



## The Digital Repository of Ireland: community building

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## What is the Digital Repository of Ireland?

DRI is an interactive, national trusted digital repository for contemporary and historical, **social** and **cultural data** held by **Irish** institutions



## Vision



- To **link** and **preserve** the rich data held by Irish institutions, providing a central internet access point and multimedia tools.
- To provide an **educational resource** used by the public, students and scholars,
- To provide preservation and **access** services for our stakeholders and partners.
- To act as a focal point for the development of national **guidelines** and **policy** for digital preservation and access.

## Funding/Consortium

- Irish government funded (HEA- PRTL I 5)
- Royal Irish Academy (lead), National University of Ireland Maynooth, National University of Ireland Galway, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin Institute of Technology, National College of Art and Design
- Partners: academic, cultural, social, government
- Sep 2011 – Sep 2015. Initial grant €5.2M
- Funding currently extended out to 2019

## Building the Repository through community engagement

National Engagement  
International Engagement  
Open Source Software  
Partnerships & Training

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## National Engagement

### Consultation: Interviews with content holders



- Qualitative interviews
- 40 content-holding institutions - current approaches to digital data (formats, metadata standards, CMS...)
- Launch of National Report in Oct 2012: [www.dri.ie/publications](http://www.dri.ie/publications)

## Interviewees

An Foras Feasa  
Clare County Library  
Crawford Gallery  
Digital Enterprise Research Institute  
Digital Humanities Observatory  
Discovery Programme  
Dublin City Archives  
Dublin City University  
Economic and Social Affairs Institute  
Health Research Board  
Hunt Museum, Limerick  
Irish Architectural Archive  
Irish Film Institute  
Irish Manuscript Commission  
Irish Museum of Modern Art  
Irish Qualitative Data Archive

Irish Traditional Music Archive  
National Archives of Ireland  
Nat'l Centre for Tech. in Education  
National Folklore Collection  
National Irish Visual Arts Library  
National Gallery of Ireland  
National Library of Ireland  
National Museum of Ireland  
NUI Galway  
NUI Maynooth  
Oral History Network of Ireland  
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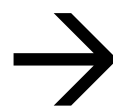
## National Engagement (cont.)

- Qualitative Interviews with content holders ✓
- Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- National Steering Committee on Open Access
- INSIGHT CENTRE (€70 million ICT)
- Demonstrator Projects

## International Engagement: European Networks, E-Infrastructures, Coalitions

- International Advisory Group
- DARIAH (Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities) – Best Practices & Open Access
- Europeana , DECIPHER
- ALLEA (Alliance of All European Academies) E-Humanities Working Group
- European Data Forum (Dublin, April 2013)
- Research Data Alliance (Dublin, March 2014)
- Memberships: Digital Preservation Coalition, FIAT/IFTA, BISA, etc.

## International Engagement



**Guidelines &  
National Policy**

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## Partnerships: Targeted Projects

e.g. Making LOGAINM available as Linked Data

The screenshot displays the LOGAINM Placenames Database of Ireland website. The search bar contains 'termonfeckin' with a checkbox for 'Include street names'. The search results list four entries: 'Tearmann Feichín/Termonfeckin (electoral district) Louth', 'Tearmann Feichín/Termonfeckin (civil parish) Louth', 'Tearmann Feichín/Termonfeckin (townland) Louth', and 'Tearmann Feichín/Termonfeckin (town) Louth'. A map of Ireland is shown with a location marker on the east coast. A pop-up window displays details for 'Tearmann Feichín' (validated name) and 'Termonfeckin' (civil parish, County: Louth). The website header includes navigation links like 'About', 'Ask a question', 'Translate a list', 'Sound archive', 'Glossary', and 'Leagan Gaelige'. The footer shows 'Imagery ©2013 TerraMetrics - Terms of Use'.

## Training

### **Workshops/Seminars:**

- Linked Data, Data Modelling, Visualisation (and all about DH)
- ‘Translation’ workshops by request – e.g. archivists, librarians
- Digital Preservation in a Day
- Open Access to Humanities Data
- Public Events (e.g. Journalist for a Night Curate-a-thon)

### **Partnerships with:**

- Digital Preservation Coalition
- Free Your Metadata – Dec 6 at RIA
- CENDARI (European collaborative research infrastructure)
- Central Statistics Office - curation roadshow (4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013)

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