

## NATIONWIDE ORAL HISTORY MENTORING PROGRAMME

Cuimhneamh an Chláir, is running a **nationwide Oral History Mentoring Programme** in May / June 2024. This is a **free peer-to-peer mentoring programme** available to Community Groups who are interested in collecting oral history (Local History or Heritage Groups, Community or Parish Councils, Arts Groups etc). It is supported by The Heritage Council's *Heritage Organisations Support Fund*.

### HOW TO APPLY

Please send Expressions of Interest to us at [info@clarememories.ie](mailto:info@clarememories.ie) by 30 April.

Just **email us a paragraph or two, telling us about your group** and what your interest is. Ideally you will have an idea for a project that you can start on in May / June.

Ideally we would like 2 of your group to attend the programme (for mutual support while learning).

We will inform selected groups by Thurs 2 May.

Training is **free of charge** and takes place in Ennis on **Fri 10 May, Thurs 6 June, Sat 29 June** (full day 10.30 – 4pm). This is hands-on training with online support between sessions. Last year's participant feedback strongly favoured this mix of in-person and online.

**Recorders and headphones are provided free of charge** for participant groups to keep.

### ABOUT THIS PROGRAMME

Founded in 2009, Cuimhneamh an Chláir ([www.clarememories.ie](http://www.clarememories.ie)) is an independent, voluntary group which digitally records, archives and shares the oral heritage of Co. Clare, through interviews with the county's older citizens. We train and mobilise volunteers who visit people in their own communities to record their stories. Cuimhneamh an Chláir is **the only structured, county-wide, community-based oral history gathering initiative in Ireland**.

We established the Oral History Mentoring Programme in 2023, supporting groups from Dublin to Kerry and from Kildare to Galway. In 2024 the programme runs in May/June.

Some of you will be working from scratch, so we will train you in the basics. Some of you may already have received some training or have bought a recorder, but don't quite know how to get started. That's where **peer-to-peer support** comes in. We understand the gap between receiving training and applying that training.

Cuimhneamh an Chláir will:

- support you to put your learning into action
- provide equipment, **which you can keep**, and resources (recording agreements etc)
- provide peer-to-peer mentoring and feedback while you experiment with recording and editing
- discuss ways of constituting your oral history group and safeguarding your recordings
- support you to prepare and present your work at our Showcase Day on 29 June.



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