

County Roscommon Folklore & Oral History Network



The establishment of County Roscommon Folklore and Oral History Network stems from Action 2.3.8 of the County Roscommon Heritage Plan 2004-2008 'Facilitate the collection and dissemination of folklore and oral history in the county through a co-ordinated network of collectors countywide'.

The objectives of the Co. Roscommon Folklore & Oral History Network are:

1. Identify standards of excellence in the collection and dissemination of folklore and oral history and encourage the achievement of these standards.
2. Develop a sustainable countywide coordinated network of folklore & oral history collectors.

Co. Roscommon Folklore & Oral History Network was established in October 2005. 29 recordings and transcripts of interviews carried out so far are now available to the public on a server in the County Library in Roscommon. These can be accessed on the computers there and listened to using headphones. As you listen to the interview, you are shown on screen a photo of the interviewee and you can scroll down through the transcript of the interview to the parts of it that interest you most. You can search the transcript for key words and use the index to search for specific topics.

Collectors from Castlerea, Ballintubber, Elphin, Lanesborough, Strokestown, Rooskey, Tulsk, Athlone, Boyle, and South Roscommon (Clonown and Moore) participated, giving a broad county-wide spread of participants.

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We hope to add new recordings to the collection and have them available after Heritage Week 2007 (late August).