 Meán Fómhair
- Seimineár na mBád Traidisiúnta, Samhain
- Maoiniú Foilseacháin ar Thochailtí Seandálaíochta
- ISCOPE – Scéim Faireoireachta agus Oideachais Phobail na hÉireann ar Mhíolta Móra
- Soláthar fiche sparánacht do chúrsa Láimhseála Ealaíon
- Tiomantas leanúnach do fhorbairt ar earnáil chartlainne ar fud Éireann
- Óstaíocht ar Dhámhachtain Mhúsaem na Bliana
- Cistíocht do Chumann Mhúsaem na hÉireann
- Eagrán nua athbhreithnithe de Heritage in Schools Directory a tháirgeadh
- Seoladh an Togra Tíreolaíochta – Siollabas Athchóirithe na hArdteistiméireachta
- Seoladh Plean Caomhnaithe Chluain Fearta
- Seoladh Plean Caomhnaithe Achadh Úr
- Seoladh The Care of Stained Glass
- Foilsíú Heritage Outlook.

AN CLEACHTAS IS FEARR I GCAOMHNÚ AGUS BAINISTIÚ OIDHREACTHA

Ar na gníomhaíochtaí a deineadh bhí:

- Staidéir um Dhorchlaí Uiscebhealaí
- Plean Caomhnaithe an Oileáin Mhóir
- Glasrian Béarra Breifne – Ranóg na hÉireann de líonra REVER
- Cistíocht do fhorbairt leanúnach proifisiúnta seandálaithe
- Dioplóma i mBainistíocht Chultúir agus Mhúsaem
- Síolchistíocht a sholáthar do Institiúid Caomhnaithe Saothar Stairiúil agus Ealaíne in Éirinn
- Críochnú na hoibre ar Chomhartha Cuimhneacháin Browne Clayton
- Críochnú na Suirbhéireachta ar Ghairdíní Oidhreachta agus Tírdhreacha Deartha in Éirinn
- Scéim Deontais um Thaighde Ailtireachta.



LEABHARMARA

Thiomsaigh an tIonad Acmhainne Cósta agus Mara leabharliosta innéacsaithe le nótaí ar an oidhreacht chultúrtha agus thógtha i gcrios chósta na hÉireann ag úsáid foirne ildisciplíne ó Ranna an Bhéaloidis, agus na Seandálaíochta ó Choláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh, agus Meitheal Mara. Cuireadh ar an ngréasán i bhformáid cairdiúil é i 2004 ag www.bibliomara.ie. Deineadh a thuilleadh oibre ar uirlis chuardaigh nár dheacair a úsáid i rith 2004 agus tá sin le cur suas i rith 2005.

SUIOMH IDIRLÍN AR THOCHAILTÍ NEAMHFHOILSITHE

Críochnaíodh an togra seo i 2004 agus thug sé le chéile na mionsonraí ar sheascatochailt suntasach seandálaíochta nár foilsíodh ina n-iomláine fós. Cuirfear gearrchuntas ar gach tochailt agus roinnt íomhá a bhaineann leis ar shuíomh idirlín na Comhairle Oidhreachta. Táthar ag súil go gcuirfidh seo sonraí ó na tochailtí tábhachta seo i láthair an phobail trí chéile.

SUIRBHÉIREACTH AR ÍSEALTAILTE FÉARACH NA HÉIREANN — STAIDÉAR TOCHAILTE

Dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta coimisiúnú ar staidéar réimseach le teacht ar an mbealach is fearr le staidéar náisiúnta a dhéanamh ar ísealtailte féarach na hÉireann, d'fhonn a bhfuil fágtha de phríomh láithreáin tailte féarach a bheadh ina n-ábhar suime chun caomhnaithe. Léiríonn an staidéar go n-aithneofaí tailte féarach speiceas-saibhir trí úsáid a bhaint as cianbhraistint agus láithreáin fhíortha. Sholáthair an staidéar léiriú ar na costais a bheadh ar shuirbhéireacht náisiúnta.



DIGITIÚ LÁMHSCRÍBHINNÍ NA HÉIREANN

Don dara bliain, thug Coiste na Músaem agus na gCartlann tacaíocht don togra um Script Éireannach ar Scáileán (SÉS) á reáchtáil ag an Institiúid Ard-Léinn. Is iad príomhaidhmeanna an togra ná taighde agus digitíú ar lámhscríbhinní na hÉireann le súil iad a bheith inrochtain don phobal. Is féidir go mbeadh éifeachtaí dearfacha ag na modheolaíochtaí a úsáideadh agus ag na sonraí a baineadh amach sa togra seo maidir le dáileadh a leithéid de ábhar ar phobal níos fairsinge..

SUIOMH IDIRLÍN NA COMHAIRLE OIDHREACTHA WWW.HERITAGECOUNCIL.IE



Is é an suíomh idirlín an chéad phointe teagmhála leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta ag mórán daoine. Déantar síor nuashonrú ar an suíomh idirlín agus cuirtear rannóga nua leis agus leanann sé air ag déanamh raoin fhairsing eolais oidhreachta inrochtain do chách. Cuireann an rannóg foilseachán geall le gach aon doiciméid taighde agus polasaí leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta, ar léiriú é ar an gcorpas mór oibre a deineadh le deich mbliana anuas, ar fáil don saol mór. Is ann do rannóga nua ar mhúsaeim, ar thírdhreach, an mhuir agus an clár um Oifigeach Áitiúil Oidhreachta.

Léiríonn briseadh síos ar ár ndámhachtana deontas dáileadh cistíochta na Comhairle Oidhreachta ar fud an phobail agus sna hearnála ar fad. Tá an raon ilíoch de thograí, foilseacháin a cistíodh agus deontais taighde ar fáil ar-líne anois mar aon le preasráitis, eolas ar thairiscintí agus nuachtlitir r-irise. Cuidíonn an suíomh idirlín agus an nuachtlitir r-irise leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta slánú a dhéanamh ar a cuspóirí maidir le cumarsáid a dhéanamh leis an bpobal trí chéile ar bhealach tapaidh costas-éifeachtach. Tá an leabharlann gréasánbhunaithe seo ag soláthar ceann de na foinsí oidhreachta idirlín is fearr sa tír.



COMHAIRLE DON AIRE

COMHAIRLE AR RANPHÁIRTÍOCHT AN PHOBAIL SA TREOIR UM CHREATUISCE

Ar shála próisis chomhairliúcháin 2003 “Ag Iarraidh do Thuairimí ar Chaighdeán Uisce”, chuir an Chomhairle Oidhreachta comhairle maidir le rannpháirtíocht an phobail sa Treoir um Chreatuisce chuig an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Tá an chomhairle seo ar fáil ar ár suíomh idirlín agus foilsíodh aiseolas ón gcomhairliúchán chomh maith

WOODSTOWN, CO PHORT LÁIRGE

In Aibreán 2004 mhol an Chomhairle Oidhreachta don Aire go ndéanfaí fiosrú seandálaíochta ar an suíomh ag Woodstown, Co. Phort Láirge sula ndéanfaí aon obair thógála ar an mótarbhealach. Tá an suíomh díreach lasmuigh de Chathair Phort Láirge ar an mbealach atá molta don M25 agus fuarthas fianaise tábhachtach ann ar áitriú Lochlannach.

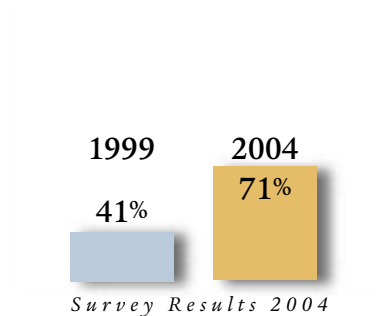
ATHBHREITHNÍÚ MEÁNTÉARMA AR AN bPLEAN NÁISIÚNTA GNÍOMHAÍOCHTA BITHÉAGSÚLACHTA

D'iarr an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar an gComhairle Oidhreachta, i bpáirt le Comhar, cabhrú leis an athbhreithniú meántearma ar an bPlean Náisiúnta Bithéagsúlachta. Thug grúpa oibre a bhunaigh Comhar an t-athbhreithniú chun críche agus thug tuarascáil don Roinn i Samhain 2004.

FORBAIRT AR IONAD NÁISIÚNTA UM THAIFID BITHEOLAÍOCHTA

Ghlac an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil le moladh polasaí a deineadh níos luaithe go mbunófaí Ionad um Thaifid Bithéagsúlachta. Beidh an t-ionad faoi choimirce na Comhairle Oidhreachta i bpáirtíocht le hInstitiúid Teicneolaíochta Phort Láirge. Déanfaidh an tIonad mórchabhair a sholáthar do fheidhmiúchán freagrachtaí na hÉireann faoin gCoinbhinsiún um Bithéagsúlacht agus dá Plean Náisiúnta Bithéagsúlachta.

Feasacht Oidhreachta



AG CUR NA HOIDHREACHTA I GCROÍLÁR AN TSAOIL PHOIBLÍ



ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS BAINISTÍOCHT OIDHREACHTA – CLÁR UM SHÉADCHOMHARHTAÍ PÁIRCE I GCONTAETHA SHLIGIGH AGUS AN CHLÁIR

Lean an Chomhairle Oidhreachta i 2004 de chistiú a dhéanamh ar an gClár do Chomhairleoir um Shéadchomharthaí Páirce. Reáchtáladh seo i bpáirtíocht le Comhairle Contae Shligigh i 2003 agus cheap Comhairle Contae an Chláir an dara comhairleoir i 2004. Ciallaíonn an clár nuálach seo comhairleoir a thabhairt turais ar úinéirí talún agus comhairle a sholáthar dóibh ar bhainistiú agus suntas oibreacha seandálaíochta cré. Glacadh go maith leis an dá chomhairleoir sna contaetha ar leith.

TRÁCHT AR ACHOMHAIRC PLEANÁLA CURTHA CHUIG AN BORD PLEANÁLA AGUS CHUIG ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚLA PLEANÁLA I 2004

Chuir an Bord Pleanála roinnt achomharc maidir le mórfhorbairtí os comhair na Comhairle Oidhreachta le go ndéanfaí trácht orthu. Chuir an Chomhairle ceithre aighneacht chuig an mBord Pleanála i 2003. Chomh maith leis sin, dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta trácht ar raon de chásanna indibhidiúla rialaithe forbartha ar leibhéal na n-údarás áitiúil nuair a bhí goilliúnacht oidhreachta ina ábhar imní.

Tabharfaidh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta córas leictreonach tarchurtha isteach i 2005 i gcomhpháirtíocht leis na húdarás áitiúla pleanála, an Ghníomhaireacht Cosanta Comhshaoil agus an Bord Pleanála. Beidh freagraí ar na tarchuir ar fáil ar shuíomh idirlín na Comhairle Oidhreachta i 2005

SCÉIM CAIGHDEÁN AGUS CREIDIÚNAITHE

Tháinig Louise Ryan tuarascáil Dheiridh na scéime píolóta seo a dhéanfaidh leas do fheidhmiúchán polasaí na Comhairle Oidhreachta ar mhúsaem sna blianta atá romhainn. Ag searmanas i mBaile Átha Cliath ar an 23 Márta 2004 deineadh bronnadh ar gach ceann de na 13 institiúidí a bhí rannpháirteach sa scéim.

Shásaigh sé chinn de na hinstiúidí bailiúcháin na critéir do Chreidiúnú Eatramhach. Is iad sin

Leabharlann Chester Beatty

Músaem Contae Mhuineacháin

Teach Mucrois, Cill Airne

Dánlann Náisiúnta na hÉireann

Músaem Náisiúnta Cló

Seoda Phort Láirge

Fuair dhá institiúid déag díobh sin a bhí rannpháirteach cistíocht le caighdeán a fheabhsú ar nithe a baineadh amach le linn na scéime.

DÁMHACHTAIN TAIGHDE FREDA ROUNTREE

Tá Simon Bourke, céimí ón gcúrsa Máistreacht sa Iriseoireacht ag DCU, díreach tar éis an chéad scoláireacht dochtúireachta Freda Rountree a fháil ón gComhairle Oidhreachta. Bunaíodh an scéim dámhachtana i gcuimhne ar Freda Rountree, céad Chathaoirleach na Comhairle Oidhreachta, a fuair bás i 2000. Is sé is ábhar dá thogra taighde trí bliana ná: “Tomhaltas agus Coinbhleacht: Léirithe ar Oidhreachta i bPreas Náisiúnta na hÉireann”.

Tá tábhacht ar leith leis an ábhar seo i bhfianaise na díospóireachta poiblí ar chúrsaí oidhreachta sa lá atá inniu ann. Cuireann cur chuige nuálach Simon Bourke, féachaint ar cheisteanna oidhreachta ó sheasamh cumarsáide, rud nach ndearna aon taighdeoir eile go dtí seo, le spéis na hoibre.

Feasacht Oidhreachta

Táim gníomhach maidir le hOidhreachta ar leibhéal áitiúil

1999 2004

7%

17%

Survey Results 2004

ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚLA AGUS BAINISTÍOCHT OIDHREACHTA

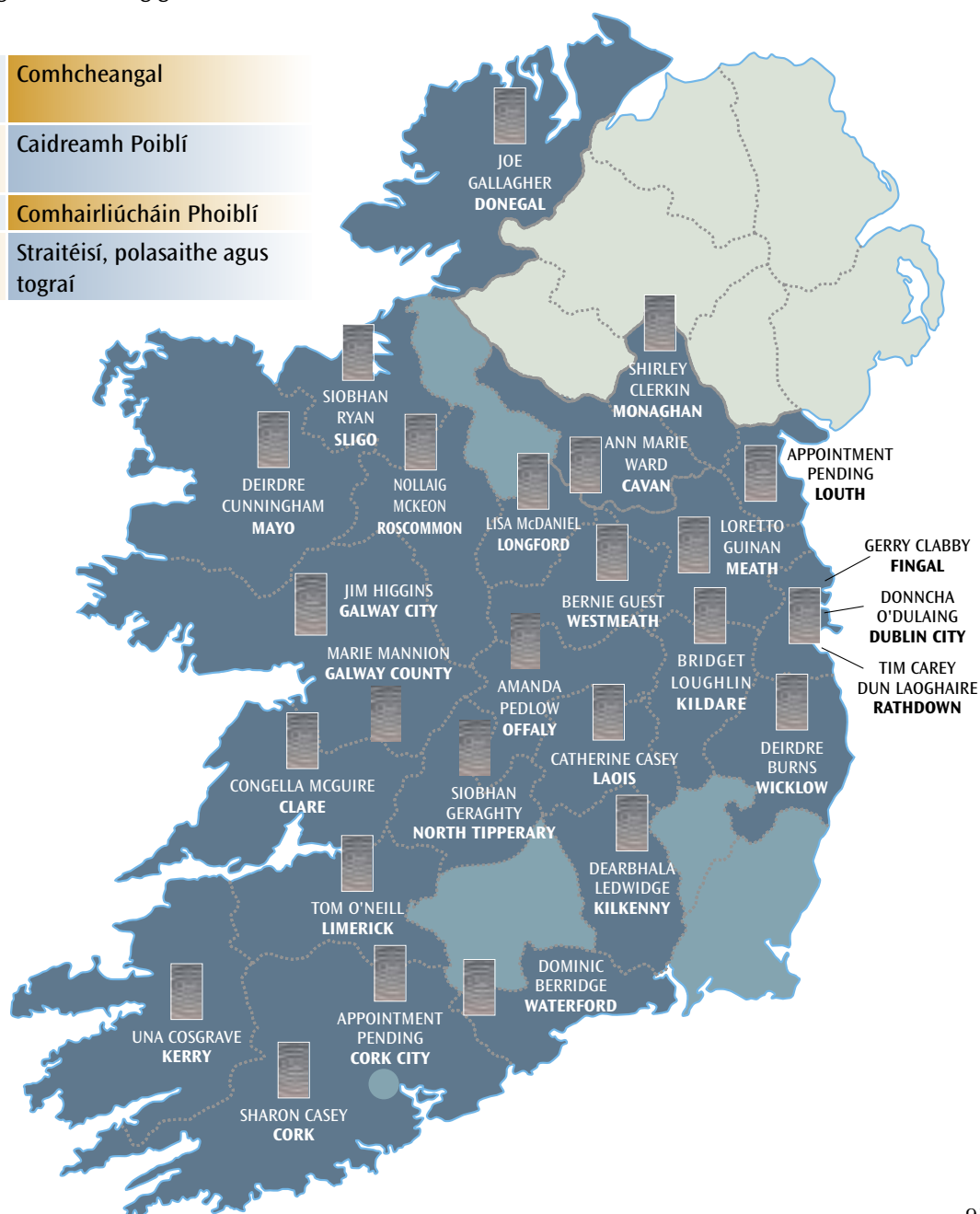


CLÁR NA NOIFIGEACH OIDHREACHTA 2004

Brostaíonn clár páirtneireachta na Comhairle Oidhreachta údaráis áitiúla le hOifig Oidhreachta a fhostú le seirbhís ghairmiúil, chomhordaithe agus straitéiseach oidhreachta. Is aidhm dóibh níos mó tuisceana, caomhnaithe agus cosanta a chur chun cinn trí stádas agus an dearcadh i leith na hoidhreachta a fheabhsú. Tá ról forleathan fairsing acu agus déanann sé áisiú ar roghanna na n-údarás áitiúla ar leith. Ar na príomhréimsí ar a dtugann na hOifig Oidhreachta aghaidh tá:

Pleananna Oidhreachta Contae	Comhcheangal
Comhairle agus eolas do fhoirne údarás áitiúla	Caidreamh Poiblí
Measúnú oidhreachta	Comhairliúcháin Phoiblí
Bailiú sonraí	Straitéisí, polasaithe agus tograí

D'éirigh go rí-mhaith leis an gclár agus bhí ceithre Oifigeach Oidhreachta Contae is fiche fostaithe ag deireadh 2004. Cuireadh trí phost nua ar an liosta i 2004 ach, ar an droch uair, cuireadh deireadh le dhá phost. Deineadh an cealú de dheascadh deacrachtaí ag údaráis áitiúla maidir le faomhadh na roinne a fháil, chomh maith le srianta airgid. Fostóidh níos mó údaráis áitiúla Oifig Oidhreachta i 2005 ach ní mór aghaidh a thabhairt ar na fadhbanna seo le postanna atá ann faoi láthair a bhuanú.



FEIDHMIÚCHÁN PLEANANNA CONTAE/ CATHRACH OIDHREACTHA

I 2004 dhíol an Chomhairle Oidhreachta €580,557 i gcabhair ar fheidhmiúchán 12 Phlean Contae agus Cathrach Oidhreachta i bpáirtíocht leis an údarás cuí áitiúil. Tugadh na suimeanna seo a leanas do na pleananna

Plean Oidhreachta Contae Cheatharlach	34,376
Plean Oidhreachta Contae an Chláir	63,086
Plean Oidhreachta Cathrach Bhaie Átha Cliath	127,263
Plean Oidhreachta Contae Dhún Laoghaire – Ráth Dúin	48,447
Plean Oidhreachta Contae na Gaillimhe	57,086
Plean Oidhreachta Contae Chiarra	19,402
Plean Oidhreachta Contae Laoise	20,308
Plean Oidhreachta Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh	42,539
Plean Oidhreachta Contae Uíbh Fhailí	42,675
Plean Oidhreachta Contae Ros Comáin	33,248
Plean Oidhreachta Contae Shligigh	31,750
Plean Oidhreachta Contae na hIarmhí	60,376
Iomlán	580,556

SAINTOGRÁI FAOIN BPLEAN OIDHREACTHA I 2004

Ag seo thíos sampla de na tograí indibhidiúla ar tugadh tacaíocht dóibh faoi chiste an Phlean Oidhreachta:

- Liostáil agus measúnú ar na tithe ceann tuí i gContae na Gaillimhe
- Plean Caomhnaithe do bhallaí bhaile Átha Luain, Co. na hIarmhí
- Clár Oideachais na bhFál Sceach, Co. Uíbh Fhailí
- Suirbhéireacht deisce ar chrainn suntasacha i gCo. Ceatharlach
- Staidéar Iniúchta Rochtana féachaint ar mhéid, suíomh agus nádúr na rochtana poiblí ar shuímh oidhreachta i gCo. Ros Comáin
- Suirbhéireacht mapála gnáthóg ar pháirceanna Chomhairle Contae Dhún Laoghaire-Ráth Dhúin
- Staidéar féidearthachta le múnla den chleachtas is fearr a bhaint amach do sheirbhís um stair mhuintire agus oidhreachta áitiúil i dTiobraid Árann Thuaidh.
- Clár oidhreachta agus TE i gCo. Shligigh

MEASÚNUITHE OIDHREACTHA AR PHLEANANNA FORBARTHA

ÚDARÁIS ÁITIÚLA

Dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta measúnú, i 2004, ar cheithre phlean forbartha contae agus baile. Dhein na húdaráis áitiúla chuí comh-mhaoiniú ar roinnt de na measúnaithe.

- Dréacht-Phlean Forbartha Mhalla, Co. Chorcaí
- Dréacht-Phlean Forbartha Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh
- Dréacht-Phlean Contae an Chláir

Is aidhm don bpróiseas measúnaithe oidhreachta “measúnú rianúil, cuimsitheach agus neamhchlaon a dhéanamh ar na héifeachtaí is dóichí a thiofadh de thoradh feidhmiúcháin na bpolasaithe atá sa phlean forbartha ar an oidhreacht” (Foinse: Heritage Appraisal of Development Plans – A Methodology for Planning Authorities, an Chomhairle Oidhreachta, Iúil 2000). Cabhraíonn measúnú oidhreachta chomh maith lena chinntiú go gcaitheann plean forbartha leis an raon uile de cheisteanna oidhreachta.

Leis an Treoir Nua MSC ag an AE i Mí an Iúil 2004, féachtar ar an obair ar mheasúnú oidhreachta agus ar an modheolaíocht domhain a spreagann sí mar uirlis fiúntach d’fhonn promhadh a dhéanamh ar pholasaithe a bhaineann le hoidhreachta. Leanfar de mheasúnuithe oidhreachta i 2005-6 tabharfar tacaíocht don MSC, a tugadh isteach in Éirinn in Iúil 2004.

(Tugadh éifeacht don Treoir um Mheasúnú Straitéiseach Comhshaoil ó mhí an Iúil 2004 agus aistríodh isteach i ndlí na hÉireann í trí I.R. Uimh. 435 de 2004 Rialacháin na bPobal Eorpacha (Measúnú Comhshaoil ar Phleananna agus ar Chláir áirithe) 2004 agus I.R. Uimh. 436 de 2004. Rialacháin Pleanála agus Forbartha (Measúnú Straitéiseach Comhshaoil) 2004

MEASÚNUITHE OIDHREACTHA AR THREOIRLÍNTE UM PHLEANÁIL RÉIGIÚNACH

Dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta measúnú chomh maith ar na Treoirlínte um Phleanáil Údaráis Réigiúnacha i 2004:

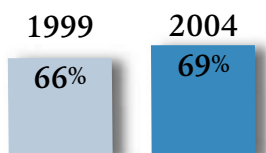
- Réigiúnach Thiar
- Iar-Dheisceart
- Oir-Dheisceart
- Lár Tíre
- Meán-Iarthar
- Réigiún na Teorann, Lár Tíre agus an Iarthair

TITHÍOCHT TUAITHE IN ÉIRINN – SUÍOMH SA TAOBH TÍRE AGUS ÁIT SAN OIDHREACHT NÁISIÚNTA, AN DRÉACHT-TUARASCÁIL DHEIRIDH, MÍ NA NOLLAG 2004

Leagtar amach seasamh na Comhairle Oidhreachta san aighneacht a cuireadh chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar thithíocht tuaithe agus soláthraíonn an aighneacht moltaí maidir leis na Treoirlínte do Thithíocht Tuaithe, a d'eisigh an Roinn Comhshaoil. Scrúdaíonn Tuarascáil um thithíocht tuaithe na Comhairle an próiseas pleanála agus fiosraíonn sí príomhthionchair na tithíochta tuaithe ar an oidhreacht, an tionchar ar dhreach, ar an taobh tíre (díreach agus carnach), agus an tionchar ar an mbithéagsúlacht.



Feasacht Oidhreachta



Survey Results 2004

I ann do aon mholadh déag faoi dhá phríomhchatagóir – riarachán agus forbairt polasaí. Ar na moltaí tá an gá go ndéanfaí staidéir acmhainne taobh tíre in gceantair phíolóta mar eolas do iarratais phleanála tithíochta, an gá atá le hionad gréasánbhunaithe ilfhreastail le mapa comhordaithe oidhreachta do gach contae ar leith agus an gá atá le hathbhreithniú grinn ar na measúnuithe um charachtar na dtaobh tíre atá ann le héifeacht na hacmhainne tábhachtach seo a chinntiú

PLEANANNA GNÍOMHAÍOCHTA ÁITIÚLA UM BHITHÉAGSÚLACHT

Tá an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ag cur chun cinn agus ag tabhairt tacaíochta i gcónaí do Phleananna Áitiúla Gníomhaíochta don Bithéagsúlacht. Ag oibriú i bpáirt le hOifig Oidhreachta Contae, sholáthair an Chomhairle Oidhreachta cistíocht do shé údarás áitiúil le Pleananna Áitiúla Gníomhaíochta Bithéagsúlachta a tháirgeadh. Cistíodh na húdaráis áitiúil seo a leanas i 2004: Ceatharlach, an Clár, Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, Dún Laoghaire-Ráth Dúin, Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh agus Sligeach.

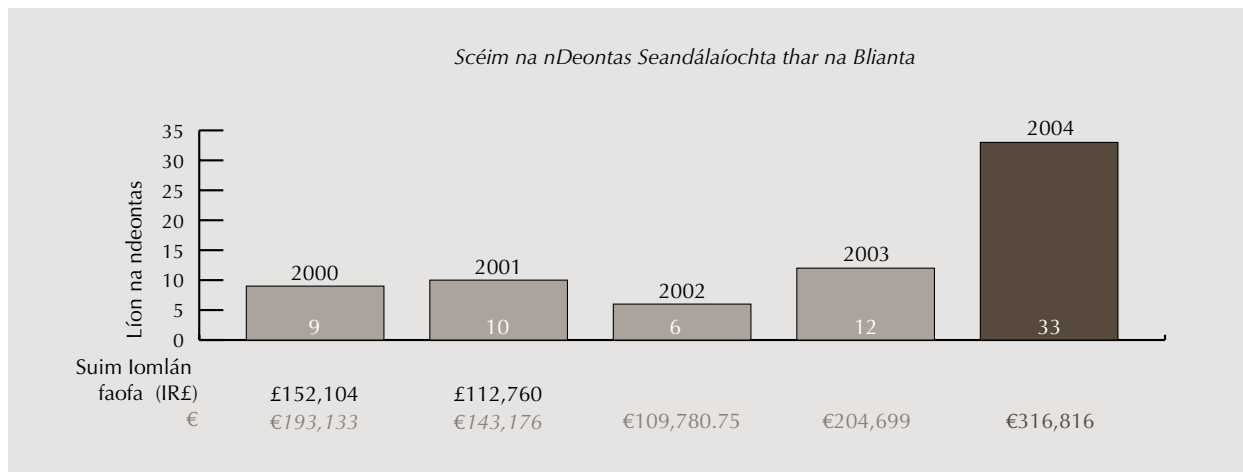
STADÉAR FÉIDEARTHACHTA DO ÁIS CHOMHORDAITHE CULTÚRTHA I gCILL CHAINNIGH

Thionscain an Chomhairle Oidhreachta i dteannta Chomhairle Contae Chill Chainnigh Staidéar Féidearthachta do Áis Chomhordaithe Cultúrtha i gCill Chainnigh. Déanfaidh an staidéar seo iarracht ar fhreastal ar riachtanais Dánlann an Bhuitléirigh, ceann de na bailiúcháin ealaíon is iomráití in Éirinn, chomh maith le riachtanais taispeánta bailiúcháin, a thabharfaidh aghaidh ar ilíocht agus stair Cho. Chill Chainnigh. Críochnófar an staidéar seo i 2005.



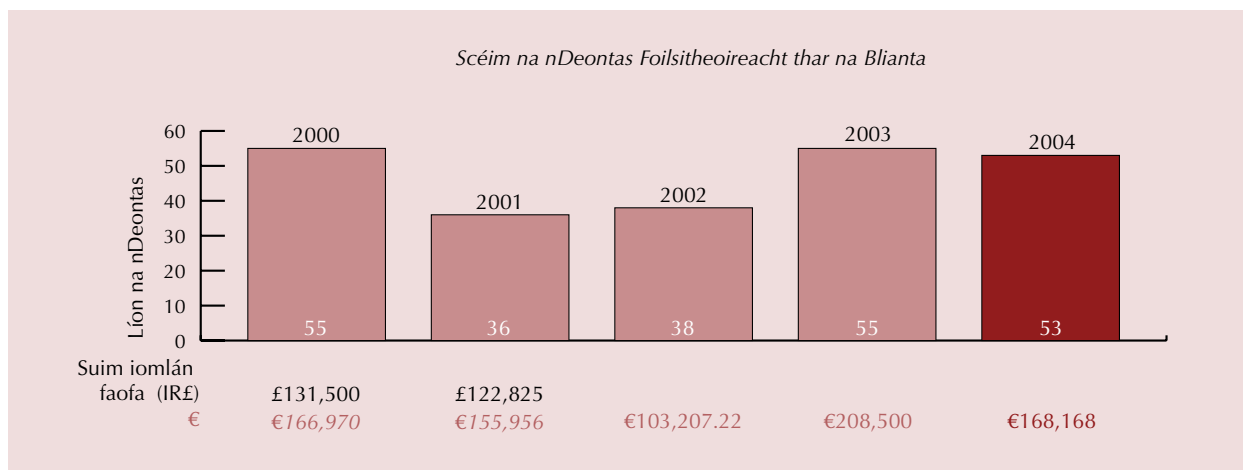
SCÉIM DEONTAIS OIDHREACTHA ÁITIÚIL 2004 CISTITHE I BPÁIRT LEIS AN GCRRANCHUR NÁISIÚNTA

Is aidhm do na deontais seo grúpaí áitiúla a ghriósadh le spéis a chur san oidhreacht atá ina dtimpeall, agus len iad a aclú le tabhairt faoi thograí a mhéadódh feasacht faoin acmhainn saibhir éagsúil sin. Roinneadh €379,32999 ar 99 togra. Tá liosta de na híocaíochtaí a deineadh i 2004 sna Ráitis Airgeadais thíos. Admhaíonn an Chomhairle tacaíocht leanúnach Ford lena Scéim Deontais Oidhreachta Áitiúil.



SCÉIM NA NDEONTAS FOILSITHEOIREACTHA 2004

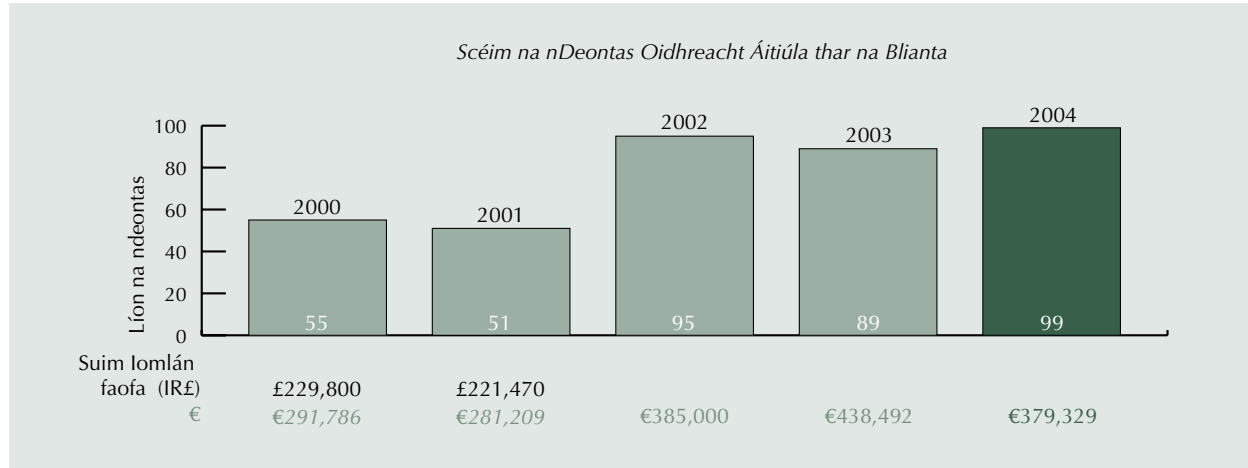
Is aidhm do Scéim na nDeontas Foilsitheoireachta cabhrú le soláthar foilseachán ardchaighdeán ar ghnéithe de oidhreacht na hÉireann. I 2004, tairgeadh €168,168 san iomlán do 53 foilseachán. Tá liosta de na híocaíochtaí a deineadh i 2004 sna Ráitis Airgeadais thíos.





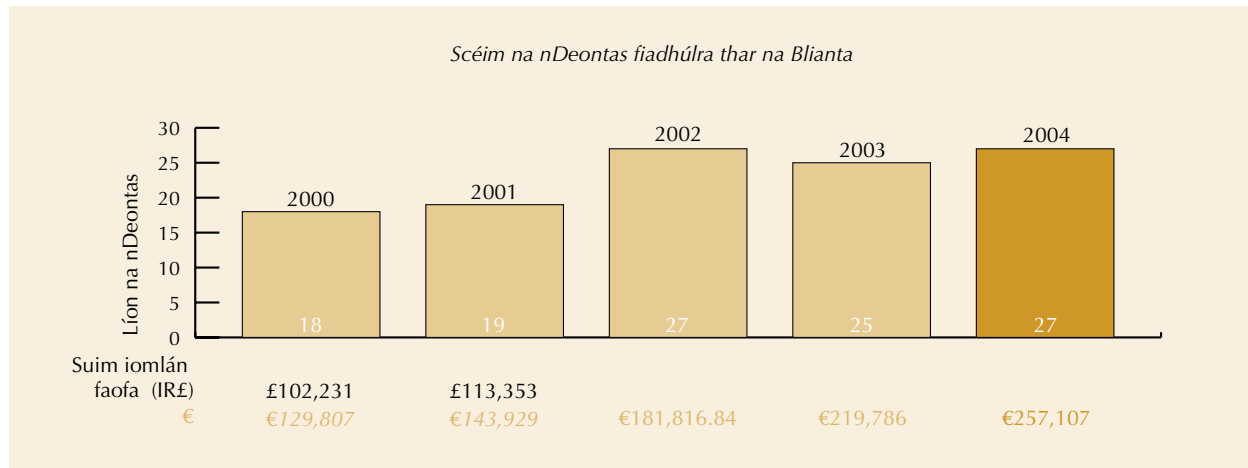
SCÉIM NA nDEONTAS SEANDÁLAÍOCHTA 2004

D'fheidhmigh an Chomhaire a Scéim Deontas Seandálaíochta arís i 2004. Faoin scéim seo deonadh €316,816 ar 33 togra. Tá liosta de na híocaíochtaí a deineadh i 2004 sna Ráitis Airgeadais thíos



SCÉIM NA nDEONTAS FIADHÚLRA 2004

Is aidhm do Scéim na nDeontas Fiadhúlra cabhrú le bailiú sonraí ar fhásra, ainmhithe agus ar ghnáthóga fiadhúlra, thírdhreacha agus mhuidhreacha. I 2004, deonadh €257,107 ar 27 togra faoi Scéim na nDeontas Fiadhúlra. Tá liosta de na híocaíochtaí a deineadh i 2004 sna Ráitis Airgeadais thíos



Feasacht Oidhreachta

Cuid dár nOidhrecht
is ea radharcanna
taibhseacha

1999

54%

2004

62%

Survey Results 2004

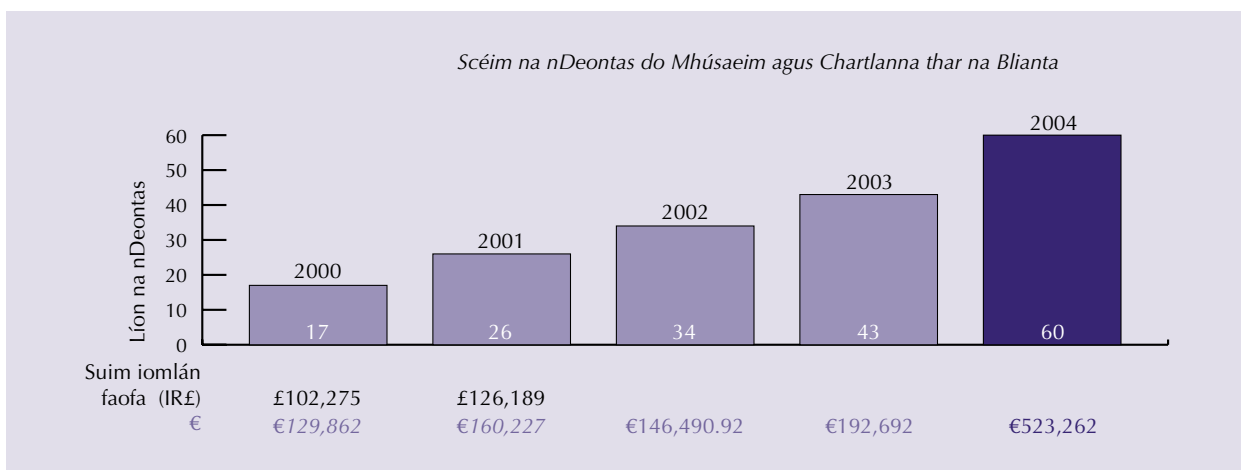
SCÉIM NA nDEONTAS DO FHOIRGNIMH AR PRIACAL 2004

Is aidhm do Scéim na nDeontas ar Priacal an Chomhairle a aclú le méid agus scála an phriacail a aithint agus le cabhrú i moladh polasaithe agus tosaíochtaí le haghaidh a thabhairt ar an gceist. Cabhraíonn an liosta leis an gComhairle chomh maith le tosaíochtaí a roghnú do fhóirdheontais. I 2004, tugadh €2,988,360 do 127 togra. Tá liosta de na híocaíochtaí a deineadh i 2004 sna Ráitis Airgeadais thíos



SCÉIM NA nDEONTAS DO MHÚSAEIM AGUS CHARTLANNA 2003

Is aidhm do Scéim na nDeontas do Mhúsaem agus Chartlanna cabhrú le bailiú sonraí, méadú feasachta agus polasaí a mholadh sna réimsí seo a leanas: bainistiú bailiúcháin, bainistiú músaem/cartlainne, oideachas agus míniúchán, agus seirbhísí poiblí. I 2004, tugadh €523,262 do 60 togra faoi Scéim na nDeontas do Mhúsaem agus Chartlanna. Tá liosta de na híocaíochtaí a deineadh i 2004 sna Ráitis Airgeadais thíos



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OIDEACHAIS PHOBAIL NA

HÉIREANN AR MHÍOLTA MÓRA

Dhein an Chomhairle

Oidhreachta, le páirtneirí eile, soláthar ar chúnamh airgeadais do Ghrúpa Míol Mór agus Deilf na hÉireann i leith ISCOPE. Is aidhm don tionscnamh náisiúnta seo feasacht agus eolas a mhéadú ar mhíolta móra (míolta móra, deilfeanna agus muca mara) in uiscí na hÉireann, trí rannpháirtíocht an phobail i dtaifeadadh na míolta móra a spreagadh

SEIMINEÁR UM CHOSÁN NA NAOMH, BEALTAINE 2004

Tráchtáil Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann seimineár ar chosáin na naomh san Eoraip agus in Éirinn, faoi láthair agus san am atá caite. Ar na cainteoirí bhí Jose Maria Ballesteros ó Institiúidí um Bealaigh Cultúrtha na hEorpa, an tAt.. Tomás Ó Caoimh ón gComhairle Oidhreachta, an Dr Colmán Ó Clabaigh OSB, Mainistir Ghleann Stathail/ Institiúid Mhichíl Uí Chléirigh, Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh agus an Dr Peter Harbison, Acadamh Ríoga na hÉireann. Ina dhiaidh sin seoladh treoirmhapaí do thogra Chosán na Naomh do Loch Deirgeirt, Slí Chaoimhín Naofa. Tá na bealaí seo ar oscailt agus táthar ag súil le dhá bhealach eile a chríochnú i 2005 - Slí Dhéagláin Naofa agus an tSlí Mhór.

LÁ OIDHREACHTA UISCE, 11 MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2004

Tháinig moladh ón bpróiseas comhairliúcháin “Aglarraidh do Dhearcadh ar Chaighdeán Uisce”, Lá Oidhreachta Uisce a chruthú mar chuid de Sheachtain na hOidhreachta agus deineadh íolótú air ar an 11 Meán Fómhair 2004, le linn SEachtaine na hOidhreachta. Is aidhm don lá feasacht a mhéadú ar thábhacht an uisce mar chuid dár n-oidhreachta. Dhein an lá ceiliúradh ar gach gné den uisce ó sholáthar gnáthóg fhiadhúlra agus uisce, go béaloideas, an



oidhreachta tionsclaíoch agus seandálaíochta. Tugadh cuireadh do eagraíochtaí óstaíochta a dhéanamh ar imeachtaí ina gceantair

féin ag díriú ar ghnéithe den uisce. Thug an Chomhairle Oidhreachta tacaíocht do na himeachtaí trí fheachtas poiblíochta ar a raibh suíomh gréasáin, póstaear agus leabhrán ar Uisce na hÉireann. Cuireadh dioscanna Secchi ar fáil don phobal le trédhearcacht uisce a thástáil. Reáchtáladh breis is 44 imeacht ar fud na tíre ina raibh raon fairsing gníomhaíochta. Tá tuarascála ar fáil ar shuíomh gréasáin na Comhairle Oidhreachta.



Reáchtálfar an dara Lá Oidhreachta Uisce i 2005

SEIMINEÁR NA MBÁD TRADISIÚNTA, SAMHAIN 2004

Ag eascairt as suirbhé Reggie Goodbody don Chomhairle Oidhreachta i 2003, reáchtáladh seimineár i Samhain 2004 leis na príomhcheisteanna oidhreachta phlé. Ar na cainteoirí bhí: Jim Horgan – “Báid Traidisiúnta – conas is féidir an smaoineamh a choimeád beo?”; Donal MacPolin – “Taifeadadh agus Taighde ar bháid traidisiúnta”; agus John Kearon ón Merseyside Maritime Museum – “Cúram agus caomhnú soitheach oidhreachta agus stairiúil”. Labhair Reggie Goodbody faoin suirbhé agus d’fhreastail os cionn 60 duine a bhain le báid intíre agus mara araon ar an ócáid. Foilseofar na himeachtaí i 2005.

CISTÍOCHT DO FHOILSEACHÁN AR THOCHAILTÍ SEANDÁLAÍOCHTA

Lean an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ar chistiú le haclú a dhéanamh ar fhoilseacháin ar thochailtí seandálaíochta. Ar na tograí a fuair cistíocht bhí tochailtí i gCathair Chorcaí, i gCathair na Gaillimhe, i gCathair Luimnigh, Cnogbha agus Teamhar na Rí i gCo. Na Mí

SPARÁNACHTAÍ AR CHÚRSA LÁIMHSEÁLA EALAÍNE

Ag aithint gur feidhm bhunúsach caomhnaithe é céad chúramh ábhar dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta soláthar ar fhiche sparánacht do chúrsa Láimhseála Ealaíne a reáchtáladh sa Bhealtaine ag an Institiúid um Chaomhnú Saothair Stairiúla agus Ealaíne in Éirinn.

TIOMANTACT DO FHOBAIRT NA HÉARNÁLA CARTLAINNE SECTOR

Tá tiomantacht leanúnach ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta do fhorbairt cartlanna ar fud na hÉireann. Bhí sé cuí urraíocht a dhéanamh ar chuimhne 25 bliain Chumann na gCartlannaithe a dréachtadh i gCill Chainnigh. Ag admháil dea-cháil na hAmharclaienne Náisiúnta agus a ceiliúradh céad blian sholáthair an Chomhairle Oidhreachta tacaíocht chomh maith do Thogra Cartlainne Amharclann na Mainistreach www.abbeytheatre.ie

DÁMHACHTAIN MHÚSAEIM NA BLIANA, 2004

Tugann Dámhachtana Mhúsaem na Bliana aitheantas dona bhfuil bainte amach ag músaem ar fud Thuaisceart Éireann agus Phoblacht na hÉireann. Eagraíonn Comhairle Músaem Thuaisceart Na hÉireann dámhachtana gach aon bhliain, i bpáirt leis an gComhairle Oidhreachta. Dob í an bhliain seo an tríú bhliain déag do na dámhachtana. Reáchtáladh an searmanas dámhachtana i bhFoirgnimh Stormont ar an 18 Eanáir 2005. Dhein an tAire Angela Smith F.P. na bronntaí

MÚSAEM NA BLIANA 2004

Músaem Pobail agus Iompair Uladh

AN CÚRAM IS FEARR UM BAILIÚCHÁIN

Músaem Náisiúnta na hÉireann, Dún Uí Choileáin

AN FOILSEACHÁN IS FEARR DO CHUAIRTEOIRÍ

Seoda Phort Láirge, Seoda Phort Láirge agus Músaem Pobail agus Iompair Uladh

AN TAISPEÁNTAS IS FEARR

Músaem Uladh ar a thaispeántas: “Coinbhleacht, na Gaeil sa Chath”

AN ROCHTAIN AGUS AN TEAGMHÁIL IS FEARR

Músaem Náisiúnta na hÉireann, Rannóg na Staire Nádúrtha, as a chlár cuimsitheach oideachais.

Tugadh moladh i gcatagóir an Cúram is Fearr um Bailiúcháin do Mhúsaem Contae Mhuineacháin



(Ó chlé) Tom Cooke, Príomhfheidhmeannach Músaem agus Dánlanna Thuaisceart Éireann (MDTÉ); Anne McMullan, Ceannasaí Margaíochta ag Músaem Pobail agus Iompair Uladh, agus Marshall McKee, Stiúrthóir Oibriúcháin ag MDTÉ

CISTÍOCHT I LEITH CHUMANN MÚSAEM NA HÉIREANN

Soláthraíonn an Chomhairle Oidhreachta bunchistíocht do Chumann Músaem na hÉireann mar thacaíocht dá chuid gníomhaíochta agus forbartha. Mar áisíneacht bhunúsach maidir

le tacaíocht do mhúsaem na hÉireann agus a bhfoirne tá CMÉ ina mheán ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta lena polasaithe a fheidhmiú ar fud na hearnála.

EOLAIRE NUA AGUS ATHBHREITHNITHE SNA SCOILEANNA Eanáir 2004

Tá tairiscint de saineolaithe ag an scéim a thabharfaidh, ar iarratas ó mhúinteoir, turas ar bhunscoil le hoibriú go díreach leis na leanaí. Déanann an scoil páirtmhaoiniú ar an gcuairt agus íocann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta an chuid eile den táille agus as na costais.

Tá liosta de 128 saineolaí oidhreachta ar an eolaire i mbliana. Tá ráite chomh maith cé na daoine a fhéadfaidh an chuairt a thabhairt trí Bhéarla nó trí Ghaeilge. Tá



raon ón sciathán leathair go dtí an míol mór, ó Lochlannaigh go dtí stair an aráin, ó scéalaíocht go rince traidisiúnta, ó dhéanamh fioghuail go dtí oidhrecht mhíleata. De ghnáth déanann saineolaithe cuairteanna ina gcontaetha féin nó in aice leo, cé go bhfuil cuid mhaith acu sásta taisteal. Mar a dúirt múinteoir áirithe:

“Tá saol leannaí lárnaíthe ina dtimpeallacht áitiúil” agus dá bhrí sin cuireann eolas an tseaneolaí ar an oidhrecht áitiúil leis an tuiscint a bhíonn ag na páistí dá dtimpeallacht. Tá oiliúint ar na saineolaithe ar fad ar an mbealach le cumarsáid éifeachtach a dhéanamh le leannaí agus tá a dtoiliúlacht agus a ndíograis faoina n-ábhar ina rud tarraingteach sa togra seo oideachais do na daltaí agus do na múinteoirí araon.

Feasacht Oidhreachta

Cuid dár nOidhreacht is ea Sráid-dhreacha

Tá luach na scéime Oidhreacht sna Scoileanna le fáil sa saibhreas agus i ndomhaine an eolais a chuirtear ar fáil do leannaí. Tá a leathnú tráthúil agus an curaclam nua um Oideachas Sóisialta, Comhshaoil agus Eolaíochta (OSCE) ag teacht isteach. Tacaíonn an scéim leis na haidhmeanna agus na cuspóirí atá luaite le curaclam an OSCE agus soláthraíonn sé uirlis bhreise oideachais do mhúinteoirí. Is é is bunaidhm ná méadú feasachta faoin oidhreacht tógtha agus nádúrtha i measc na bpáistí, na múinteoirí agus na dtuismitheoirí. Tá súil ag an scéim go mbunófar fíorthuiscint bheosach don oidhreacht inár mbunscoileanna, le leannaí agus múinteoirí a spreagadh leis an rangsheomra a thréigean agus taithí a fháil ar a n-oidhreacht áitiúil, agus oscaráil súl don saol atá ina dtimpeall do na leannaí.

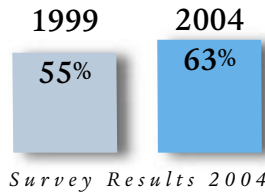
AN TOGRA TÍREOLAÍOCHTA – ARDEISTIMÉIREACHT ATHCHÓIRITHE



Fótagraf a deineadh ag Seoladh na hacmhainne Oideachais 'Taiscéalaíocht Tíreolaíochta: Ag Fiosrú Oidhreachta na hÉireann' i Butler House, Cill Chainnigh ar an 14ú Deireadh Fómhair 2004. Ó chlé: Ms. Isabell Smyth, Oifigeach Cumarsáide agus Oideachais, An Chomhairle Oidhreachta, An tOllamh Willie Smyth, An Chomhairle Oidhreachta, Tony Dunne, Aonad Forbartha Curaclaim Contae Bhaile Átha Cliath agus mic léinn ó Choláiste Chill Chainnigh, Cill Chainnigh

Gné de Siollabas Athchóirithe don Ardeistiméireacht a tugadh isteach sna scoileanna i Meán Fómhair 2004 is ea é go ndéanfadh gach aon mhac léinn fiosrúchán tíreolaíochta. Don chuid is mó de na múinteoirí ciallaíonn seo staidéar páirce a dhéanamh lena gcuid mac léinn. Is beag oiliúint san obair seo atá ar mhúinteoirí áirithe agus dearadh an acmhainn seo le heolas agus cúnamh a thabhairt do mhúinteoirí ina gcuid oibre fiosrúcháin.

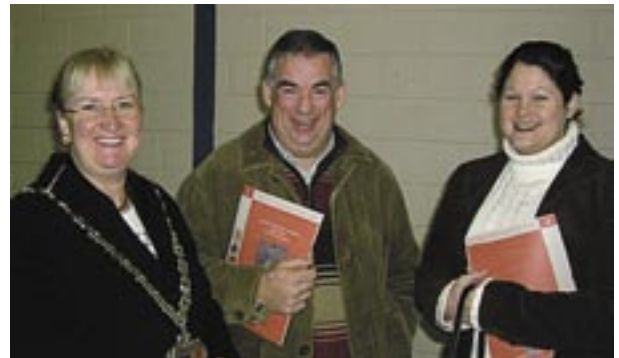
Tá ar an gComhairle Oidhreachta “suim, oideachas, eolas agus móráil a chur chun cinn agus áisiú a dhéanamh ar thuiscint agus taitneamh don oidhreacht náisiúnta”.



Tagann an dualgas seo le haidhmeanna agus cuspóirí an tsiollabais athchóirithe go háirithe an gá atá ann go bhforbródh mic léinn tuiscint do na próisis sóisialta, eacnamaíochta agus fisiciúla a mhúnlaíonn ár n-oidhreacht. Tig

le tuiscint den chineál sin forbairt a dhéanamh ar bhraistint áite agus mórtas as ár n-oidhreacht. Tá stair fhada ag Aonad Forbartha Curaclaim CGOCBÁC maidir le forbairt a dhéanamh ar nuachúrsaí ag freagairt do riachtanais na mac léinn agus an tsochaí. Tá an acmhainn reatha ina thoradh ar phróiseas dá leithéid sin, le cistíocht, comhairle teicniúil agus cúnamh ón gComhairle Oidhreachta.

De dheasca margadh na hÉireann do acmhainní do mhúinteoirí a bheith beag is beag foilsitheoir tráchtála a tháirgeoidh acmhainní dá leithéid sin agus uime sin tá tacaíocht na Comhairle Oidhreachta tráthúil. Tá 17 staidéar eiseamláireacha de staidéir pháirce agus rannóga ar áit na hoidhreachta sa churaclam agus sna scoileanna páirce san acmhainn. Glacann sé cur chuige céim ar chéim maidir le staidéir pháirce agus tá foinsí éagsúla ann mar atá mapaí, pictiúir agus bileoga aitheantais le húsáid sa pháirc.



Seoladh an Phlean Caomhnaithe do Eaglais N. Lachtáin, Achadh Úr, Co Chill Chainnigh

SEOLADH PLEAN CAOMHNAITHE ACHADH ÚR

Seoladh an plean caomhnaithe do Ard-Eaglais N. Lachtáin in Achadh Úr, Co Chill Chainnigh i Samhain 2004. Soláthraíonn an mhodheolaíocht do phleananna caomhnaithe, a thionscain an Chomhairle Oidhreachta i 1998, fíis phraiticiúil do dheisiúchán, caomhnú agus todhchaí an tséadchomhartha seo. Tiomsaíonn an plean caomhnaithe gnéithe uile na hoidhreachta tógtha agus nádúrtha agus soláthraíonn sé fóram leis na páirtithe

leasmhara ar fad a theacht le chéile agus teacht chun réitigh ar an mbealach ar aghaidh

SEOLADH PLEAN CAOMHNATHE CHLUAIN FEARTA

Seoladh an plean caomhnaithe do Ard-Eaglais N. Bréanainn, Cluain Fearta, Co. na Gaillimhe ar an 15 Deireadh Fómhair 2004. Tá Ard-Eaglais Bréanainn ar cheann de na luathshuímh eaglasta in Éirinn atá in úsáid leanúnach mar áit adhartha. Tá tacaíocht a tabhairt ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta do oibreacha caomhnaithe san Ard-Eaglais ó 1998 i leith; Déanfaidh foilsíú an phlean caomhnaithe deimhin de go ndéanfar cinnte feasta laistigh de chreatlach eolasach..

SEOLADH NA TREORACH DO GHLOINE DHAITE NA HÉIREANN

Tháinig Comhlacht Ionadaíochta Eaglais na hÉireann chuig an gComhairle Oidhreachta i 1999 ag iarraidh cistíochta i bpáirt do shuirbhéireacht deoise leis an Dr David Lawrence. Bhí an chéad chomhthionscnamh chomh sásúil sin gur leandh de le sé bliana anuas, ag suirbhéireacht agus ag taifeadadh gloine dhaite i ndeich ndeoise. Acmhainn fórluachmhar é seo dóibh sin ar a bhfuil cúram eaglaisí agus dóibh sin a dhéanann staidéar agus a scríonn fúthu.

Bhí an Coiste i dtacaíocht an togra agus thug faomhadh do acmhainní chuige gach aon bhliain. Bhí fonn orthu áfach, go mbeadh toradh oibre an Dr Lawrence ar fáil do lucht éisteachta níos mó agus dá bhrí sin bhí áthas orthu nuair a thoiligh sé The Care of Stained Glass a scríobh. San fhoilseachán seo, ina bhfuil léirithe áille daite, a seoladh i 2004, tugtar comhairle beacht soiléir do chaomhnóirí, coimeádaithe agus lucht déanta fótagraf de ghloine dhaite.

HERITAGE OUTLOOK

Tá Heritage Outlook dírithe ar léitheoirí ag a bhfuil suim i raon de cheisteanna oidhreachta. D'fhás a dháileadh i gcaitheamh 2004 nuair a foilsíodh dhá eagrán breise. Bhí ailt ann ar raon den saol tógtha agus nádúrtha, ó luach athnuachana ar bhonn oidhreachta go dtí tábhacht stairiúil Phort Láich, Port Láirge. Scríobh Richard Nairn ar thionchar na mbóithre ar ghnáthóga agus an riachtanas atá le pleanáil níos fearr dár bhfiadhúlra d'fhonn laghdú a bhaint amach ar an marú ainmhithe ar ár mbóithre.



Bhí alt in eagrán an tSamhraidh, leis an eolaí iascaireachta, John Molloy, ar bhainistíocht na mara agus rianaigh sé tionchar na ró-iascaireachta, agus na beartais caomhnaithe a bhí ar bun, comhairle eolaíoch agus conas is féidir dúinn feabhas a chur ar ár modhanna sa todhchaí. Céim mhór ar aghaidh sa phróiseas ab ea na páirtithe leasmhara a thabhairt isteach sa scéal agus táthar ag súil go gcabhróidh tionscnaimh bua bainistíochta le buaine ár dtionscail iascaireachta. Dhein an Dr Hugh Maguire plé ar laghdú ar líon na gcuairteoirí ar mhúsaeim na dtithe stairiúla ain aiste dár teideal “An end to the open house?”

Feasacht Oidhreachta

Cuid dár nOidhreacht is ea gnáthóga an fhiadhúlra

1999

55%

2004

61%

Survey Results 2004

AN CLEACHTAS IS FEARR I GCAOMHNÚ AGUS I MBAINISTIÚ NA HOIDHREACHTA



STADÉIR NA NDORCHLAÍ UISCEBHEALAÍ

Tugadh dhá staidéar chun críche i 2004:

Inseoltacht na Sionainne ó Dhroichead na Sionainne go Béal Átha Liag, ag áireamh Loch Rí agus Abhainn an tSucha – an Chanáil Ríoga ó Bhaile Thomáis Co na hIarmhí go Clondra, agus Inseoltacht na Sionainne ó Bhéal Átha Liag go Rúscaigh. Tá na tograí seo i bpáirtíocht le hUiscebhealaí Éireann, Comhairlí Contaetha na hIarmhí, Ros Comáin na Gaillimhe, Longfoirt, agus Uíbh Fhailí agus bhuaigh siad dámhachtain Institiúid Tírdhreachta na hÉireann ar phleanáil, ag léiriú ardchaighdeán agus éifeacht na staidéar seo. Deineadh an seoladh i Meán Fómhair 2004 in Áth Luain agus tá cóipeanna ar fáil ar dhlúthdhiosca ón gComhairle Oidhreachta.

Tosaíodh ar staidéar eile dromchla i 2004 ar an tSionainn uachtarach i bpáirtíocht le Comhairlí Contae Liatroma agus Ros Comáin agus Uiscebhealaí Éireann. Baineann seo leis an tSionainn uachtarach ú Rúscaigh suas agus clúdaíonn sé Uiscí Carnadoe, Loch Cé agus Inseoltacht Bhéal na mBuillí, Loch Aillionn. Críochnófar é i 2005.

PLEAN CAOMHNATHE AN OILEÁIN MHÓIR

Lean an Chomhairle Oidhreachta ag tabhairt tacaíochta don tionscnamh seo trí mhaoiniú a dhéanamh ar chomhordnóir don togra. Tá obair ar siúl le réimsí eile a chur chun cinn, ina measc togra pobail ar mhuiríní agus plean REPS don oileán ar fad. Díróinn gníomhaíochtaí eile ar dhaingnithe míleata ar an oileán ag áireamh an túr Martello agus Bataire Lonehort

GLASRIAN BÉARRA BREIFNE – RANNÓG NA HÉIREANN DE LÍOINRA REVER

Tá an obair ar siúl ar an bplean do ghlasrian ar lorg Chúltroid Uí Shuilleabháin Béarra ó leithinis Bhéarra go dtí an Blaic i gceantar Liatroma/ an Chabháin. Tá baint leis ag breis is 66 grúpa pobail 11 údarás áitiúil.

AN CLEACHTAS IS FEARR I GCAOMHNÚ AGUS I MBAINISTIÚ OIDHREACHTA

Soláthair an Chomhairle Oidhreachta cistíocht i 2003 do chlár leanúnach forbartha oiliúna profisiúnta do sheandálaithe. Tá Institiúid na Seandálaithe in Éirinn ag forbairt an chláir seo agus ghlac an Chomhairle

Oidhreachta páirt i mórán cruinnithe i 2004. Ghlac an Chomhairle Oidhreachta páirt chomh maith i bpróiseas comhpháirtíochta dár teideal 2020 – A Foresight Study for Irish Archaeology a tá ag iarraidh tionscnaimh a aithint le cleachtas na seandálaíochta a athlonnú don neas agus don mheán todhchaí.

DIOPLÓMA I MBAINISTÍOCHT AR MHÚSAEM AGUS CHULTÚR

Tá Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Dhún Dealgan agus Ollscoil Uladh ina gcomhsholáthróirí tríú leibhéal ar Dhioplóma i mBainistíocht ar Mhúsaem agus Chultúr. Tá an tionscnamh seo i gcomhpháirt leis an earnáil mhúsaem in Éirinn agus tá na páirtithe ar fad ag obair a fheidhmithe faoi láthair

CISTÍOCHT DO FOR ICSSEÉ

Ag aithint di go bhfuil cosaint agus leas míreanna oidhreachta lárnach dá ról i gcosaint oidhreachta na hÉireann, sholáthair an Chomhairle Oidhreachta síolchiste don Institiúid um Chaomhnú Saothar Stairiúil agus Ealaíne in Éirinn. has provided seed funding to the Institute of Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland. Tá ról ICCSSEÉ i gcur chun cinn an chaomhnaithe chosantaigh bunúsach do seo.

CRÍOCH E HOBAIR AR SHÉADCHOMHARTHA BROWNE CLAYTON

Críochnaíodh an obair athchóirithe ar Shéadchomhartha Browne Clayton i gCo. Loch Garman i 2004. Ceann de na comharthaí fearainn is cáiliúla sa chontae, tá sé 28.6 méadar (94 troigh) ar airde. Colún Coirinteach é ar mhúnla Cholún Poimpéis lámh le Cathair Alastair Dhear agus thóg Thomas Cobden é in 1839 mar chuimhneachán ar bhua míleata ag an nGinearál Robert Browne Clayton. Dhein tintreach mórdhochar don séadchomhartha i 1995 agus faoi mhaoirseacht James Howley (Howley Harrington Architects), chiallaigh an togra an chaipiteal a bhaint agus ansin daingniú an stoic ar eagla go dtitfeadh sé. Dob í an chéad chéim eile clocha nua a ghearradh in áit iad sin a bhí ó mhaith agus ansin díriú agus atógáil an choda briste den stoc, agus ar deireadh an caipiteal a chur ar ais. Dhein an Chomhairle Oidhreachta páirtmhaoiniú ar na hoibreacha. Tá todhchaí an tséadchomhartha tugtha slán

CRÍOCHNÚ NA SUIRBHÉIREACHTA AR GHAIRDÍNÍ OIDHREACHTA AGUS TÍRDHREACHA DEARTHÁ IN ÉIRINN

I 2001 thionól an Coiste Seasta ar Ailtireacht cruinniú de na comhlachtaí uile leasmhara le féidearthacht suirbhé ar ghairdíní oidhreachta agus tírdhreacha deartha a áireamh mar chuid den Liostáil Náisiúnta ar an Oidhreacht Ailtireachta (LNOA).

Dhein an chéad chéim den togra, a críochnaíodh i 2004 agus a bhí maoinithe ag an LNOA, sonrú ar bhreis is 5,500 suíomh. Taighde deisce é seo, Contae ar Chontae ar léirscáileanna ordanáis, cartlanna poiblí agus foinsí foilsithe ar ghairdíní oidhreachta agus tírdhreacha deartha. Tá an dara chéim, arbh é a bheadh i gceist ná réamh-mheasúnú ar na suímh a aithníodh sa chéad chéim féachaint cé na cinn a bhí ar marthain agus a suntas oidhreachta, le tosú i 2005

DEONTAIS UM THAIGHDE AILTIREACHTA

Dearadh an scéim seo le fóirdheontais a sholáthar do thaighde le meadú ar an tuiscint do oidhreacht ailtireachta na hÉireann. Iarrtar iarratais in aghaidh na bliana agus tugtar tosaíocht do thograí a chuidíonn le cuspóirí Phlean na Comhairle Oidhreachta 2001-5 a bhaint amach



An gairdín iata ag Teach Belvedere House a athchóiríodh faoi Chlár na Mórghairdíní in Éirinn trí chistíocht ón AE



Rialachas Corparáideach

Is é polasaí na Comhairle Oidhreachta é cloí leis na caighdeáin is airde rialachais, ag teacht leis na polasaithe agus na cleachtais a nglactar leo go coitianta. Tá an Chomhairle tiomanta do ghéilleadh do na forácha ábharthacha den Chód Cleachtais do Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit, a d'fhoilsigh an Roinn Airgeadais i 2001.

Tá Coiste Airgeadais agus Iniúchta bunaithe ag an gComhairle, a dhéanann athbhreithniú rialta ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh agus gabhann sé sainscil seachtrach lena feidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh, ag áireamh iniúchadh inmheánach mar a oireann. Géilleann an Chomhairle do threoirlínte an Rialtais maidir le measúnú agus bainistiú ar Chaiteachas Caipitil. The Council complies with Government guidelines for the appraisal and management of san earnáil phoiblí. Géilleann an Chomhairle do gach uile ghné de riachtanais an Rialtais maidir le soláthar agus tairiscintí iomaíochta, ag áireamh treoirlínte AE. Géilltear chomh maith do pholasaí an Rialtais ar phá agus táillí stiúrthóirí. Tá an Chomhairle lánghéilliúil i gcúrsaí cánach agus ní chleachtann sí bearta “ionsaitheacha” seachanta cánach.

Pras Íocaíochtaí

Tá ar an gComhairle Oidhreachta géilleadh do éilimh Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Íocaíocht déanach i mBeartais Tráchtála), 2002 agus a réamhtheachtaí Acht um Phrasíocaíocht Cuntas, 1997 (cnuasainmnithe na “rialacháin”). Is iad téarmaí seasta creidmheasa na Comhairle, mura sonraítear a mhalairt sna socruithe conartha, ná 30 lá ó theacht an tsonraisc. Tá próisis curtha ar bun lena bheith réasúnta cinnte nach dtarlóidh neamhghéilliúlacht ábharach ar na Rialacháin. Cé go ndéantar dearadh ar na Rialacháin le géilliúlacht a chinntiú ní féidir leo ach cinnteacht réasúnta seachas cinnteacht dearfach a thabhairt in aghaidh neamhghéilliúlacht ábharthach ar an ACHT.

Léiríonn athbhreithniú ar na híocaíochtaí uile a deineadh i gcaitheamh na bliana dar críoch 31 Nollaig 2004 go ndearnadh 11 íocaíocht dár luach iomlán €80,827 as a d'éirigh dliteanas úis de €379 faoi na rialacháin thuas.

RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS
NA COMHAIRLE OIÐHREACHT
DON BHLIAIN DÁR CRÍOCH
31 NOLLAIG 2004

AN CHOMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS 2004

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TUARASCÁIL AN ARD-REACHTAIRE CUNTAS AGUS CISTE LE CUR I LÁTHAIR THITHE AN OIREACHTAIS

Tá na ráitis airgeadais ar leathanaigh go dtí iniúchta agam faoi Alt 21(2) den Acht Oidhreachta, 1995.

Freagrachtaí Chomhaltaí na Comhairle agus an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste faoi seach

Tá freagrachtaí cuntasáíochta Chomhaltaí na Comhairle leagtha amach ar leathanach . Tá sé de fhreagracht ormsa tuairim neamhspleách a dhéanamh, bunaithe ar m'iniúchadh, i leith na ráiteas airgeadais a cuireadh i mo láthair agus tuarascáil a fhoilsiú orthu.

Scrúdaím an ráiteas ar leathanach ar an gcóras um rialú inmheánach airgeadais le féachaint an léirítear ann gur chomhlíon an Chomhairle treoir infheidhmithe maidir le rialachas corparáideach agus tuairiscím ar aon chás ábhartha nach ndéanann an Chomhairle amhlaidh, nó más rud é go bhfuil an ráiteas míthreorach nó nach dtagann sé le faisnéis eile atá ar eolas agam de bharr na ráitis airgeadais a bheith iniúchta agam.

AN BUNÚS ATÁ LE MO THUAIRIM AR NA RÁITIS

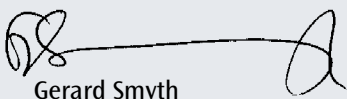
I mbun m'fheidhme mar Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste, rinne mé m'iniúchadh ar na ráitis airgeadais de réir na gcaighdeán iniúcháireachta arna n-eisiúint ag an mBord um Chleachtais Iniúcháireachta agus trí thagairt a dhéanamh do na nithe ar leith is gá a chur san áireamh agus a ghabhann le comhlachtaí Stáit i ndáil leis an mbealach a bhainistítear agus a oibrítear na comhlachtaí sin.

Déantar scrudú mar chuid den iniúchadh, ar bhonn tástála, ar fhianaise a bhaineann leis na suimeanna agus leis an méid a fhoilsítear sna ráitis airgeadais. Chomh maith leis sin, cuimsíonn an t-iniúchadh measúnacht ar na meastacháin agus ar na breitheanna suntasacha a rinneadh agus na ráitis airgeadais á n-ullmhú, agus measúnacht le féachaint an oireann na beartais chuntasáíochta don bhail atá ar chúrsaí na Comhairle, ar feidhmíodh na beartais sin ar bhealach leanúnach agus ar foilsíodh iad ar bhealach sásúil.

Phleanáil mé agus rinne mé m'iniúchadh sa chaoi is go bhfaighinn an fhaisnéis agus na mínithe ar fad a mheas mé a bheith riachtanach ionas go mbeadh leordhóthain fianaise agam a d'fhágfadh cinnteacht réasúnach ann go bhfuil na ráitis airgeadais saor ó mhíráiteas ábhartha, cibé acu calaois nó neamhrialtacht eile nó earráid is cúis leis sin. I dteacht ar mo thuairim, rinne mé meastóireacht ar a shásúla is a cuireadh faisnéis i láthair sna ráitis airgeadais san iomlán freisin.

TUAIRIM

Is é mo thuairim go raibh leabhair chuntais chuí coinnithe ag an gComhairle agus go dtugann na ráitis airgeadais, a chomhaontaíonn leo, léargas fíorchearr ar staid chúrsaí na Comhairle Oidhreachta ar an 31 Nollaig 2004 agus ar a hioncam agus ar a caiteachas don bhliain dar críoch sin.



Gerard Smyth

Le haghaidh agus thar ceann an

Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste

28 Meitheamh 2005

AN CHOMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA RÁITIS AIRGEADAÍ 2004


RÁITEAS AR FHREAGRACHTAÍ NA COMHAIRLE

Éilíonn Rannóg 21(1) den Acht Oidhreachta, 1995 ar an gComhairle ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú i bhformáid a bheidh faofa ag an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil tar éis dul i gcomhairle leis an Aire Airgeadais

Agus na ráitis airgeadais á an-ullmhú, nó mór don Chomhairle:

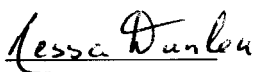
- polasaithe oiriúnach cuntasóireachta a roghnú agus ansin iad a fheidhmiú go rianúil.
- breithiúnais agus meastacháin atá réasúnta agus ciallmhar a dhéanamh.
- ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn leanúnachas gnó ach má tá sé míchuí glacadh leis go leanfaidh an Chomhairle ag feidhmiú.
- a rá cibé acu gur leanadh nó nár leanadh caighdeáin ábharthacha cuntasáíochta, faoi réir ag aon imeacht ábharthach uatghu a nochtar agus a mhínítear sna ráitis airgeadais.

Tá an Chomhairle freagrach as leabhair chearta cuntais a choimeád ina nochtar le cruinneas réasúnta stádas airgeadais na Comhairle am ar bith agus a chuireann ar a cumas a chinntiú go ngéilleann na ráitis airgeadais do rannóg 21(1) den Acht. Tá an Chomhairle freagrach chomh maith as sócmhainní na Comhairle Oidhreachta a chosaint agus as céimeanna réasúnta a ghacadh le cosc a chur ar chalaouis agus ar imeachtaí eile míchuí agus lena a leithéid a bhraith.



Dr Tom O'Dwyer

Council Chairperson



Nessa Dunlea

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RÁITEAS AR AN GCÓRAS INMHEÁNACH RIALÚCHÁIN AIRGEADAIS

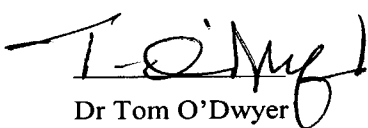
Thar ceann ball na Comhairle is mian liom ár bhfreagracht a admháil as córas inmheánach rialúcháin airgeadais. Ní féidir don chóras ach a bheith réasúnta cinnte go bhfuil na sóchmhainní slán sábháilte, go bhfuil beartais taifeadta go cuí, agus go gcuirtear cosc le hainrialtacht nó go dtiocfaí suas lena leithéid laistigh de achar tráthúil ama.

Eochairphróisis Rialúcháin

- i) Tá céimeanna glactha ag an gComhairle le deimhin a dhéanamh de thimpeallacht chuí rialúcháin trí:
 - Aontú ar chlár oibre mionsonraithe do gach aon bhliain, agus monatóireacht agus measúnú an dul chun cinn i gcomparáid leis an gclár
 - Próisis airgeadais a fheidhmiú le rialú a dhéanamh ar eilimintí suntasacha de ghnó na Comhairle Oidhreachta
 - Cothú sceidil chuimsitheach árachais le leas na Comhairle Oidhreachta a chosaint
 - Athbhreithniú agus faomhadh polasaithe agus próisis uile na hÁisíneachta
 - Bunú Coiste Iniúchta agus Airgeadais a dhéanann athbhreithniú rialta ar éifeacht an chórais inmheánaigh rialúcháin airgeadais. Roghnaíonn an Coiste réimsí éagsúla de imeachtaí airgeadais na Comhairle le hathbhreithniú go mion ar bhonn leanúnach, d'fhonn measúnú a dhéanamh ar éifeacht na rialúcháin sna réimsí sin.
 - Táirgeadh eolais bhainistíochta go rialta, scagadh ar dhualgais agus córas tiomnaithe agus freagrachta
 - Géilleadh do gach gné de éilimh an Rialtais maidir le soláthar poiblí agus tairiscintí iomaíocha
 - Géilleadh do phróisis na Roinne maidir le tuairisciú agus tarraingt anuas cistíochta
 - Freagairt láithreach dearfach do gach ní a chuirtear faoi deara don Chomhairle i litreacha bainistíochta ón Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste
- ii) Tá clár inmheánach iniúchóireachta ag an gComhairle agus baineann sí leas as seirbhísí éagsúla ag comhairleoirí neamhspleácha airgeadais de réir mar a bhíonn gá leo le seo a dhéanamh agus le tuairisc a thabhairt don Chomhairle ar thorthaí a gcuid oibre
- iii) Tá an córas rialúcháin airgeadais bunaithe ar chreatlach de eolas rialta bainistíochta, córas tiomnaithe agus freagrachta, tacar de phróisis airgeadais, próisis riaracháin a áiríonn scagadh dualgais, agus dianseiceáil ar an bhfeidhm airgeadais. Go háirithe cuimsíonn sé:
 - Údarás le caiteachas airgid a údarú a theorannú do cheathrar oifigeach ainmnithe.
 - Cuntasóireacht nua-aoise leictreonach, córais bhog earraí do Phá Rolla agus Chlár de Shóchmhainní Seasta mar bhonn leis na rialúcháin inmheánacha airgeadais ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta.
 - Próisis mionsonraithe le comhairleoirí a fhostú
- iv) Tá glactha ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta leis an gCód Cleachtais Rialachais do Chomhlachtaí Stáit agus tá glactha aici le Cód Cleachtais Gnó do stiúrthóirí agus do fhostaithe ag teacht le riachtanais an Chód Cleachtais

Athbhreithniú Bliantúil ar Rialúcháin

Ní dharna an Chomhairle athbhreithniú ar éifeacht an chórais inmheánaigh rialúcháin i 2004. Tá sé i gceist an t-athbhreithniú seo a dhéanamh i rith 2005.



Dr Tom O'Dwyer

Council Chairperson

AN CHOMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS 2004

GINEARÁLTA

Bunaíodh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta faoin Acht Oidhreachta, 1995. Is é feidhm ghinearálta na Comhairle Oidhreachta polasaithe Agus tosaíochtaí a mholadh leis an oidhrecht náisiúnta a aithint, a chosaint, a chaomhnú agus a fheabhsú agus tuiscint a chothú dó

POLASAITHE CUNTASAÍOCHTA

1. Bonn cuntasáíochta

Ullmhaíodh na ráitis airgeadais faoin modh fabhrúithe, ach mar a léirítear thíos, agus ag teacht leis na prionsabail a nglactar go coitianta leo faoin ghnás cuntasáíochta stairiúil. Glactar le Caighdeáin Tuarascála Airgeadais mar a mholtar ag comhlachtaí aitheanta cuntasóireachta, faoi mar a thagann siad i bhfeidhm.

2. Fóirdheontas an Oireachtais

Tugtar cuntas ar fhóirdheontais an Oireachtais ar bhonn fáltais airgid.

3. Íoc Deontas

Tugann an Chomhairle Oidhreachta deontais do chomhlachtaí agus do dhaoine indibhidiúla éagsúla le hoibreacha a dhéanamh faoina scéimeanna deontas oidhreachta. Nuair a ghlacann duine le téarmaí agus coinníollacha tairiscinte ar dheontas ón gComhairle, gabhann an Chomhairle tiomantacht leis an duine sin. Aithnítear an tiomantacht sin mar fhabhrú nuair a fheictear go bhfuil na téarmaí agus na coinníollacha comhlíonta go hiomlán ag an té a fhaigheann an deontas. Tá mionsonraí ar thiomantachtaí deontais ar an 31 Nollaig 2004 tugtha i nóta 13.

4. Sócmhainní Inláimhsithe Seasta

Ciallaíonn sócmhainní seasta foirgnimh, troscán oifige, ríomhairí agus saothar ealaíne na Comhairle Oidhreachta agus taispeáintear ar chostas lúide díluacháil charnach iad. Ríomhtar díluacháil chun gur féidir díscríobh a dhéanamh ar chostas sócmhainne seasta thar a saolré measta ina ghálaí cothroma bliantúla.

Is iad na rátaí díluachála a úsáidtear ná:

Foirgnimh	2.5%,	Troscán Oifige	10%
Trealamh Oifige	20%	Ríomhairí	25%
Saothar Ealaíne	Neamhní		

5. Cuntas Caipitil

Is é atá sa chuntas caipitil ná ioncam leithdháilte do cheannach sócmhainní seasta. Déantar é a mhaitheamh bonn ar bhonn le díluacháil na sócmhainní lena mbaineann sé.

6. Stoc

Déantar díscríobh ar stoc stáiseanóireachta agus a leithéid sa bhliain ina cheannaítear é

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7. Leas

Déantar caipitealú ar shóchmhainní a fhaightear faoi léasa airgeadais agus áirítear mar shóchmhainní inláimhsithe seasta iad agus déantar díluacháil orthu ag teacht le polasaí na Comhairle.

8. Blianachtaí scoir

Bhí scéim síntiúis sainithe i bhfeidhm le Scottish Provident go dtí 1 Feabhra 2003 agus ar an dáta sin d'aistrigh an Chomhairle Oidhreachta go dtí modhscéim na seirbhíse poiblí. Tugtar mionsonraí ar na síntiúis a íocadh i rith na bliana i Nóta 7. Tugtar cuntas ar shíntiúis de réir mar a bhíonn siad dlite

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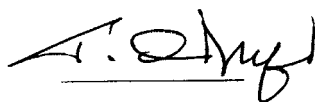
	NÓTAÍ	2004 €	2003 €
IONCAM			
Deontais Oireachtais	1	12,497,000	8,534,000
Ioncam eile	2	193,142	114,045
Aistriú ón gCuntas Caipitil	3	(1,510,771)	12,938
IONCAM IOMLÁN		11,179,371	8,660,983

CAITEACHAS			
Deontais	4	6,377,660	4,972,810
Tograí, tionscnaimh agus staidéir	5	2,923,072	3,080,492
Riarachán			
Costais bhall na Comhairle		147,728	137,841
Costais Foirne	6	785,298	837,676
Costais Bunaíochta	8	123,155	110,275
Soláthairtí agus riaracháin oifige	9	171,317	291,320
Díluacháil	10	106,712	107,529
Riarachán Iomlán		1,334,210	1,484,641
CAITEACHAS IOMLÁN			
		10,634,942	9,537,943
Barrachas/(Easnamh) don bhliain		544,429	(876,960)
Fuilleach ar an 1 Eanáir 2004		(1,164,801)	(287,841)
FÚILLEACH AR AN 31 NOLLAIG 2004		(620,372)	(1,164,801)

Ní raibh aon ghnóthachtan ná aon chaillteanas ar an gComhairle sa bhliain airgeadais ná sa bhliain roimhe sin ach iad sin ar pléadh leo sa chuntas ioncaim agus caiteachais

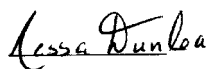
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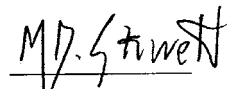
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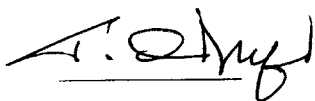
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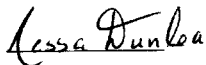
	NÓTAÍ	2004 €	2003 €
SÓCHMHAINNÍ SEASTA INLÁIMHSITHE	10	1,993,524	482,753
<i>Sóchmhainní reatha</i>			
Fiachóirí agus Réamhaíocaíochtaí		208,865	132,004
Airgead sa bhanc agus ar lámh		1,101,716	10,612
		1,310,581	142,616
<i>Dlíteanais Reatha</i>			
Creidmheasóirí Ginearálta agus Fabhruithe		507,892	812,845
Deontas gan íoc		1,423,061	494,572
		1,930,953	1,307,417
Reatha glan (Dlíteanais)		(620,372)	(1,164,801)
IOMLÁN SÓCHMHAINNÍ LÚIDE DLÍTEANAIS REATHA		1,373,152	(682,048)
<i>Arbh iad:</i>			
Cuntas Caipitil	3	1,993,524	482,753
Cuntas Ioncaim agus Caiteachais		(620,372)	(1,164,801)
		1,373,152	(682,048)

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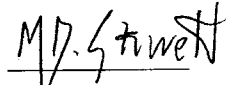
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AN CHOMHAIRLE OIDHREACHTA NÓTAÍ AR NA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS DON BHLIAIN DÁR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2004

NÓTA 1: DEONTAIS OIREACHTAIS

Tá an tsuim de €12,497,000 comhdhéanta de Fhóirdheontais ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil mar a leanas:

	2004 €	2003 €
Costais Riaracháin (Maoinithe ag an Státhiste)	1,578,000	1,476,000
Deontais Chaipitil (Maoinithe ag an Státhiste)	0	10,000
Deontais Chaipitil (Maoinithe ag an gCrannchur Náisiúnta)	8,919,000	5,077,000
Deontais Neamchaipitil (Maoinithe ag an gCrannchur Náisiúnta)	2,000,000	1,971,000
	12,497,000	8,534,000

NÓTA 2: IONCAM EILE

	2004 €	2003 €
Deontas AE- i leith Mayglass	0	7,271
Deontas AE- i leith togra Rever	0	3,095
Deontas AE- i leith togra na gCosán Cultúrtha	0	10,950
Ford Ireland – Urraíocht ar Dhámhachtain Pobail	50,000	50,000
Ús ar Thaisce	1,944	4,114
Freastal ar Sheimineáir	1,500	9,756
Díol foilseachán agus sonraí	12,724	26,863
Ilnithe	126,974	1,996
	193,142	114,045

NÓTA 3: CUNTAS CAIPITIL

	2004 €	2003 €
Fuilleach ar an 1 Eanáir	482,753	495,691
AISTRIÚ (GO DTÍ)/Ó CHUNTAS IONCAIM AGUS CAITEACHAIS		
Suim leithdháilte do chiste ceannaithe sócmhainní seasta	1,617,483	94,591
Lúide: maitheamh ag teacht le díluacháil	(106,712)	(107,529)
	1,510,771	(12,938)
FUÍLEACH AR AN 31 NOLLAIG	1,993,524	482,753

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NÓTA 4: DEONTAIS

	2004 CAIPITEAL €	2004 NEAMH- CHAIPITEAL €	2004 IOMLÁN €	2003 IOMLÁN €
Scéim na nDeontas um Oidhreacht Áitiúil	260,127	119,202	379,330	340,049
Deontais Foilseacháin	168,168		168,168	163,954
Deontais Seandálaíochta	306,616	10,200	316,816	241,376
Deontais do Mhúsaeim agus Chartlanna	448,875	74,387	523,262	336,542
Deontais Fiadhúlra	257,107		257,107	460,936
Deontais Tógála	2,988,360		2,988,360	1,862,827
Deontais Oideachais agus eile	135,663	101,355	237,017	136,526
Iontaobhas Comharthaí Fearainn na hÉireann Teo. Nóta 11	320,600		320,600	280,600
Discovery Programme Ltd. Nóta 12	890,250	296,750	1,187,000	1,150,000
	5,775,766	601,894	6,377,660	4,972,810

Tá mionsonraí ar dheontais iníoctha i rith na bliana i Sceideal 1.

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NÓTA 5: TOGRAÍ, TIONSCNAIMH AGUS STAIDÉIR

	2004 CAIPITEAL €	2004 NEAMH- CHAIPITEAL €	2004 IOMLÁN €	2003 IOMLÁN €
TIONSCNAIMH NA COMHAIRLE				
Cothabháil agus Táillí Gairmiúla – ceanncheathrú		697	697	33,715
Forbairt ar Chlár Teilifíse	90,750		90,750	90,750
Scéim na nOifigeach Oidhreachta		446,962	446,962	527,119
Pleananna Oidhreachta Contae	580,556		580,556	355,745
Rever – Greenways project			0	34,066
Fógraíocht		109,037	109,037	144,909
Síntiúis		13,305	13,305	11,055
Comhdhála, seimineáir agus cruinnithe		142,367	142,367	180,676
Leabharlann		3,266	3,266	4,993
	671,306	715,634	1,386,940	1,383,028
SEANDÁLAÍOCHT				
Comhairliúcháin, staidéir agus tuarascála	14,890	4,494	19,384	70,817
ARCHITECTURE				
Comhairliúcháin, staidéir agus tuarascála	266,658	17,021	283,679	422,563
Foilsíú	5,985		5,985	40,531
	272,643	17,021	289,664	463,094
OIDEACHAS, PLEANÁIL AGUS TIONSCNAIMH				
Comhairliúcháin, staidéir agus tuarascála	89,096	395,389	484,485	304,324
Foilsíú	273,237		273,237	198,180
Scéim Oidhreachta sna scoileanna		180,640	180,640	175,930
	362,333	576,029	938,362	678,434
UISCEBHEALÁI INTÍRE				
Comhairliúcháin, staidéir agus tuarascála	33,378	102,680	136,058	205,551
MÚSAEIM AGUS CARLAINNA				
Comhairliúcháin, staidéir agus tuarascála	59,168	12,208	71,376	163,812
Foilsíú				875
	59,168	12,208	71,376	164,687
FIADHÚLRA				
Comhairliúcháin, staidéir agus tuarascála	81,288		81,288	114,881
IOMLÁN	1,495,006	1,428,066	2,923,072	3,080,492

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NÓTA 6: COSTAIS FHOIRNE

Bhí mean de 15 duine foirne fostaithe ag an gComhairle Oidhreachta don bhliain. (2003 – 15).

	2004	2003
	€	€
Tuarastal agus Pá Foirne	677,075	722,057
Taisteal agus cothabháil	97,740	98,960
Oiliúint	10,483	16,659
	785,298	837,676

NÓTA 7: SCÉIM NA mBLIANACHTAÍ SCOIR

Bhí scéim sainithe rannaiocach síntiúis le Scottish Provident i bhfeidhm go dtí an 1 Feabhra 2003. Ag teacht le Rannóg 20 den Acht Oidhreachta 1995, thug an Chomhairle faoi scéim bhlianachtaí scoir a bhunú don mbuanfhoireann ar fad ag teacht leis an múnla don earnáil phoiblí. Dá bhrí sin, thug an tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil faomhadh do dhá scéim sainithe leasa le heifeacht ón 1 Feabhra 2003 ar bhonn feidhmíochta agus ag baint le gach ball foirne a bhí fostaithe ar an dáta sin i leith seirbhíse incháilithe roimhe sin. Is iad na scéimeanna ná Scéim Bhlianachtaí Scoir, 2003 agus Scéim Pinsin Rannaiocach Nuachair agus Leannaí na Comhairle Oidhreachta, 2003. De bhrí an fhaofa seo éiríodh as scéim agus deineadh aisíoc ar an gciste fostóra dár luach (€200,102) leis an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil in Eanáir 2004. Tá comhairle á ghlacadh faoi láthair maidir le haisíoc chiste na bhfostaithe dár luach (€168,239) agus déanfar an aisíoc sin leis na fostaithe lena mbaineann in am tráth.

- (a) Eisíodh Caighdeán um Chaighdeán Tuarascála ar Leasa ar Scor (FRS17) i Samhain 2000 agus faoi seo tá nochtadh i gcéimeanna leagtha síos. Baineann na nochtuithe thíos le scéimeanna leasa sainithe na Comhairle.

Tá na nochtuithe bunaithe ar luachála dliteanais a dhein achtúire cáilithe neamhspleách ar an 31 Nollaig agus ar an 31 Nollaig 2004. Níl aon sóchmhainní i gceist mar níl na scéimeanna maoinithe.

Bhú na tuiscintí airgeadais a úsáideadh leis na dliteanais scoir a ríomh faoi FRS 17 mar aleanas:

TUISCINTÍ	31/12/2003	31/12/2004
Ráta toradh ar shóchmhainní	N/A	N/A
Ráta lascaine	5.00%	4.50%
Méadú tuarastail	4.00%	3.75%
Méaduithe ar íocaíochtaí pinsin	3.00%	2.75%
Méaduithe ar phinsean stáit	3.00%	2.75%
DLITEANAS PINSIN GLAN	€(914,000)	

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(b) Dá mbeadh FRS 17 san áireamh sna príomhráitís airgeadais, is iad seo a leanas na suimeanna a bheadh curtha sa chuntas Brabúis agus Cailteanais agus sa Ráiteas um Ghnóthas agus Chaillteanas aitheanta

	BLIAIN DÁR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2004
San áireamh sna costais phárolla:	€000
Costas seirbhísí reatha	88
Sean costais seirbhíse	0
Sochrúcháin agus Giorruithe	0
Muirear um brabús feidhmiúcháin	88
San áireamh sna costais airgeadais:	
Costas úis	49
Teacht isteach ionchais ar shóchmhainní	0
Costais airgeadais glan	49
San áireamh i Ráiteas ar Iomlán na nGnóthas agus na gCailteanas Aitheanta (RIGCA):	
An difríocht idir an toradh ionchais agus an fíorthoradh ar shóchmhainní	0
Gnóthachtain agus cailteanais taithí ar dhliteanais scéime	(154)
Éifeacht athruithe ar thuiscintí achtúire	(89)
Gnóthachtan glan (cailteanas) aitheanta i RIGCA	(243)

(c)

	BLIAIN DÁR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2004
GLUISEACHT I MBARRACHAS / (EASNAMH) I RITH NA BLIANA	€000
(easnamh) sa scéim ag tosach na bliana	(914)
Gluaiseacht sa bhliain:	
Diúscairtí	0
Costais seirbhísí reatha	(88)
Ranníochtaí fostóra íoctha	(42)
Seanchostais seirbhíse	0
Ioncam eile airgeadais	(49)
Cailteanas achtúire	(243)
(Easnamh) sa scéim ag deireadh na bliana	(1336)

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STAIR NA NGNÓTHACHTAN NÓ NA GCAILLTEANAS ACHTÚIRE	BLIAN DÁR CRÍOCH 31 NOLLAIG 2004
Difríocht idir an toradh ionchais agus an fóorthoradh ar shóchmhainní	€000
mar chéatadán de shóchmhainní na scéime	
Taithí gnóthachtana agus cailteanais ar dhliteanais scéime	(154)
mar chéatadán de dhliteanais na scéime	-11.53%
Iomlán gnóthachtan agus cailteanais achtúire	(243)
mar chéatadán de dhliteanais na scéime	-18.19%

NÓTA 8: COSTAIS NA BUNAÍOCHTA

	2004 €	2003 €
Cíos agus táillí seirbhíse	57,019	52,756
Cumhacht, teas, solas	8,723	6,899
Ceaintín, lónadóireacht agus glanadh	17,095	9,714
Deisiúcháin agus cothabháil	1,820	3,138
Árachas	38,498	37,768
	123,155	110,275

NÓTA 9: SOLÁTHAIRTÍ OIFIGE AGUS RIARACHÁIN

	2004 €	2003 €
Teileafón agus postas	60,049	78,930
Stáiseanóireacht agus clóbhualadh	15,518	15,495
Leabharlann agus nuachtáin	3,222	1,776
Soláthairtí agus cothabháil ríomhaireachta	58,211	63,834
Táillí dlí agus proifisiúnta	14,619	116,150
Táille iniúcháireachta	7,000	7,000
Bronntanais	12,698	8,135
	171,317	291,320

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NÓTA 10: SÓCHMHAINNÍ SEASTA INLÁIMHSITHE

	FOIRGNIMH €	TROSCÁN OIFIGE €	TREALAMH OIFIGE €	RÍOMHAIRÍ €	SAOTHAIR EALAÍNE €	IOMLÁN €
COSTAS						
Ar an 1 Eanáir 2004	44,441	95,246	74,612	314,058	194,490	722,847
Breiseanna	1,543,481	947		73,055		1,617,483
Diúscairtí				(1,006)		(1,006)
AR 31 NOLLAIG 2004	1,587,922	96,193	74,612	386,107	194,490	2,339,324
DÍLUACHÁIL CARNACH						
A 1 Eanáir 2004	7,777	42,495	55,312	134,510		240,094
Muirear na bliana	6,256	9,580	9,696	81,180		106,712
Ar dhiúscairtí				(1006)		(1,006)
AR 31 NOLLAIG 2004	14,033	52,075	65,008	214,684		345,800
Glanluach Leabhar						
Ar 1 Eanáir 2004	36,664	52,751	19,300	179,548	194,490	482,753
Ar 31 Nollaig 2004	1,573,889	44,118	9,604	171,423	194,490	1,993,524

NÓTA 11: IONTAOBHAS COMHARTHAÍ FEARAINN NA hÉIREANN TEO.

Bunaíodh Iontaobhas Comharthaí Fearainn na hÉireann Teo i 1992 mar chuideachta neamh-bhrabúis leis an gcuispóir go sábháilfí foirgnimh stairiúla a bhí tréigthe nó ar priacal. Déantar seo trí fheidhm úsáideach inmharthana a thabhairt dóibh mar chóiríocht ghearrthéarmach saoire, rud a chinnteodh a fad saol. Déantar cinneadh ar leibhéal na cistíochta ón gComhairle in aghaidh na bliana ag tógáil ceann de Phlean Cúig Bliana na Comhairle agus Plean Corparáideach Iontaobhas Comharthaí Fearainn na hÉireann agus stádas airgeadais na Comhairle trí chéile.

NÓTA 12: DISCOVERY PROGRAMME LTD.

Déanann an Chomhairle cistiú ar an Discovery Programme a bunaíodh i 1991 agus a cláraíodh mar chuideachta, faoi theorainn rathaíochta, ar an 15 Eanáir 1996. Tá an Chomhairle freagrach as cathaoirleach agus triúr de stiúrthóirí an Discovery Programme a cheapadh. Tá príomhfheidhmeannach na Comhairle ar dhuine de ainmnithigh na Comhairle ar Bhord Discovery Programme. Déantar cinneadh ar leibhéal na cistíochta ón gComhairle in aghaidh na bliana ag tógáil ceann de Phlean Cúig Bliana na Comhairle agus Plean Corparáideach Discovery Programme agus stádas airgeadais na Comhairle trí chéile. Is é is cuispóir don chlár ná feabhas a chur ar ár dtuiscint ar stair na hÉireann trí thaighde agus tochailtí seandálaíochta.

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NÓTA 13: TIOMANTAIS DEONTAIS

Ar 31 Nollaig 2004 bhí tiomantas déanta ag an gComhairle maidir le gníomhaíochtaí a bhí le tarlú i ndiaidh an dáta sin. Níl an tsuim a bhí gceist, 216,211, san áireamh sna Ráitis Airgeadais seo.

	2004 €	2003 €
Deontais tiomanta ar 1 Eanáir	339,215	238,302
Ceartúcháin	(100,000)	0
Faofa sa bhliain	7,077,053	6,078,904
Deontais díthiomnaithe	(722,397)	(1,005,181)
Caiteachas deontais sa bhliain	(6,377,660)	(4,972,810)
Tiomantais Deontas ar 31 Nollaig	216,211	339,215

NÓTA 14: NOCHTADH LEASA NA mBALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE

Sa ghnáth shlí le linn gnáth oibriú na Comhairle is féidir go dtabharfadh an Chomhairle faomhadh do chuidiú airgeadais do ghníomhaíocht ina mbeadh baill den Chomhairle fostaithe nó go mbeadh leas éigin eile acu ann.

Ghlac an Chomhairle le nósanna imeachta ag teacht leis na treoirlínte a d'eisigh an Roinn Airgeadais maidir le nochtadh leasa na mBall den Chomhairle agus cloíodh leis na nósanna sin i rith na bliana.

Virginia Teehan, <i>Stiúrthóir Músaem Hunt:</i>	€46,318 faoi scéim na nDeontas do Mhúsaeim agus Chartlanna
Tomás Ó Caoimh, <i>Ball den Chomhairle:</i>	€5,500 faoin scéim Deontais Oideachais agus Eile
Maurice Hurley, <i>Seandálaí Cathrach, Comhairle Cathrach Chorcaí:</i>	€6,000 faoin scéim Deontais um Oidhreacht Áitiúil.
Eamonn McEaney, <i>Bainisteoir, Seoda Phort Láirge:</i>	€51,000 faoi scéim na nDeontas do Mhúsaeim agus Chartlanna.
Simon Berrow, <i>Bainisteoir Togra, Grúpa Míolta Móra agus Deif na hÉireann:</i>	€10,000 faoin scéim don bhFiadhúlra. €6,000 faoin scéim Deontais Oideachais agus Eile. €2,500 faoin Scéim Deontais um Oidhreacht Áitiúil.

D'fhág na baill cruinnithe mar a deineadh plé ar na tograí agus ní raibh aon bhaint acu i nglacadh na gcinnte le deontais a thabhairt.

NÓTA 15: ÁITRIBH

Tá an Chomhairle i seilbh oifigí i Rothe Ho use, Cill Chainnigh faoi ghearrléas ar chostas de €50,000 i 2004 (2003 €50,000). I rith 2004 fuair an Chomhairle seilbh ar Phálás an Easpaig i gCill Chainnigh le húsáid mar cheanncheathrú buan agus tosóidh athchóiriú air i Meán Fómhair, 2005. Meastar go mbeidh an obair críochnaithe faoi dheireadh 2006.

NÓTA 16: GNÓTHAS LEANTACH

Tarraingíonn an Chomhairle cistíocht ón Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil de réir mar is gá. Aithníonn sí an teacht isteach seo ar bhonn fáltais airgid ach aithníonn sí caiteachas ar bhonn fabhrúithe. Creideann an Chomhairle go leanfaidh an Roinn de chistiú a dhéanamh ar a cuid gníomhaíochtaí faofa agus ar an mbonn sin is cuí na ráitis airgeadais a ullmhú ar bhonn gnóthais leantaigh.

NÓTA 17: FAOMHADH NA RÁITEAS AIRGEADAIS

Ghlac an Chomhairle leis na Ráitis Airgeadais ar an 9 Meitheamh, 2005.

AN CHOMHAIRLE OIHDREACHTA

SCEIDEAL 1

DO NA RÁITIS AIRGEADAIS

LOCAL HERITAGE GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Achill Archaeological Field School	Provision of signage at the deserted village of slievemore	2,000
Adult Services Enable Ireland	Enable Ireland Wildlife Project	3,000
Airfield Trust	The Education Programme for primary schools in Airfield A series of seminars and training courses for children to raise awareness of heritage	7,000
An Taisce	Site Audits of Afforestation Applications	4,000
Augustinian Abbey Association	Conservation of the Ardnaree Abbey, Ballina, Co Mayo	4,000
Ballisodare Fishing Club	Repairs to stonework and other remedial repairs to the fish passes of the Cooper Salmon Fishery at Ballisodare, Co Sligo	4,300
Ballymurn Heritage Committee	Repairs to features in Kilmallock Cemetary, Ballymurn, Co Wexford	1,500
Bat Conservation Group	National Bat Conservation Awareness Programme	6,000
Birdwatch Ireland	Host a conference entitled "Land for Birds" - March 2004	3,500
Birdwatch Ireland - Tipperary Branch	Continuation of the creation of a Giant Bird Table Project in Co Tipperary	225
Birdwatch Ireland - Fingal Branch	Assist Birdwatch Ireland - Fingal Branch to erect an observation hide with screened approach on its lands at Rogerstown Estuary	6,000
Birr Historical Society	Make a copy of The Macregol Gospel manuscript from the Bodleian for display at Birr Town Library	7,500
Blackwater Resource Development	The establishment of the Blackwater Valley Local Heritage Network - a network of local heritage information, signs, and panels in villages and hamlets in North County Cork	7,500
Camras Heritage Ltd	Archaeological survey of St. Kevin's Well and ancient graveyard adjacent to it	2,118
Cardinal Tomas O'Fiach Memorial	Conservation of Schedule relating to parishes in the Diocese of Armagh	7,500
Cargin Cemetery Committee	Archaeological, Ecological, Bat and detailed mapping of Cargin Cemetery in Co Carlow	2,000
Castlelyons & Bridebridge Heritage	Conservation plan and design statement for Castlelyons in Co Cork	6,000
Centre for Environmental Living & Training	Adult Traditional Skills training Programme 2004	7,000
Chapelizod Heritage Society	Re-edit to DVD the film "On Liffey Banks" which was produced by Fr. Val Rogers	1,500
Clar IRD	Conservation report on the 'Mayfield Cutting' Milepost in Co Mayo	1,200
Clare County Council	The provision of proper pathways, trails, and signage in Ballybeg wood in Ennis town	5,000
Clare Heritage and Genealogy Centre	A series of 8 lectures by suitably qualified personnel, to create an awareness and understanding of, and to encourage pride in all aspects of the rich natural and built heritage of the region.	1,500

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Cloghran Historical Society	Restoration of Cloghran Graveyard, Co Dublin and Associated Geneological Research	3,000
Colaiste Choilm	The development of a Hedgegrow for an outdoor classroom.	1,000
Comhar Conradh na Boirne Teo	Locate, collect and make available the works of TJ Westropp. Information to be made available to public from the Burren Centre in Co Clare	3,992
Connemara Environmental Education and Cultural Centre	Strands 1 & 3 of the Connemara Environmental and Education Project	4,000
Conservation Volunteers Ireland	Marley Park Woodland Improvement Programme	6,000
Coolagown Development Group	Erect five information panels to raise heritage awareness in the village of Coolagown, Co Cork	2,000
Cork Campus Radio	Proposal to produce a 1 hour radio documentary exploring the history of steam travel from 1900-1950	3,000
Cork City Council	Promotion of St Gobnait's Monastic Settlements	6,000
Cork National School Project	The project is aimed at developing a garden and wildlife area in the grounds of an inner city National school	2,362
Crinkill National School	Pupils recorded and collected information on people buried in Crinkill Military Cemetary and posted the information on the school website. Signage was also erected	1,200
Daibhre Limited	Restoration and public display of the RNLB Rowland Watts on Valentia Island	340
De Courcy, Catherine	Knowing the Land We Walk On: Teaching pack for junior secondary school students	6,000
Deegan, Bryan	Information leaflet on Deep Water Corals	6,000
Drew, David	Create a database that summarises all that is known about caves in Ireland. The study is an attempt to identify their significance and potential threats	7,500
Dromtariffe Parish	Repair and preservation of the monument to Fr. Sean Barry at Dromagh, Co. Cork	4,000
Dysart Enos Conservation Group	Erect information panels at the Old Dysart Enos Graveyard in Dysart, Co Laois	2,500
Festina Lente Foundations	Restoration of the Festina Lente Gardens in Co Wicklow	8,000
Forbairt na Rosann	Produce a map of placenames which have been collated through the project entitled "Even the Rocks have Names". Co. Donegal	1,000
Friends of Leigue	Archaeological report on Leigue Cemetary, Killala Road, Ballina, Co Mayo	2,000
Great Southern Trails	Continuation of repairs to the Barnagh Tunnel as a heritage walk in Limerick	5,000
Growing Awareness	Series of workshops to raise awareness of traditional agricultural heritage of West Cork	2,500
Headford District Association	Creation of a heritage walk for Headford, Co Galway and its environs	5,000
Inistioge Tidy Towns Committee	Erection of an information panel along the River Nore in Inistioge, Co Kilkenny	1,500

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Irish Seed Savers Association	Creation of copy of native apple collection grown by Irish Seed Savers Association	3,684
Kells Waterworks 1897 Restoration Group	Restoration of Kells Waterworks 1897, Co Meath	3,000
Kerry Earth Education Centre	Development of an environmental heritage garden in local schools	3,000
Kilbride Historical Society	Repair of the east end gable of the Kilbride church, Rahan, Co Offaly	1,700
Killermogh Union Select Vestry	Restore the Comopean and Cornet stops on the swell organ in Samuel Greens 1797 instrument in St. Fintan's Church, Durrow, Co. Laois	3,246
Kilskeagh Graveyard Restoration Committee	Archaeological and ecological surveys at Kilskeagh Graveyard, Co Galway	605
Kilteevan Community Council	Archaeological survey and repair of murals in Kilteevan, Co Roscommon	7,499
Kinvara Community Council	Archaeological Survey of St Colmans Church & Graveyard, Kinvara, Co Galway	3,500
Laois Heritage Society	Mounting of plaques at heritage sites in Portlaoise	3,000
Limerick City Council	Construct a viewing point in the Westfields area of Limerick overlooking the Shannon River	7,000
Limerick County Council	The Golden Mile Competition	2,870
Lismire Development Association	Restoration of the Grave of a Local Landlord, Matthew Sankey B.L, Bawnmore, Co Cork	2,000
Longford Tidy Towns Committee	Erect information panels to increase awareness of the River Camlin and the Royal Canal in Co Longford	1,000
Marino Institute of Education	Phase 2 of the Hands on the Environment Project	-7,500
Mayo County Council	Heritage Information Seminar Series	2,178
McGlinchey Summerschool	Preservation of the old church and graveyard at Straid, Clonmany, Co Donegal	3,000
Meath County Council	Promotion of heritage awareness among local communities in Co.Meath through a series of seminars and conferences	1,000
Midlands 103 Radio	Produce a series of 6 half hour programmes on the bogs of the Midlands	4,000
Monaghan County Council	Repair of The Rossmore Monument in Monaghan Town	7,000
Moran, Tom	Survey, draw and photograph the surviving evidence of the harbours and other evidence of maritime trade and activity for the future study of medieval harbours	1,256
Mountain Meitheal	Wicklow Mountain Path and Devil's Ladder Survey	5,488
National Environment Education Centre	Creation of new interpretative and educational resources for specific trails in Knocksink wood, Enniskerry, Co Wicklow	3,500
Newbridge Tidy Towns Association, Co Kildare	To provide interpretative signage in the Liffeside amenity area, to highlight local flora/fauna fish species, wildlife etc. and provide information on the towns history .	5,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
O'Brien's Bridge Development Association	Lower Shannon Waterway Heritage and Amenity Walkway at O' Brien's Bridge, Co Clare	5,000
Raheen Community Development Group	Topographical and geophysical surveys on a site at Templenacroha, Co Wexford	2,500
Raphoe Tidy Towns Limited.	Raphoe Wildlife Heritage Project- website and roadshow	7,000
Ros Tapestry Project	Ros Tapestry Project, New Ross, Co Wexford	6,000
Roscommon County Council	Golden Mile Competition	2,000
Roundwood & District Community Council	Promoting Existing Walks in Roundwood & district through signage & interpretation materials	3,500
Roundwood & District Community Council	Oral history project to collate information on senior citizens in Roundwood, Co Wicklow	3,000
Shannon Dolphin & Wildlife Foundation	Raising awareness and interest in the marine environment through a series of school visits	2,500
Sneem Castlecove Caherdaniel Intergrated Resource Development	Geology Signage Trail	7,000
Social Housing Development Company Limited	Preparation of an archaeological survey of Skiddy's Almshouses in Cork City	1,500
South Dublin County Council	Provision of heritage Signage in the South Dublin area	3,500
St. John's Cathedral	Conservation of the organ in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick	9,000
St. Joseph's Training Centre	Development and continuation of the traditional copper craft project	7,303
St. Manchans Restoration Committee	Record the fabric & prepare specification for the works to be carried out on St. Mella's Cell, Ballycumber, Co Offaly	2,662
Sustainable Ireland Co-operative	Dublin Green Maps Project	3,500
Tech Amergin Community Education	Iveragh Heritage Resource Collection. Provide a reference library of books, tapes and other material relating to the heritage of Iveragh in South West Kerry	7,500
The Parish of Cobh & Glanmire	Phase II of the repair programme for the organ at the Church of St. Mary & All Saint's, Glanmire, Co. Cork	7,500
The Workhouse Dunfanaghy	Promote interest in and educate and encourage active enjoyment of the New Lake area of Dunfanaghy using 3-dimensional models, maps, photos and panels	6,000
Thomas Ashe Banner Memorial Committee	Display case to house the Thomas Ashe Banner, Kilkelly, Co Mayo	3,000
Irvine, Ken Department of Zoology, Trinity College Dublin	A conference entitled: "The Ecology & Management of the Heritage of the Great Western Lakes, Conn, Carra-Mask & Corrib"	4,000
Tulla Parish Council	Engineers Report on St. Mochulla's Church, Tulla, Co Clare	4,766
Tullahought Community Development	Erection of signage at the wildlife lake which was created two years ago in the village of Tullahought, Co Kilkenny	2,000
Kelvin, Norbert Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University College Cork	Conservation of the heritage pipe organs of cork county.	5,565

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Vicarstown Village Residents Association	Preparation of a conservation plan for Vicarstown, Co Laois	6,000
Voice	EU Water Framework Directive River Basin Seminar Programme	5,000
Waterford City Archives	John Robert's Weekend 2004	1,500
West Clare Railway Company	Provision of additional interpretative graphic panels and boards for the West Clare Railway Heritage Centre	4,000
Westmeath County Council	The Golden Mile Competition	2,000
Windgap Finance Committee	Restoration of Mosaics at Windgap Grotto, Windgap, Co Kilkenny	5,000
Yewtree Graveyard Restoration Committee	Restoration of the Yewtree Graveyard National Monument in Balisland Shillelagh, Co Wicklow	771
Youghal Town Council	Develop the Youghal Walled Town Conservation Plan, Co Cork.	7,500
TOTAL		379,330

PUBLICATION GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Anvil Books Ltd	“The Blessington Estate 1677-1908” - history of 15000 acre estate on the borders of Kildare and Wicklow	4,000
Barr, James	“The Real Treasure Island”- Gola Island, Gweendore, Co Donegal	350
Bateson, Ray	“The End” - An Illustrated Guide to the Graves of Irish Writers	5,000
Bermingham, Nora	“Tombeagh Bog Body” - a book to investigate the discovery of human remains from Tombeagh, Co Offaly	3,000
Bradley, John	“Monuments, artefacts and People” :studies presented by George Eogan	5,000
Bradley, Martin	Re-design of the website of Archives Ireland. www.archives.ie	5,000
Burrenbeo Toeranta	Produce a series of CD Roms containing images and text relating to the heritage of the burren	5,000
Camogue Rovers GAA Club	“Our Place, Meanus & Our People, Camogue Rovers” - a geographical, historical, social and sporting chronicle of the area	3,000
Clarke, Howard	“Surveying Irelands Past” - Multi Disciplinary Essays in Honour of Anngret Simms	6,500
Comhar Dun Chaochain	“Logainmneacha agus Oidhreacht Dhun Chaochain” - a book of placenames and heritage of Dhun Chaochain	3,000
Comhchoiste Ghaeltacht Uibh Rathaigh	A collection of sean-nos songs gathered from local singer Micheal Ua Duinnin	1,000
Conry, Michael	“Corn Stands for the Spring Threshing”- Corn stands is Co Carlow	3,500
Cork University Press	“The Hook Peninsula: Co Wexford” - exploration of the development of the society and landscape of Hook Penninsula from pre-historic times to the present day	6,000
Cork University Press	“The Honan Chapel”- An analysis and record of the collection of the Honan Chapel at UCC	7,000
Cork University Press	“Landscape Design in 18th Century Ireland” - visual history of the demesnes of Molesworth, Powerscourt, Carton and Castletown and a re-examination of what remains of the original landscapes today	6,000
Cunningham, John	“A Town Tormented by the Sea 1790 to 1914” an urban history of Galway	6,000
Daly, Eugene	“Heir Island, its History & People” - history of the island looking in particular at fishing, the customs and ways of life of it’s inhabitants	4,000
Devitt, Dermott	“A Very Handsome Piece of Water” - local history of the western shore of Lough Eske, Co. Donegal	2,000
Dowling, Liam	CD of database containing almost 12000 shipwreck entries.	1,000
Dungarvan Museum	“A Guide to Historic Dungarvan” - booklet which gives a compact and concise account of the history and architecture of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.	1,240

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East Clare Heritage	“The O’Maddens of Hy Many” - traces the history of O’Maddens from earliest times	1,000
Egleston, Nigel	“Egleston Brothers Photography 1904-2004” - a book of photographs to mark Egleston Brothers Photograph’s anniversary	3,500
Fahy, Sr De Lourdes	“Kiltartan - Many Leaves One Root” - history of Kiltarton, Gort, Co Galway from earliest times	1,000
Four Courts Press	“The Manor in Medieval and Early Modern Ireland” - collection of interdisciplinary essays by scholars on manors and manorial settlement in Ireland between the 12th and 17th centuries	2,000
Four Courts Press	“Maps & Mapmaking” - illustrated guide designed to introduce researchers to the wealth of cartographic resources available for Ireland	2,000
Fr Tom Memorial Group	“St James and Fr. Tom” - articles both on Fr. Tom Lawlor, the history of St. James Church and architecture of the church	3,000
Harbison, Peter	“Beranger’s Rambles in Ireland” - book to publish the remainder of watercolours by Beranger	5,000
Horner, Arnold	Map of mountainous and uncultivated parts of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow made for the Bogs Commissioners by Richard Griffith in 1812	3,476
Irish Academic Press	“Our Own Devices” - outlines the historical background to the continuing controversy about national symbols in Ireland	3,000
Irish Academic Press	“Ireland during the Second World War - An Oral History” - an account of the Irish experience during the second world war through interviews with those who took part	2,690
James, Dermott	“The Gore Booths of Lisadell” - an account of how Lissadell House was built and furnished	3,000
Latteragh Graveyard Carers Group	Creation of a website of the work carried out in Latteragh Graveyard	2,128
Lewis, Colin	“From Hobby Horse to Irish Draft” - history, development and prospect of the Irish Draught Horse	3,500
Lifford association for Tourism, Commerce & Heritage	“The Court Will Rise” - a brief illustrated background to the courthouse and some of the events and activities which took place during it’s 250 year lifespan	1,000
Little Brosna & Camcor Fishing Club	Produce posters on the work compiled on the Croneen Trout in 2003 for schools and wider audience	1,000
MacWeeney, Alen	“Travellers’ - Ireland’s Forgotten” - photographs and text of recorded folktales of unique Irish culture from the mid 1960s	5,000
Mitchelstown Community Council	“The Protestant Church in Mitchelstown - A bi centennial celebration”- A History of St Georges Church, Mitchelstown	4,000
Mna Fiontracha	“Ar an Oilean Tuile’s Tra” - A book about the women of the Aran Islands.	3,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Mote Park Conservation Group	Update and revise the previously published Mote Park Heritage Walkway Guide	1,000
O'hAodha Micheal	"Parlin with Pictures" - The Life and Work of Willy Cawley, Traveller and Painter	3,000
O'Meara, Michael	"A Miscellany of Waterford Wildlife" - CD of all the major wildlife orders in Waterford	900
Power, Joseph	"A history of Clare Castle and its environ's" - study of the evolution of the settlement of Clare Castle and of its parochial hinterland from earliest times to the 20th century	5,000
Representative Church Body Library	Publish a scholarly edition of the vestry book of the United Parishes of St. Catherine's and St. James in Dublin 1657-1692	1,500
South Dublin Libraries	"All Roads Lead to Tallaght" - publication by the late Paddy Healy on the history and antiquities of the Tallaght area	2,000
Stokes, Roy	"U Boat Alley" an account of how german submarines brought the war to the doorsteps of Ireland and Britain in the Irish Channel	2,000
The Ak Ilen Company	"The Gandelow" This book celebrates the vernacular shannon boat, The Gandelow	2,000
The Collins Press	"The Sacred Whore - Sheela Goddess of Celts" The History, location and psychological analysis of Sheela na Gigs	2,000
The Collins Press	"Exploring the Archaeology of The Burren and The Aran Islands"	5,000
The Collins Press	"The Lighthouses of Ireland" - tales from a lighthouse technician on life in a lighthouse	2,000
Traynor, Michael	"Iona National Airways" - history of Ireland's first commercial aviation operation, formed in 1930, pre-dating Aer Lingus by six years and Dublin airport by ten years.	5,000
Voice Books Ltd.	"100 Years of Handball in an Irish County" - the history of the game of handball in Co. Donegal	1,884
Woodstock Heritage Museum	"St Colmcille's and St. Mary' Graveyard inscriptions" - recorded exact copy of each headstone in the graveyards	4,000
Wordwell Limited	"The Disappearing Irish Cottage: A case study for North Donegal".	4,000
TOTAL		168,168

ARCHAEOLOGICAL GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Achill Archaeological Field School	Development of a digitised map of the deserted village of Slievemore and other archaeological monuments on Slievemore Mountain	12,000
Bergh, Stefan, Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	New technique for digitally surveying large and complex archaeological sites. The location selected for this project is Mullaghfarna, Co Sligo	17,890
Brady, Niall	“On and Under Water”: A seminar in honour of Professor Robert T Farrell, FSA, and Director of the Crannog Archaeology Project	807
Casey, Markus	Aerial photographic survey of Coastal Promontory Forts of Ireland	1,600
Cleary, Rose - Department of Archaeology, University College Cork	Inventory of post 1700 archaeological sites in the Barony of Fermoy, Co. Cork	10,000
Colin Shell, University of Cambridge	Understanding the landscape of Loughcrew, Co Westmeath through airborne lidar survey and digital spatial analysis	19,657
Comber, Michelle - Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: Completion of report for Rinnaraw cashel, Co. Donegal	5,973
Council for British Archaeology	Support of British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography for 2004	14,736
Department of Archaeology, UCD	Archaeology 2020 Consultative Forum	4,200
Doran, Linda	A study to examine medieval settlement in the area of the river Suir and how this differs from the ‘Carlow Corridor’ (i.e. the Barrow and Nore Valleys)	14,000
Eogan, George	Post-excavation analysis from excavations at Knowth, Co. Meath	3,500
Finan, Tom - St Louis University	“Settlement and Society in the Diocese of Elphin, c. 1300” A project to survey the medieval settlement pattern in an area of Co Roscommon	4,500
Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth - Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: Publication of Archaeological Investigations in Galway City 1897-1998	9,248
Forsythe, Wes	Historic and Maritime Archaeology of a post-medieval fishing complex at Rutland street, Donegal	8,921
Gabriel Cooney, Department of Archaeology, University College Dublin	Geophysical survey on Lambay Island , Co Dublin	10,000
Geophysical Association of Ireland	Seminar entitled “The Application of Archaeological Techniques for the Mapping of our Unknown Heritage”	1,000
Gibson, Paul - Department of Geography, NUI Maynooth	Geophysical investigation, using ground penetrating radar, magnetometry and resistivity, of the major ecclesiastical sites at Clonard. Co Meath	4,000
Govannon Consultancy	The Archaeology of Industrialisation in Co Offaly - a scoping study.	8,254

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Hodkinson, Brian	Funding towards the publication of two sites excavated in Medieval Limerick	2,500
ICOMOS	Funding towards ICOMOS Conference	5,000
Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland	Assistance in publishing the Journal of Irish Archaeology	4,325
Johnston, Susan - The George Washington University	Funding towards the publication of the excavations at Dun Ailline, Co. Kildare	5,356
Kilkenny Archaeological Society	Geophysical survey at St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny City	5,000
Margaret Gowan & Co Ltd.	Geophysical survey of Mullamast Rath, Co Kildare	5,500
Margaret Gowen & Co Ltd.	Publication of Excavation-24-25 West Street, Stockwell Lane, Drogheda, Co Louth	5,000
National Museum of Ireland	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: National Museum of Ireland Unpublished Burials Project	8,460
O'Brien, William - Department of Archaeology, NUI Galway	Towards publication of Ross Island, Co Kerry - Early Copper Mining and Metallurgy in Ireland	10,000
O'Sullivan, Aidan - Department of Archaeology, University College Dublin	Investigation of an Early Medieval Royal Crannog at Coolure Demesne, Lough Derravarragh, Co Westmeath	17,993
Rafferty, Barry - Department of Archaeology, University College Dublin	Bronze age settlement at Rathgall, Co. Wicklow	30,000
Raphoe Community in Action group	Geophysical survey on the Beltany circle and early Christian settlement, Co Donegal	4,000
St. Manchans Restoration Committee	Geophysical investigation at Leamonaghan ecclesiastical site, Co Offaly	5,000
Ulster Museum Belfast	Archaeological Object Term list Project	14,096
University College Dublin	Unpublished Excavations Scheme: Completion of report for Knowth, Co. Meath.	44,300
TOTAL		316,816

MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Belvedere College	Purchase of archival quality negative & print boxes	1,000
Butler Gallery	Storage of Artworks-Standards & Accreditation Scheme	5,920
Chester Beatty Library	Archival Finding Aids for the Chester Beatty Library Records-Standards & Accreditation Scheme	15,000
Church of Ireland College of Education	Restoration of education artefacts & materials donated to the college	6,000
Clare County Archives	Clare County Archives oral history project	1,365
Co. Donegal Historical Society	Purchase of a screen to protect the artefacts on display in the bay window of Donegal Historical Society Museum	1,500
Co. Donegal Railway Restoration Ltd	Purchase of anti UV film for windows and purchase of acid free storage equipment	1,700
Cumann Iarsmalann Chleire	Transcription of the baptismal registers for Cape Clear Island.	1,500
Donegal County Museum	Development of a travelling exhibition "Before I Joined the Army I lived in Donegal - Donegal and the Great War 1914 to 1918"	6,999
Donegal County Museum	Design, manufacture and fit out of six themed boxes of artefacts that relate to primary and secondary school curricula- Standards & Accreditation Scheme	11,110
Dublin Civic Trust	Architectural Features & Elements of Historic Buildings	2,735
Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies	Irish Script on Screen project	10,000
Dungarvan Museum	Digitisation of the photograph collection of Dungarvan Museum	2,000
Film Corporation of Ireland Ltd.	The purchase of a camera & equipment to record the material for the archival project - Traditions in Life	20,000
GAA Museum	Restoration of Bray Emmets Banner (1887)	3,000
Holy Ghost Congregation	Purchase of acid-free packing materials	4,000
Hunt Museum	Electronic Documentation and tracking systems for Collections Management Project-Standards & Accreditation Scheme	16,318
Hunt Museum	Capital Equipment for "Heritage Access for Schools" project	30,000
Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland	20 bursaries for the "Art Handling" Course	1,300
Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works in Ireland	Contribution towards operational costs	18,957
Irish Architectural Archive	Cleaning, repairing and mounting for display 49 items from the Paddy Healy Collection of photographs	6,500
Irish Museums Association	Development Programme 2004	30,000
Irish Museums Association	1500 printed wallets and audio visual projector	2,748
Irish Railway Records Society	The preservation, copying to computer, cataloguing, printing of the David Murray Photographic Collections of 2000 photographs.	5,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Irish Traditional Music Archive	Conservation of the oldest collection of audio reel to reel sound recordings held by the Irish Traditional Music Archive	2,500
Kilkenny County Council	Feasibility Study Re: Integrated Cultural Facility in Kilkenny	22,500
Knock Folk Museum	Employment of Museum Designer for Knock Folk Museum- Standards & Accreditation Scheme	15,000
Knock Folk Museum	Purchase of digital camera and employment of data-logger	1,175
Laois County Council	Digitisation of the Helen Roe Collection	2,500
Limerick City Gallery of Art	Limerick City Gallery of Art: A Community Resource	15,000
Local Studies Department, Kildare Co. Library	Provide composite index to Kildare Archaeological Journals which will be accessible via the internet	5,000
Louth Local Authorities Archives	Conservation of Ardee Poor Law Minute Books	3,575
Monaghan County Museum	Purchase of display cases	10,000
Monaghan County Museum	Purchase of environmental sensors, monitoring equipment and radio receivers.	13,200
Muckross House	Documentation and computerisation of the Muckross Traditional Farms Archives- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	12,350
Musaem Chorca Dhuibhne	Purchase of environmental equipment & display cases- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	19,048
Museums of Mayo Network	Museums of Mayo Spring Training Programme	1,000
National Irish Visual Arts Library	Microfilming the Earley Collection	7,300
National Museum	Rehousing the Irish and British Molluscs Collection	6,000
National Preservation Office	Contribution towards operational costs	2,210
National Print Museum	Documenting the collection, purchase of information panels, creation of a childrens corner and employment of the services of an Interpretative Designer- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	9,835
Old Drogheda Society	Restoration of the trade banners housed at Millmount Museum	7,500
Religious Society of Friends	Conservation work to two early printed books	600
Royal Irish Academy	Repair of the Domhnach Airgid manuscript which dates from the 8th century and forms part of the collection of the National Museum of Ireland	10,000
Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland	Scanning of RSAI Photographic Collection	8,000
St. Patrick's Cathedral	Restoration of two eighteenth century Volunteer Banners	5,902
The Butler Gallery	Re-framing water collection and purchase of environmental monitoring equipment	10,000
Transport Museums Society	Monitoring Equipment, exhibition materials & repairs to exhibition area- Standards & Accreditation Scheme	22,348
Holland, Michael Heritage Office University College Cork	Purchase of display case to show temporary exhibitions at various locations in University College Cork.	5,000

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Helferty, Seamus Archives Department University College Dublin	Preservation Microfilming of the John A. Costello Papers	4,500
O Cathain, Seamus Department of Irish Folklore University College Dublin	Preservation of Nitrate Negatives in the Photographic Collection of the Department of Irish Folklore	15,000
Waterford City Archives	Conservation and scanning of the Sinnott Map of Waterford City	525
Waterford Treasures	Purchase of electronic transmitters for environmental monitoring equipment- Standards and Accreditation Scheme	16,000
Waterford Treasures	Purchase of CCTV system for Waterford Treasures	35,000
Wexford Borough Council	Preservation of burial records for the graveyard at St.Ibars Graveyard in Co. Wexford	4,600
Wexford County Archives	Conservation of a number of volumes in the Wexford Harbour Commissioners collection	7,000
Wexford County Archives	Conservation treatment in the preservation of the Hore Collection	9,900
Woodlawn Parish Church of Ireland	Repair and conservation of 9 architectural drawings of Woodlawn Church dating from 1860	1,080
Yeats Society Sligo	Digitally record the archive of the Yeats Summer School Lectures.	7,462
TOTAL		523,262

WILDLIFE GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Aldwell, Christopher	Donegal Butterfly Survey 2004	3,100
Aster Environmental Consultants	Survey of Lough Conn and Lough Cullen common scoter <i>Melanitta nigra</i> populations	7,125
Bat Conservation Ireland	Pilot car based bat monitoring project 2004	14,950
Bat Conservation Ireland	On line bat records database	15,000
Birdwatch Ireland	Countryside Bird Survey	12,700
Burke, Thomas	The Distribution of the Cladoceran <i>Holopedium Gibberum</i> and associated zooplanktonic species in acid sensitive lakes in western Co. Galway	5,900
Ecological Consultancy Services Ltd.	Establish the first comprehensive baseline dataset for macroinvertebrate species in the Royal and Grand Canals.	15,000
Ennis & District Anglers Association	The River Fergus, Co. Clare: A proposal to evaluate the catchment north of Nutfield Bridge and provide management proposals to enable a rehabilitation programme to take place	8,388
Fingal County Council Parks Division	Ecological study of the coastal habitats in Co Fingal Phase 1 & 2	14,350
Galway City Council	Produce a Habitats Inventory for the Galway City area	15,000
Irish Biogeographical Society	Sponsorship towards producing 2004 bulletin	600
Irish Peatland Conservation Council	Habitat survey of the Bog of Allen, Co Kildare	14,430
Irish Raptor Study Group	Reintroduction of the golden eagle <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> to Ireland	12,700
Irish Whale and Dolphin Group	Irish Scheme for Cetacean Observation and Public Education (ISCOPE)	12,000
Irish Wildlife Trust	The 2nd Irish Lizard Survey	7,500
John Cromie	Red-throated diver <i>Gavia stellata</i> breeding success study	1,498
Moorkens, Evelyn	Collection of data on freshwater pearl mussels <i>Margaritifera margaritifera</i> in the South Eastern River Basin District	9,460
Centre for Environmental Science NUI Galway	Funding towards Irish Beetle Meeting	238
Raine, Robin Martin Ryan Institute NUI Galway	The Coccolithophores in the Irish Shelf Seas	9,850
Shannon Dolphin and Wildlife Foundation	IT and other equipment	10,000
St. Johnston & Carrigans Resource Centre	Study of ecology of the River Foyle from St. Johnstown to Carrigans.	6,510
The Irish Char Conservation Group	Identification and investigations of fish fauna in 8 glacial loughs in Co. Donegal	9,453
Waldren Stephen, Department of Botany Trinity College Dublin	Conservation biology of <i>Spiranthes romanzoffiana</i> (Cham).	4,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Sigwart, Julia Department of Zoology University College Dublin	Diversity of Irish Polyplacophora	6,000
Kelly- Quinn, Mary Department of Zoology University College Dublin	Macroinvertebrate assemblages of Irish “headwaters” and their role in conserving individual species and overall catchment biodiversity	15,000
Breen, John Department of Life Sciences University of Limerick	A survey of ants, root aphids and bumblebees in the Burren, Co Clare	13,435
Westmeath County Council	Hedgegrow survey of Co. Westmeath.	12,920
Total		257,107

BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Alfred Beit Foundation	Repairs to roof and other essential repairs at Russborough House, Russborough, Co. Wicklow	478,931
Bayley, E	Repair of windows at dwelling in Ballyarthur, Co. Wicklow	6,000
Blackmore, Charles	Repairs to stonework at Mortelstown Castle, Co. Tipperary	10,000
Bolton, Jason	An Archaeological Appraisal and Assessment of Kanturk Castle, Co. Cork	4,900
Bourke, James	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Kilbreedy, Co. Limerick	2,750
Butler, Ann	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Orristown, Killinick, Co. Wexford	8,995
Byrne, Paul	Repairs to roof of Maghernacloy Castle, Co. Monaghan	36,476
Calry Parish Church	Repairs to roof and external fabric of Calry Parish Church, Co. Sligo	30,000
Camphill Communities of Ireland	Repairs to roof at Callan Workhouse, Callan, Co. Kilkenny	50,000
Carrigan, Anne	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Rathokelly, Co. Tipperary	7,000
Castlerea Community Arts Centre	Repairs to roof of Holy Trinity Church, Castlerea, Co. Roscommon	60,000
Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity - NOTE 1	Preliminary investigations on roof of The Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand, Waterford	20,000
Childs, Anthony	Repairs to roof of Togherstown House, Co. Westmeath	45,000
Church of the Holy Trinity	Repairs to windows of Church of the Holy Trinity, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	14,580
Clonakilty Urban District Council	Structural Repairs to The Brewery Stack, Clonakilty, Co. Cork	20,000
Clones Community Council	Repairs to external walls and windows of The Board Room, Clones, Co. Monaghan	25,000
Cloonan, Nicki	Research into nineteenth century floor tiles in Ireland	10,000
Coillte	Stabilisation works to The Spire, Carrick Wood, Co. Laois	30,000
Conroy, Seamus	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Rearybeg, Rosenallis, Co. Laois	6,500
Corcoran, Catherine	Repairs to roof & stabilisation of Watergate House, Fethard, Co. Tipperary	25,000
Cork Uniterian Congregation	Structural repairs to New Meeting House, Cork City	12,000
Cosgrave Jnr., James	Roof repairs to Newcastle House, Co. Meath	40,000
Cuddihy, Michael	Repairs to the roof of The Chalet, Rathaspeck, Co. Wexford	11,500
Daly, Brendan	Repairs to roof at Egg Cottage, Johnstown, Co Wexford	9,000
Delaney, William	Repairs to roof of Ceann Tui cottage, Our Ladys Island, Co. Wexford	2,000
Dempsey, Martin	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Castleblakney, Co Galway	5,000
Diocese of Cashel, Waterford and Lismore	Repairs to the roof and chimney of Kells Priory, Kells, Co. Kilkenny	20,000
Doddy, Mairin	Bursary to attend ICOMOS Conference	1,435

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Dodebier, Servaas	Conservation of stonework at Artramon Castle, Co. Wexford	15,000
Drumcliffe, Lissadell and Munninane Group of Parishes	Repairs to the east window of Lissadell Church Co. Sligo	10,000
Dublin Civic Trust	Establishment of a model to collect core data for the renewal of Dublin City's Fabric	15,000
Dunne, Helen	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Clogh, Co.Kilkenny	6,000
Dysert O'Dea Development Association	Repairs to roof and external stonework of Dysert Castle, Co. Clare	20,000
Eglishe Abbey Restoration Association	Stabilisation of Eglishe Abbey, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway	6,056
Everyman Palace Theatre	Repairs to internal plaster work of Everyman Palace Theatre, Cork	20,000
Fiddown Union of Parishes	Repairs to stonework of St. Paul's Church, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny	12,000
Fitzgerald, Noel	Repairs to roof of thatched Public House, Cloneen, Co.Tipperary	16,000
Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa	Repairs to roof of Mount Oliver Convent, Co. Louth	25,000
Graves, Les	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Mountaincastle, Co. Waterford	10,000
Guilbridge, Timothy	Repairs to roof and windows at Rush Hill House, Co. Roscommon	34,774
Gunning, Anthony	Repairs to roof of Briar Rose Cottage, Coolroe, Co. Waterford	7,000
Haslam, Ralph	Repairs to roof at Mossfield House, Co.Offaly	25,000
Hayes, Kathleen	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Lannagh, Co Wexford	5,000
Healy, Eamon	Repairs to stonework of Holywell House, Ballyhaunis, Co.Mayo	37,000
Hill Wilson, Jackie	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Glenaglough, Co. Waterford	10,000
Hill, Brian	Repairs to house at Sunlawn, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford	10,000
Hill, Colin & Margaret	Phase 1 Repairs to St. Colman's Church, Ballycotton, Co. Cork	20,000
Holy Trinity Church	Repairs to roof of Holy Trinity Church, Crosshaven, Co. Cork	30,000
Horgan, David	Repairs to windows of Whitewood House, Nobber, Co.Meath	12,500
Hurley, Ruth	Repairs to magazine/Cell Part of 4 Thomand Villas, Clarecastle, Co Clare	10,000
Hutton-Bury, David	Repairs to Mucklagh Gateway at Charleville Castle, Co. Offaly	30,000
ICOMOS	Sponsorship of ICOMOS Conference in October, 2004	15,000
ICOMOS	Sponsorship of Maura Shaffrey Annual Lecture	2,000
Jordan, Matthew	Repairs to windows, walls and drainage to dwelling at Stonepark, Co. Wexford	10,000
Kavanagh, Andrew	Repairs to external façade of Borris House & Chapel, Borris, Co.Carlow	19,427
Keane, Tom	Repairs to roof of Morgan's House, Askeaton, Co.Limerick	20,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Kelly, Enda	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Cloncon, Co.Offaly	5,000
Kelly, Patrick	Emergency Stabilisation of Real Tennis Court, Lambay Island, Co.Dublin	15,000
Keohane, Frank	Cataloguing of the works of the notable nineteenth century architects, James & George Richard Pain	5,850
Kidd, Ian	Repairs to roof and walls at Ballyrankin Lodge, Bunclody, Co. Wexford	10,496
Kilkenny Archaeological Society	Repair to Windows of Rothe House, Parliament Street, Kilkenny	20,000
Langton, Martin	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Killelary, Co Offaly	9,000
Lawrence, David	Survey of Stained Glass Windows in the Church of Ireland	1,916
Linnane, Nora	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Kinvara, Co. Galway	6,000
Lisdoonvarna Failte Limited	Repairs to roof of Maiville House, Lisdoonvarna, Co.Clare	30,000
Longford County Council	Stabilisation of Abbeysrule Cistercian Abbey, Abbeysrule, Co. Longford	13,806
Lord Altamont	Repairs to Westport House	320,000
Maelruains Church	Repairs to spire and tower of St. Maelruain's Church, Tallaght, Co. Dublin	10,000
Magorban Parish Church	Repairs to roof and stonework of Magorban Parish Church, Co. Tipperary	19,000
Maher, Tom	Repairs to roof of Holywell House, Carrick-on-Shannon, Co Roscommon	25,000
Mahon, Martin	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Poulcassan Eighter, Co. Galway	8,000
Matthews, Bridie	Repairs to roof of Kildevin House, Co. Westmeath	25,000
Mayglass	Repairs & maintenance of mud walled farm complex at Mayglass, Co. Wexford	10,194
Mayo County Council	Repairs to spires and pinnacles at Claremorris Library, Claremorris, Co, Mayo	35,000
McEvoy, Liam	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Garoon, Co.Laois	8,000
McLoughlin, Jim	Repairs to roof of cottage at Jamestown Crossroads, Monesterevin, Co. Kildare	5,836
McLoughlin, Patrick	Repairs to windows at Belin House, Co.Laois	3,461
McSweeney, Nora	Repairs to roof at Flintfield House, Millstreet, Co Cork	21,487
Mining Heritage Society of Ireland	Repairs to door, window, walls, roof and chimney of the Man Engine House, Allihies, Co. Cork	10,000
Montgomery, Daisy	Repairs to Bessmont Park, Co.Monaghan	33,451
Moore, Charles	Repairs to roof of Mooresfort House, Co.Tipperary	25,000
Moss, Jessica	Repairs to external render at Oatlands House, Co. Wicklow	22,567
Mullane, Owen	Roof repairs to thatched cottage at Kintogher, Co Sligo	5,500
Mullen, Michael	Repairs to the roof & gutters of The Laundry, Roscommon	20,000
Myers, Gerald	Repairs to roof at Cairn Cottage, Ballyvintner, Co. Cork	5,000

BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
National University of Ireland	Repair to the murals on the interior wall of 49 Merrion Square, Dublin 2	9,907
Nugent, Alice	Structural Stabilisation of Ballinlough Castle, Co. Westmeath	25,000
Offaly County Council	Stabilisation of St. Brendan's Church, Birr, Co Offaly	20,000
O'Rourke, Joan	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Porttaunes, Co. Limerick	10,000
O'Sullivan, Gerard	Repairs to roof of Hartnett's thatched cottage, Millstreet, Co Cork	3,650
Parish of Inniscealtra	Repairs to roof of St. Cronan's Church, Tuamgraney, Co. Clare	8,914
Parish of Killeigh in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin	Repairs to roof, wall & ceilings at Geashill Old School, Co. Offaly	7,500
Pettit, Patrick	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Ballycushlane, Co. Wexford	10,000
Quinlivan, Michael	Repair to external render of Gower Hall, Kilrush, Co Clare	25,378
Rainey & Co. Limited	Stabilisation of Roscomroe Church, Co.Offaly	5,108
Representative Church Body	Survey of Stained Glass Windows in the Church of Ireland	42,840
Ruane, Pat	Bursary for attendance at ICOMOS Conference	1,495
Ryan Purcell, Rosemary	Repairs to roof at Burton Park House, Mallow, Co. Cork	29,253
Saor Ollscoil na hEireann	Pointing and repairs to gutters of Saor Ollscoil na hEireann, Prussia St., Dublin 7.	15,000
School of Philosophy and Economic Science	Repairs of roof at Townley Hall, Co. Louth	40,000
Select Vestry Cloyne Cathedral	Repairs to South Chapel of Cloyne Cathedral, Cloyne, Co. Cork	35,000
Select Vestry Ross Union of Parish	Repairs to roof, walls & floors of Saint Fachtna's Cathedral, Roscarbery, Co. Cork	337
Shelswell White, Egerton	Repairs to Bantry Gate Lodge, Bantry, Co. Cork	25,000
Sirius Arts Centre	First Phase of Repairs of Sirius Arts Centre, Cobh, Co Cork	30,000
Smith, David	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Ballyhane, Co. Waterford	6,000
St George, Richard	Repairs to roof at Kilrush House, Freshford, Co. Kilkenny	20,000
St. Anne's Church Shandon	Repairs to tower of St. Annes Church, Shandon, Cork	50,000
St. Brendan's Church, Clonfert	Repairs to roof and parapets of St. Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert, Co.Galway	20,000
St. Colman's Church	Phase II Repairs to St. Colman's Church, Kinvara, Co.Galway	15,000
St. Finbarre's Cathedral	Repairs to windows of St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork	19,466
St. James Church	Repairs to windows and rainwater goods for St. James Church, Dingle, Co. Kerry	32,000
St. John's Church, Longford	Repairs to roof of St. John's Church, Longford	14,000
St. Lachtain's Church	Conservation works at St. Lachtains Church, Freshford, Co.Kilkenny	24,564
St. Mary's Church, Nenagh	Repairs to the roof of St. Mary's Church, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary	40,000

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Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
St. Nicholas Church	Repairs to the roof and rainwater goods for St. Nicholas Church, Dunlavin, Co. Wicklow	50,000
St. Paul's Church, Cahir	Repairs to roof of St. Paul's Church, Cahir, Co. Tipperary	22,517
Standish, Billy	Repairs to roof of St. John's Church, Drumcree, Co. Westmeath	25,000
Stoddard, Nigel	Repairs to roof of Longford House, Portumna, Co. Galway	34,912
Stout, Lorraine	Repairs to roof and external façade of 1 Sheares Street, Fenn's Quay, Cork	12,214
Stutchbury, Bettina	Funding to provide assistance during Survey of Stained Glass Windows in the Church of Ireland	4,750
Tullamore Union of Parishes	Repairs to roof of Rahan Church, Rahan, Co. Offaly	16,073
Twomey, Claire	Repairs to roof of thatched cottage at Tallow, Co. Waterford	8,000
United Parish of St. Doulagh's Malahide & Portmarnock	Repairs to window and wall paintings of St. Doulagh's Church, Malahide, Co. Dublin	2,094
Wells, Anne	Repairs to roof of thatched farm building at Licketstown, Co. Kilkenny	7,000
Williamstown Heritage Committee	Repairs to windows and stonework at Templetogether Mill, Williamstown, Co. Galway	20,000
Windsor, Sean	Stabilisation of Wilton Castle, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford	25,000
Winters, Thomas	Repairs to roof of Hawthorn cottage, Drogheda, Co. Louth	1,000
TOTAL		2,988,360

NOTE 1: €20,000 was accrued for in year ended 31.12.04 in respect of this grant but has not been paid as at the date of publication of this annual report

EDUCATION & OTHER GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
Borrisokane Community College	Sponsorship of Schools Essay Competition	500
Clongowes Wood College	Funding towards archival project	6,000
Countryside Access & Activities	Production of sanitation Leaflet "Where to go in the Outdoors"	1,088
Bourke, Simon - Student Dublin City University	Freda Rountree Scholarship	9,639
Dublin Civic Trust	Funding towards seminar on the History of Irish Wallpaper	800
McEaney, Eamonn	Attendance at International Council of Museums meeting in Korea	813
Environ 2004 -University of Limerick	Sponsorship of 14th Irish Researchers Colloquium	1,000
ES2K- Geological Survey of Ireland	Sponsorship of Earth Science 2000 (ES2k)	4,000
Inland Waterways Association	Interreg Proposal regarding Ulster Canal	3,000
Lucy, Frances School of Science Institute of Technology, Sligo	Bursary for attendance at International Aquatic Invasive Species Conference	5,000
Irish Forestry Certification Initiative	Towards on-going input to the certification process	5,000
Irish in Europe Conference	Funding towards the Third International Irish in Europe Conference	2,000
Irish Rare Breeding Birds Panel	Funding towards administration expenses of The Irish Rare Breeding Birds Panel	823
Irish Uplands Forum	Bursary for attendance at Upland Ecology, Tourism & Access Conference	1,172
Irish Whale and Dolphin Group	International whale conference - Miol Mor 2004	6,000
Irish Wildlife Trust	Press release on Hedgerow Talk & Demonstration Event in Waterford	200
Irish Wildlife Trust	National Wildlife Conference 2004	3,000
Irish Wildlife Trust	Survey entitled "Tramore Bay Sabellaria & Biodiversity Survey with introduction to Marine Biodiversity	999
John Kirwan	Funding towards cost of launch of journal "Ossory, Laois and Leinster"	500
Kilkenny Archaeological Society	Development of Business Plan	6,000
Kilkenny Arts Festival	Sponsorship of Kilkenny Arts Festival Workshop Programme	5,000
Landscape Alliance Ireland	Funding towards European Landscape Convention Workshop	6,500
Listowel Tidy Towns Committee	Sponsorship of Tidy Towns Award 2004	2,000
Mayo County Council	Funding towards the Europeade Conference	2,000
Mining Heritage Trust	Culture 2000 Application	5,000
Musaem Chorca Dhuibhne	Funding towards seminar on Promontory Forts	1,017
Dooley, Terence Department of Modern History NUI Maynooth	Funding towards the Historic Houses of Ireland Conference.	1,300

EDUCATION & OTHER GRANTS

Applicant Name	Project	Amount Paid €
O’Caoimh Tomas	Turas Eireann- Pilgrim Ireland Project	5,500
Offaly County Council	Funding towards County Heritage Plan	4,000
Oranmore Public Library	Funding towards Spring-time Lectures held in Oranmore public Library	600
Royal Irish Academy	Funding towards the purchase of Patrick Donovan Letters	4,000
Royal Irish Academy	Funding towards the New Survey of Clare Island Seminar	1,000
Royal Irish Academy	Funding towards map 2 in “Irish Historic Towns Atlas”	2,100
Scouting Ireland	Improving facilities at museum in Mount Mellary	4,000
Sli Chaomhin Development Committee	Funding towards public lecture on St. Kevin’s Way	190
Traditional Boats of Ireland	Traditional Boats of Ireland Project	4,613
Terry, Barry Department of Medieval History Trinity College Dublin	Funding towards conference organised by “Ruralia” to promote study of medieval rural settlements throughout Europe	3,000
Ulster Waterways Group	Funding toward publication of past conference booklets in one volume	6,000
Waterford Treasures	Conservation of Van der Hagen “View of Waterford” painting 1736	6,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Wicklow Upland Council 2004 initiative	56,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Capital Funding towards construction of new walking trail at Lough Bray, Co. Wicklow	20,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Contribution to participation in Europarc conference September 04	1,000
Wicklow Uplands Council	Funding towards Wicklow Sustainable Trails Network	10,000
Woodlands of Ireland	Woodlands of Ireland 2004 initiative.	28,663
Total		237,017
Irish Landmark Trust Limited	Grant 2004	320,600
Discovery Programme Limited	Grant 2004	1,187,000
TOTAL GRANTS PAID IN 2004		6,377,660

AGUISÍN A: BAILL NA GCOISTÍ

An Coiste Seasta Seandálaíochta

Baill den Chomhairle

Con Costello, (Cathaoirleach), Michael McNamara,
Michael MacMahon, Maurice Hurley,

*Ceaptha ag an Aire Comhshaoil,
Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil*
Ted Creedon, Michael Gibbons

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Liam Downey, Margaret Gowen, Brian Lacey

An Coiste Seasta Talmhaíochta

Baill den Chomhairle

Primrose Wilson (Cathaoirleach), Con Costello, Mary
Bryan, Ruth Delany, Mary Moylan

*Ceaptha ag an Aire Comhshaoil,
Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil*
Fionnuala May, Christine Casey, Finola Reid

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Paul Arnold, Loughlin Kealy

Coiste Seasta don bhFiadhúlra

Baill den Chomhairle

Simon Berrow (Cathaoirleach), Nioclás Ó Conchubhair,
Michael MacMahon, Michael McNamara

*Ceaptha ag an Aire Comhshaoil,
Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil*
Seamus Kelly, John Murphy, Des Crofton
(d'éirigh as Meitheamh 2004)

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Rosaleen Dwyer

Coiste Seasta na Uiscebhealaí Intíre

Baill den Chomhairle

Nioclás Ó Conchubhair (Cathaoirleach), Ruth Delany,
Michael McNamara

*Ceaptha ag an Aire Comhshaoil,
Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil*
John Keane, Colin Becker, Daphne Levinge

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Ian Bath

Coiste na Músaem agus na gCartlanna

Baill den Chomhairle

Eamonn McEaney (Cathaoirleach), Con Costello,
Deirdre Ellis-King, Tomás Ó Caoimh, Virginia Teehan

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Colum O'Riordan, Grellan Rourke, Ragnall O'Floinn,
John Coll, Elizabeth Croke, Catherine Marshall

An Coiste Oideachais agus Cumarsáide

Baill den Chomhairle

William Smyth (Cathaoirleach), Nessa Dunlea, Deirdre
Ellis-King, Eamon McEaney, Primrose Wilson, Tomás
Ó Caoimh

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Catherine Gralton, Leo Hallissey, Liam Downey
(Ionadaí Seandálaíochta)

An Coiste Airgeadais/Iniúcháireachta

Baill den Chomhairle

Nessa Dunlea (Cathaoirleach), Tom O'Dwyer,
Virginia Teehan, Michael MacMahon

An Coiste Muirí agus Cósta

Baill den Chomhairle

Simon Berrow (Cathaoirleach), Ruth Delany, Michael
McMahon, Nioclás Ó Conchubhair, Willie Smyth

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Leo Hallissey, Ted Creedon, Cilian Roden, Gillian Mills,
Rick Boelens, Robert Devoy

Grúpa Athbheithnithe Pleanála

Baill den Chomhairle

Ruth Delany, Mary Moylan, Mary Bryan

Ceaptha ag an gComhairle Oidhreacht
Paul Arnold, Michael Gibbons, Seamus Kelly,
Fionnuala May

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Coiste Margaíochta Chomhairle Náisiúnta na nInstitiúidí Cultúrtha

Bord an Discovery Programme

Cathaoirleach Bhord Náisiúnta EAA Corcaigh 2005

Coiste na dTreoirilínte Pleanála Náisiúnta

Grúpa Oibre um Riaracháin Tógála agus Foirgnimh Stairiúla Cumann Ríoga Ailtirí na hÉireann

Leas-Uachtarán Chumann Eorpach na nGlasrianta

Ball den Ghrúpa Náisiúnta Comhordaithe don Treoir um Chreatlach Uisce (RCORÁ)

Member of Working Group on Public Participation (DEHLG)

D'oibrigh ar Thogra Abhantrach na Sionainne, Togra Abhantrach an Oir-Dheiscirt agus Togra Abhantrach an Iarthair

Comhairle na Tuaithe

Ball de Choiste Comhairleach na mBealach Náisiúnta Marcáilte

Ball de Iontaobhas Bainistíochta Rothe House

Coiste Monatóireachta CPT do Phlean Forbartha Tuaithe 2000-2006

Grúpa Oibre um Atlas de Éin Ghoir na Breataine agus na hÉireann

Comhar- Grúpa Oibre Bithéagsúlachta

Grúpa Oibre Bithéagsúlachta Chomhairle Comhairleach Comhshaoil na hEorpa

Ardán Náisiúnta do Thaighde Bithéagsúlachta

Coiste Stiúrtha Athghabháil Isteach an Iolair Fhíréan

Coiste Stiúrtha Suirbhéireachta na nÉan Taobhtíre

Tionscnamh Deimhnithe Foraoiseachta na hÉireann

Grúpa Stiúrtha Ballaí Bhaile Átha Cliath

Grúpa Stiúrtha um Chreatphlean Sráid na Long

Grúpa Stiúrtha Séipéal agus Reilig Naomh Mhuire, Cill Chainnigh

Fóram Inst. Seandálaithe na hÉireann le clár Leantach Proifisiúnachta a fhorbairt (CLP)

Fóram UCD do Sheandálaíocht 2020: Staidéar Réamhfhiosachta do Sheandálaíocht na hÉireann

Grúpa Oibre um Staidéar ar Athruithe Taobhtíre sa Bhoireann, Co. an Chláir

Coiste do Chomhdháil 2005 Chumann Seandálaíochta na hEorpa

Critéir do Shéadchomharthaí Náisiúnta (An Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil)

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