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**HERITAGE
RESEARCH GROUP**

An Grúpa Taighde Oidhreachta



Exploring Pasts



Comprehending Presents



Securing Futures

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WHO WE ARE

We are a multi-campus research group of lecturers and postgraduate students, based in Atlantic Technological University, Ireland. We have wide-ranging expertise in the principal forms of cultural heritage – intangible, tangible, natural, and digital.

OUR VISION

We aim to be the ideal partner on heritage research collaborations and training networks that impact positively on the human and natural worlds, from the local to the global.

OUR VALUES AND MISSION

By cherishing the world's heritages and fostering respect for cultural diversity and memory traditions, we are committed to:

- **exploring pasts** and safeguarding their place in inclusive, innovative, reflective, and secure societies;
- **comprehending presents** by stimulating public debate and tackling key societal challenges – cultural, economic, environmental, political, and social;
- **securing futures** by supporting sustainable heritage tourism and regional development goals, encouraging peace and reconciliation in post-conflict societies, and promoting heritage as an enabler of public resilience in climate action.

WHO WE WORK WITH

We work with citizens, communities, government departments, heritage businesses and organisations, local authorities, museums, universities, and visitor attractions.

WHAT WE DO

We conduct research that generates new knowledge and enriches our appreciation of heritage. We also specialise in applied research to support communities, enterprise, and industry – focusing on the practical use of the past in the contemporary cultural heritage, historic environment, and tourism industries.

We safeguard heritage, keep it alive, and make it accessible through:

archaeological surveys artworks commemorations
conservation plans creative works digitalisation
environmental impact assessments guide books
heritage trails historical research
lectures, seminars, and workshops map-making
museum exhibitions outreach activities performances
podcasts policy-making publications and theses
public activism and advocacy public history initiatives
short films signage

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

We are committed to cultivating the pipeline of early career researchers, by providing postgraduate education and training opportunities.



Graduates with a minimum of a second class honours in a relevant discipline may apply for entry to the MA or PhD in Heritage Studies. This involves writing a thesis on a specialised topic of study. In addition to partaking in an annual in-house research colloquium, opportunities are available to publish, present, and exhibit research findings – locally, nationally, and internationally.

Most of our graduates have secured employment in either the heritage industry or the higher education sector.



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