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Employment

Director/Heritage Consultant Research and Dig, Kilkenny 2010 onwards

For the past ten years I have provided tourism, heritage and urban regeneration advice to a variety of private and public sector clients. Just recently, I led a team conducting a tourism, heritage and rural development plan for the Múscraí Gaeltacht in Co. Cork. One of my current projects is to run the Heritage Council of Ireland's traditional building skills programme.

Visiting lecturer Technical University Dublin 2020 onwards

Appointed lead lecturer on urban regeneration plan creation module at the School of Spatial Planning.

Project Manager IWTN, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny 2010-2019

The aim of the all-island Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) is to make the walled towns of Ireland better places in which to live, work and visit. During my tenure, I brought the organisation from a place where it had falling membership and morale, to being internationally acknowledged as one of the best small heritage bodies in Europe. Some of my achievements include:

- Working with local authorities and community groups in the 29 member towns to create regeneration and tourism initiatives that best suited them.
- Development of the *Town Kick-Start initiative* in 2017. The concept involves bringing together the public, private and community sectors of a town and getting them to collaborate across the four interlinked strands of tourism, culture, retail and the public realm.
- Driving the development of a series of festivals that in 2016 attracted 47,000 people.
- Organising over 60 training events that have been attended by over 4,000 people.
- Being centrally involved in developing the abandoned medieval town of Rindoon, Co. Roscommon into becoming a destination that now attracts 8,000 people annually.

Excavation Director Monash University, Melbourne 2009-2010

I was an archaeological excavation director in Papua New Guinea, on the largest dig in the country's history. In addition to running my own crew of twelve and being part of the management team, I also for a time took over full supervision of the project. This involved coordinating excavation and surveying work for 40 archaeologists across c.25km², in an area experiencing tribal warfare.

Office Manager/Heritage Consultant TKB Southgate, Dublin 2008-2009

Conservation Consultant TKB Southgate, Cork 2006-2007

For almost two years I acted as one of two heritage professionals on what was then the largest privately funded conservation project in Western Europe (i.e. Dunboy Castle Hotel). Other notable projects I undertook include project managing the conservation work to St Anne's, Shandon (i.e. Shandon bells) and co-authoring the management plan for St Fin Barre's Cathedral.

Heritage Consultant Godden Mackay Logan, Sydney 2007-2008

During my time in Australia I provided strategies and advice for a variety of sites, including an interpretation strategy for the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. The archaeology management plan I co-authored and coordinated for the Rocks Colonial site, permitted the creation of a large hostel and tourist attraction that have been essential to the area's regeneration.

Archaeologist Sheila Lane Archaeologists, Cork 2005, 2004 & 2003

Researcher Cork and Kerry Placename Survey 2003

Archaeologist ACS, Dublin 2002 & 2001

Tutor Geography Department, UCC, Cork 2002-2004

Boards and selected advisory groups

- Rothe House Museum and Gardens – board of directors, 2015-2019
- National Heritage Week – advisory group member, 2012 & 2013

Selected awards and honours

- Irish Planning Awards, 2020 – Project winner in the economic development category
- EU European Committee for the Regions, 2018 - IWTN acknowledged as being one of two best practice Irish examples in the use of culture for urban regeneration
- Best in Heritage, Dubrovnik, 2014 – Project inducted into the excellence club
- EU Award for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Prize, Athens, 2013 – Project was a winner in the education category
- Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology, Canberra, 2009 – Co-winner best historical archaeology heritage report

Qualifications

- MBA (Business Administration) – Smurfit Business School, University College Dublin (ongoing)
- PG Dip (Applied Building Repair and Conservation) – Trinity College Dublin
- MPhil (Geography) – University College Cork
- BA (Honours) Archaeology and Geography – University College Cork

Selected CPD courses

- Heritage interpretation introduction module – University of the Highlands and Islands, Perth
- Walking trail planning and development courses – Sport Ireland, Dublin
- Repairing traditional masonry P1 – Scottish Lime Centre, Charlestown
- Conservation of cast and wrought Ironwork – Cork City Council/Historic Scotland, Cork
- Leadwork basic bossing and welding – Lead Development Association, London
- Roofing cutting and calculating – FÁS, Cork

Professional memberships

- ICOMOS and the Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland

Selected publications

- *The benefits of heritage for Ireland's society and economy*, 2020, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny (forthcoming)
- *Streets ahead! 25 steps to renewing historic towns*, 2019, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny
- *Climate change and historic towns: adapting to change*, 2019, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny
- *Múscraí conservation, management and interpretation plan*, 2018, Cork County Council
- *Ballybrilliant: heritage-led regeneration in Irish towns*, 2018, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny
- *Regenerating Bandon: solving our problems*, co-author, 2017, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny
- *Tourism for towns: developing tourism in your town*, 2017, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny
- *Bored of boards: ideas for interpreting heritage sites*, 2015, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny
- *Rindoon interpretation and visitor management plan*, 2012, The Heritage Council, Kilkenny
- *Socio-economic profile of North Cork*, 2006, Blackwater Development Partnership, Fermoy

Selected lectures and international conferences

- Annual visiting lecturer on heritage interpretation, 2015-2018, Archaeology Department, UCD
- 'Making archaeology matter for those who don't know they care', 2016, Interpret Europe Conference, Mechelen
- 'Working together for urban regeneration', 2016, Walled towns of Wales seminar, Conwy
- 'The role of archaeologists in tourism and urban design', 2015, Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland conference, Armagh City