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GARDENS AND PARKS – PLACENAMES – FOLKLORE - TRADITIONAL CRAFTS & SKILLS, - MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES -
LOCAL HISTORY - TRADITIONS.

Welcome to the **Sligo Heritage eZine**, which has been compiled by the Heritage Office of Sligo County Council. The objective of the Heritage eZine is to encourage heritage activity and provide support for heritage initiatives in County Sligo. It is hoped that the monthly Heritage eZine will facilitate greater access to heritage news, events and information across the county.

If you are an organisation, community group or individual with an interest in Sligo's heritage, the Sligo Heritage Office is keen to hear about forthcoming heritage projects, news and events to include in the monthly Sligo Heritage eZine.

To have your event/news listed in the October 2008 **Sligo Heritage eZine** please forward your information, before the end of September, to heritageezine@sligococo.ie for inclusion.

Please forward to anyone you feel may be interested in the **Sligo Heritage eZine**.

If you wish to be removed from this monthly eZine please email to heritageezine@sligococo.ie with 'Remove' in the subject box.

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Sligo Field Club - Lecture
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Nature's Bounty – Exhibition, Trinity College, Dublin
The Moylough Belt Shrine Exhibition
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Architecture – Continuing Professional Development

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Education Assistant – Irish Museums
Education Officer/Curator – Irish Museums
Technical Assistant – Irish Museums

5. Upcoming Events

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Conservation Grants 2009

1. EVENTS

BIRDWATCH IRELAND (SLIGO BRANCH)

THE IRISH WETLAND BIRD SURVEY (I-WeBS)

The Irish Wetland Bird Survey (I-WeBS) is a scheme that monitors wintering waterbirds in Ireland. The survey runs from September to March each winter. Wetlands of all types and sizes are monitored, including estuaries, coastlines, bays, rivers, turloughs, lakes, streams and flooded fields. Each winter, there are over 350 people that take part. These counters go out and count waterbirds at over 800 wetlands throughout the country. The counts are done once-monthly by skilled volunteers, as well as by professional staff of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and BirdWatch Ireland.

Would you like to get involved?

Contact: <http://www.sligobirding.com/> or
<http://www.birdwatchireland.ie/Ourwork/Surveysandprojects/IrishWetlandBirdSurvey/tabid/111/Default.aspx>

For BirdWatch Ireland (Sligo Branch) activities, events and sightings visit www.sligobirding.com

SLIGO FIELD CLUB

SEPTEMBER LECTURE: THE DOWNFALL OF HAGAN: SLIGO RIBBONISM IN 1842

Lecturer: Jennifer Kelly, Dept. of History, NUI Maynooth

Date: Friday, 26th September at 8.15pm

Venue: Sligo Education Centre

For a full list of Sligo Field Club Autumn/Winter activities timetable click link below.

<http://sligofieldclub.ie>

YEATS: THE LIFE AND WORKS OF WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

The exhibition, *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*, which has been described in *The Irish Times* as "one of the most important literary exhibitions yet staged internationally," opened to unanimous acclaim on May 25, 2006. The exhibition continues at the National Library of Ireland, Main Building, Kildare Street, Dublin until January 2009.

Further details at: <http://www.nli.ie/en/udlist/current-exhibitions.aspx>

NATURE'S BOUNTY - BOTANICAL BEAUTIES IN TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY.

4 September to 23 December 2008

The Autumn exhibition from Early Printed Books will explore the delights of gardens and botany. The Library has an exceptionally rich collection of botanical, agricultural and gardening books. This exhibition will explore several aspects of the history and development of Irish gardens and the Irish contribution to international botanical scholarship.

Further details at: <http://www.tcd.ie/Library/heritage/events.php>

THE MOYLOUGH BELT SHRINE EXHIBITION –

MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE, TURLOUGH PARK, CASTLBAR, CO. MAYO

The Moylough Belt Shrine, found in a bog in Sligo in 1945, contains a leather belt that was a relic associated with an unknown early saint. The Moylough Belt Shrine was found in Moylough, Co. Sligo by local man John Toweey when he was cutting turf. The belt consists of four hinged sections made of bronze that contain fragments of a leather belt. The Shrine was decorated with silver, glass and enamel. The Moylough Belt Shrine dates from the eighth century and is one of the greatest treasures of medieval Ireland.

An exhibition of the Moylough Belt Shrine was opened in the Museum of Country Life, Turlough, Castlebar, Co. Mayo on the 26th June, 2008 and was attended by members of the Toweey family together with the County Manager of Sligo County Council, Mr. Hubert Kearns, Cllr. Michael Fleming, Cllr. Seamus Kilgannon, Cllr. Gerry Murray, Siobhán Ryan, Heritage Officer, Sligo County Council and Bartley Gavin, A/DOS Sligo County Council. A number of education activities will take place in Autumn 2008 to complement the exhibition. Activities are free, but booking is required.

For further details contact Bernie Byron. Tel: +353 (94) 903 1773 - email: bbyron@museum.ie or visit: www.museum.ie/en/intro/country-life.aspx

WOOD ENERGY CONFERENCE

DATE: 10 SEPTEMBER 2008

VENUE: WESTPORT WOODS HOTEL, WESTPORT, CO. MAYO

Conference Fee: €60 per person for the full day (this includes all refreshments and lunch on the day together with a proceedings CD after the event and coach transfers etc.) €40 per person for the half day conference or forestry trip.

http://www.teagasc.ie/events/2008/Wood_Energy_2008_programme.pdf

<http://www.teagasc.ie/events/2008/20080813.htm>

LIME WORKSHOP

CASTLECOMER DISCOVERY PARK ESTATE YARD, CASTLECOMER DEMENSE, KILKENNY

12-13TH SEPTEMBER, 2008.

The Councils of the City and County of Kilkenny in conjunction with the Building Limes Forum of Ireland with the support of the Heritage Council and Kilkenny Heritage Forum are holding a two day workshop on the use of lime and associated traditional building skills at Castlecomer Discovery Park, Estate Yard, Castlecomer. The workshop will be held on the 12th and 13th September 2008. For further details contact 056 7794153 or e-mail aine.doyle@kilkennycoco.ie

<http://kilkennycoco.kilkenny.ie/eng/Services/Heritage/>

THE SOCIETY FOR FOLK LIFE STUDIES – ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Muckross House, Killarney, Republic of Ireland 18th – 21st September 2008

Click [HERE](#) to download draft programme and booking form [PDF 92K]

MUC MHARA - IRELAND'S SMALLEST WHALE

SECOND IWDG INTERNATIONAL WHALE CONFERENCE

19-21 SEPTEMBER 2008- FITZPATRICK CASTLE HOTEL, KILLINEY, CO DUBLIN

The Irish Whale and Dolphin Group are pleased to announce their forthcoming conference on Ireland's smallest whale - Muc Mhara or the harbour porpoise. Bookings will be taken from mid-March but you can register your interest in the conference by e-mailing conference@iwdg.ie

THE HUMAN SETTLEMENT HISTORY OF CLARE ISLAND, CO. MAYO, C.4000 BC TO 1900 AD

**Paul Gosling, *Member*, Department of Humanities,
Galway Mayo Institute of Technology**

25 September 2008

Lectures are held at 7.30 in the Helen Roe Lecture Theatre, Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 63 Merrion Square, Dublin 2.

For further information visit: www.rsai.ie/index

EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND

The National Museum of Ireland (NMI) has extensive collections, exhibitions, outreach and Education programmes. It is a resource for people of all ages providing a wide range of opportunities for life long learning and for the discovery and enjoyment of Ireland's rich heritage. For further information on current events and activities check out the following websites:

NMI– Archaeology & History, Kildare Street, Dublin www.museum.ie/archaeology

NMI – Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin www.museum.ie/decorative/

NMI – Country Life, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. www.museum.ie/countrylife

2. HERITAGE NEWS

RECORDING SLIGO'S TRADITIONAL CRAFTS & SKILLS

An action of the County Sligo Heritage Plan 2007 – 2011 is the recording of the traditional skills and crafts of County Sligo. This important project is now in under way. For full details please read the PDF link below.

<http://www.sligococo.ie/News/Name,9545,en.html>

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DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARCHAEOLOGY WEBSITE

The National Monuments Service website (www.archaeology.ie) of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has been recently updated with detail from the Archaeological Survey of Ireland records. The descriptions of monuments contained in a number of published archaeological inventories have been uploaded to the website, including those for the Archaeological inventory of County Sligo.

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MUSEUM AWARDS 2008 - 2009

The Heritage Council of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Museums Council are happy to announce the reinstatement of the Museum Awards. Full application forms and detailed information will be available shortly at: www.museumsireland.ie For further information contact: The Heritage Council on + 353 (0) 56 7770777 / martina@heritagecouncil.com
The Northern Ireland Museums Council: +44 (0) 28 90550215 / info@nimc.co.uk

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BAT CONSERVATION IRELAND

Bat Conservation Ireland (BCI) is a Charity dedicated to the conservation of Ireland's bats. It promotes conservation of bats by disseminating educational materials, giving talks and leading bat walks, carrying out nationwide surveys and monitoring of bats, acting as an umbrella group for the local bat groups and providing a central repository for bat records.

Bat Conservation Ireland, Office 8, Unit 8D, Dunshaughlin Business Park, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath.
Tel: 01 8011474 <http://www.batconservationireland.org>

For details of upcoming events visit: <http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/events.php>

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THE BIRD ATLAS 2007-2011

The mapping of Ireland's and Britain's Birds continues. *Bird Atlas 2007-11* is a four-year project to check on the numbers and distributions of the birds of Ireland, as well as those of Britain. It is a joint project of [BirdWatch Ireland](http://www.birdwatchireland.ie), the [British Trust for Ornithology](http://www.britishtrust.org) and the [Scottish Ornithologists' Club](http://www.scottishornithologistsclub.com), and the aim is to survey over 250 species of bird. The results will set the agenda for bird conservation over the next two decades. For further information about getting involved visit www.birdwatchireland.ie/News/BirdAtlas200711nowunderway/tabid/479/Default.aspx

Please, don't keep the birds you see to yourself – let us know about them. Simply log on to www.birdatlas.net and follow the instructions. *Every record counts – even yours!*

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Services/Heritage/>

NATURE SURVEYS

Make sure the nature you see doesn't go unnoticed! Take part in one of the many nature surveys happening around Ireland. Click [here](#).

NATIONAL BUTTERFLY MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR IRELAND

The National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) is co-ordinating a National Butterfly Monitoring Programme for Ireland. These animals are useful indicators of changes in our environment and biodiversity and, also, indicators of climate change. There is a severe lack of long-term data on Ireland's biodiversity and this programme will fill some of this gap, providing important information on the state of Ireland's butterflies.

There are 32 species in Ireland and they are relatively easy to identify. Monitoring butterflies by the transect method involves a fixed-route walk (45-60 minutes) with recordings being taken on a weekly basis during the summer. It is essential that the walk is a fixed route, as this enables direct comparisons and trends of butterfly occurrences on a year to year basis.

If you are interested in setting up a transect in your area, please contact Stefanie Fleischer at sfleischer@biodiversityireland.ie or Eugenie Regan at eregan@biodiversityireland.ie for more information. www.biodiversityireland.ie

NATURE'S WEB NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2008

Read the latest **Nature's Web Newsletter**, an exciting newsletter for children, on the web. www.naturesweb.ie

NPWS - BALLINAFAD EDUCATION CENTRE, COUNTY SLIGO

For details of upcoming activities in the Sligo area visit:
<http://www.npws.ie/en/EducationCentres/BallinafadEducationCentre/>

IRELAND'S HISTORIC CHURCHES AND GRAVEYARDS

INFORMATION POSTER

A new Information poster has been published by the Heritage Council on Ireland's Historic Churches and Graveyards and is available from the Heritage Council. It is also downloadable from the Heritage Council website

> > Further information

DEVELOPMENT OF SECOND NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2008-2012

Information on the progress of the National Biodiversity Plan 2008 -2012 is now available on the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Website. at <http://www.environ.ie/en/Heritage/NationalParksandWildlife/Biodiversity/>

<http://www.sligococo.ie/Services/Heritage/>

ALL IRELAND INVASIVE SPECIES INITIATIVE

BEST PRACTICE MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE IS NOW AVAILABLE

Guidance documents can be downloaded from the Invasive Species Ireland website. It covers guidelines in respect of :

- japanese knotweed
- rhodoendron and cherry laurel
- giant hogweed
- himalayan balsam

> > Further information

3. TRAINING

HEMP PLASTER COURSE

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2008 - Rusheens, Kenmare, Co.Kerry, 9.00 am To 4.30 pm.

Hempbuilding is proud to announce the latest hemp plastering course with Steve Allin, Hemp Building expert. The course will include a presentation on the uses of hemp-lime in the Hemp construction system and the chance to get hands on experience with tuition on the mixing application and finishing of hemp plaster.

Course cost €90, including Lunch (12.30 -1.30) and coffee/tea

To book send email to ; hempbuilding@eircom.net

CONSERVATION ACCREDITATION

As part of its ongoing support for raising standards in Irish conservation (objects based) the Heritage Council actively supports accreditation of conservators. To that end it is anxious to provide financial support for those, on its panel of conservators, actively seeking accreditation and needing support for the process. For further information please contact: hmaguire@heritagecouncil.com

CONSERVATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of its ongoing support for Irish Conservation (objects based) the Heritage Council is anxious to provide CPD bursaries for all practicing conservators (members of IPCRA) to attend CPD and related courses at West Dean College, West Sussex. Details of courses are available at: www.westdean.org.uk

Course at other institutions, of good standing, may also be considered. For information on the financial support available please contact: hmaguire@heritagecouncil.com.

ARCHITECTURE - CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Courses are now available with Dublin Civic Trust including

Historic Decorative Plasterwork

Date: Wednesday 15th October 2008

Venue:Dublin Civic Trust, 4 Castle Street

Dublin 2

Course Leader: Richard Ireland

Cost: €185.00 - One Day Seminar

For information on other available courses visit: <http://www.dublincivictrust.ie/newsletter.php>

4. JOBS & TENDERS

ASSISTANT HERITAGE OFFICER - DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL

Dublin City Council invites applications, from suitably qualified persons who wish to be considered for inclusion on a panel from which vacancies for Assistant Heritage Officer may be filled. For qualifications/experience required, job specification and standard job application form, please refer to the attachments below. Alternatively, email human.resources@dublincity.ie or contact Human Resources Department, Block 4, Floor 4, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8. Tel: (01) 2223041 / 2223042.

Completed application forms should be lodged not later than **5.00 p.m.** on **Thursday 25th September 2008**.

www.dublincity.ie/Careers/CurrentVacancies/Pages/AssistantHeritageOfficer.aspx Applications will only be accepted on the official form

TRADITIONAL BUILDINGS OFFICER/OIFIGEACH TÓGÁLA TRADISIÚNTA - DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates for the Post of Traditional Buildings Officer / Oifigeach Tógála Traidisiúnta working with the built heritage of the islands. The post is offered on a two year temporary/full time contract working between Lifford HQ and Glenties Electoral Area. *Candidates should have a working knowledge of the Irish language and may be required to undergo a competency exam in oral Irish as part of the Interview Process. Candidates should indicate their willingness to undergo the competency test in their application.*

This post is joint funded by Udaras na Gaeltachta and Donegal County Council.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

[Click here for Job Description for Traditional Buildings Officer](#) or www.donegalcoco.ie/council/recruitment/vacancytradbuildingsofficer

VACANCY FOR EDUCATION ASSISTANT / TOUR GUIDE National Museum of Ireland - Natural History, Merrion Street, Dublin

Details: 5-year contract. Further information: www.museum.ie

Applications: Written applications with a CV and 3 referees to Ms Mary Dowling, Human Resources Manager, National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7 or recruitment@museum.ie

Closing Date: 5 pm on Friday 12 September 2008

Full Details of this News Item: www.irishmuseums.org/museumnews.html

VACANCY FOR EDUCATION OFFICER / CURATOR Dublinia, St Michael' Hill, Christ Church, Dublin 8

Details: Degree in Archaeology required.

Applications: Written applications to The Executive Director, Dublinia - The Medieval Trust, St Michael' Hill, Christ Church, Dublin 8 or Director@Dublinia.ie

Closing Date: 5 pm on Wednesday 10 September 2008

Full Details of this News Item: www.irishmuseums.org/museumnews.html

VACANCY FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

National Museum of Ireland - Natural History, Merrion Street, Dublin

Details: 5-year contract. Further information: www.museum.ie

Applications: Written applications with a CV and 3 referees to Ms Mary Dowling, Human Resources Manager, National Museum of Ireland, Collins Barracks, Benburb Street, Dublin 7 or recruitment@museum.ie

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NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICES - NATURAL SCIENTIST PANEL

The National Parks & Wildlife Service regularly requires the service on contract of scientists, in a wide range of disciplines relating to the conservation and protection of Ireland's flora and fauna and their habitats. Accordingly, NPWS maintains a panel of suitably qualified scientists.

For further information see <http://www.npws.ie/en/WorkwithNPWS/NaturalScientistPanel/>

5. UPCOMING EVENTS

TREE DAY 2008 - Lá na gCrann 2008

Thursday, 9 October 2008 - Déaraoin, 9 Deireadh Fómhair 2008

"YEAR OF THE ALDER" - "BLIAIN NA FEARNÓIGE"

For more information visit: http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree_council_programmes.htm

For Tree Day resources visit: http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree_council_downloads.htm

INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

The Irish section of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (I.E.E.M.) will hold its annual conference on *Monday, 13th October 2008 at the Marine Institute, Co. Galway.*

The theme of this year's conference is "Coastal and Marine Environment: Biodiversity, Management and Protection". This will focus on coastal and marine biodiversity around Ireland, and associated management and protection issues.

For further information log onto www.ieem.net. We would be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of those who might be interested in attending.

CONFERENCE -

PLACES OF WORSHIP - *Planning & Heritage.*

Friday 3rd October, Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Co. Cork

Further details from www.corkcoco.ie/heritage/

WORKSHOP

TOURISM AND THE ENVIRONMENT - CLIMATE CHANGE, FUTURE TRENDS WORKSHOP.

1st October 2008 in Clontarf Castle Hotel, Clontarf, Dublin 3

A one day workshop '**Tourism and the Environment - Climate Change, Future Trends**' will be held on **Wednesday, 1st October** at Clontarf Castle Hotel.

Speakers at this event include Dr Paul Epstein, Harvard University and Dr Rowan Fealy, NUI Maynooth, who will address the issue of climate change in the context of international and domestic tourism. The workshop is part of The International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators 2008 Annual Conference.

The deadline for receipt of registrations is Monday, 15th September 2008. Payment (by cheque, made payable to the 'International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators') must be received by Friday, 19th September 2008.

For more information on ISTTE and attending the full conference, please visit the conference website www.istte2008.org and the ISTTE website www.istte.org

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE:
ACROSS THE NARROW SEA: PLANTATIONS IN ULSTER**

VENUE: Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan Town.
DATE: November 7th and 8th, 2008.

This Conference is being organised by the Ulster Local History Trust.
Monaghan County Council, as part of the County Monaghan Heritage Plan

You can register your interest by email to aidanwalsh50@eircom.net.

Telephone: +353 (0) 44 96 62912. A booking form will be forwarded in early September.

**GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE
CONNECTING NATURE, PEOPLE & PLACES**

The conference takes place on 4th and 5th November 2008 in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin.
For further details email: patrick.lonergan@fingalcoco.ie

HOME & DRY - CONFERENCE:
PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS
“Quality Street” Mending Terraces.
Belfast, 28th November, 2008.
For further details visit: <http://www.homeanddry.info/>

6. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANTS PROGRAMME 2009 **€2.5M ALLOCATED FOR SEVEN GRANT SCHEMES FOR 2009**

The Heritage Council is seeking applications for funding a wide range of projects to protect and enhance our national heritage.

> > Further information

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CONSERVATION GRANTS **INTERNSHIPS, ACCREDITATION, CONSERVATION BURSARIES, TRAVEL GRANTS**

As part of its commitment to supporting object based conservation in Ireland, the Heritage Council supports a number of projects and grants awards schemes.

> > Further information

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