

IRISH WALLED TOWNS NETWORK

action plan
2014-2016





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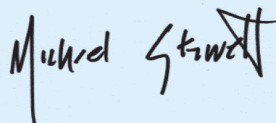


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In keeping with the mission of the Heritage Council, the Irish Walled Towns Network seeks to care for the values of historic towns and to help manage their change. The IWTN's goal of making historic Irish towns great places to live, work and visit, complements the objectives of our own Strategic Plan. The strength of the Network lies in its ability to allow the particular problems of individual towns to be shared and communally resolved with input from its 25 members. This is only made possible by an organisational structure which regularly brings together representatives from the towns with other key stakeholders. In 2014, the quality of this approach was acknowledged by the invitation to speak at The Best in Heritage event in Dubrovnik.

The Heritage Council is delighted to provide sufficient resources to allow a network such as this to exist and as the economic situation improves we see it as a model with potentially wider application in the future. This focused document provides the mechanism through which the goals of both organisations can be accomplished and the Heritage Council looks forward to developing the relationship between the IWTN and the emerging Historic Towns Initiative in the months and years to come.

MICHAEL STARRETT

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Chief Executive of The Heritage Council

The IWTN is now in its tenth year, having started out in 2005. In that relatively short period the Network has progressed well on many fronts, not least in securing national and local funding for its work, producing and implementing Action Plans, producing Conservation Plans for many of the towns involved, carrying out works to the walls and eliciting support at local level for this work and finally, bringing the story of our walled towns to the general public through events and festivals.

There are many challenges facing the Network, not least the cutback of budgets. It is our duty to work within our budgets and to keep on with the good work that has been done to date. Proof of the Network's ability to operate with a small budget was recognised in 2013 when the network was awarded a Europa Nostra Award for the innovative structure and collaborative approach adopted by the Network. We are achieving and meeting our aims by using this approach and it is a tribute to all the towns and people involved that the collaborative approach which is at the heart of our efforts was recognised by this prestigious award. One thing is certain - if each town was left to its own devices, there would be very little chance of making the same progress.

The new Action Plan reflects the challenges that the IWTN faces over the next few years. Besides the ongoing financial issues, the abolition of the town councils takes place this year. This means that the Network will need to forge new relationships with the County Councils to ensure that local involvement continues - this local dimension and collaboration is a vital component of the success to date of the IWTN.

I am confident that the Network will face these challenges of the coming years. I would like to thank the Heritage Council for its ongoing support, all the towns for their commitment and to the members of the committee for their input and hard work.

PAT COLLINS

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Chair of the Irish Walled Towns Network

INTRODUCTION



The Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) was established by the Heritage Council in April 2005. Its purpose was to unite and co-ordinate the efforts of local authorities in the management and conservation of historic walled towns across the island of Ireland. The IWTN currently has 25 member towns, north and south of the border. It is not a top-down organisation. Rather, it exists to help its members. The IWTN's activities are coordinated by a steering committee, made up of representatives from: three of its member towns; the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; the Northern Ireland Environment Agency; and the Heritage Council. This balance is set out in the IWTN's constitution.

The Irish Walled Towns Network is formally linked to European Walled Towns (EWT), the international association for the sustainable development of walled towns, walled cities, and fortified historic towns. The IWTN has a full-time project manager funded by the member towns, with logistical support and funding provided by the Heritage Council.

In 2013 the IWTN was awarded the highest honour for heritage in Europe, the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Award. In 2014, the network was invited to speak

at the prestigious Best in Heritage event in Dubrovnik.

Walled towns and cities are an important national heritage asset. They link communities to their past, while continuing to shape the form of our modern settlements. The remaining walls, or their former sites and routes, help to create a unique sense of place, belonging, and identity. They are also an important focus for tourism, cultural, and economic development. The Irish government's own National Policy on Town Defences states that 'old walls, towers and gates are an asset [and] a valuable part of the character of the towns they have shaped and protected for hundreds of years.' Such assets, however, must be effectively conserved, managed, and promoted.

The IWTN endorses the Piran Declaration, issued by EWT in 2003, which states that:

Walled towns are unique inheritances from times long past and should be treasured, maintained and safeguarded from neglect and destruction and passed on in perpetuity as irreplaceable 'Timestones of History'. (Piran Declaration, 2003)

The IWTN aims to ensure that the walled towns in Ireland are protected, conserved, and managed for the benefit of existing and future generations.

WHY HAVE A PLAN?

The 2014-2016 Action Plan is the third to have been compiled by the IWTN. Action Plans support the network's structure in the effective running of the organisation. They allow us to identify the key issues that threaten the vitality of historic towns, and provide a framework through which the IWTN can help its member towns protect and regenerate their historic spaces and places. The Action Plan format makes it possible to evaluate the IWTN's impact on the management and promotion of walled settlements. It also permits the IWTN to influence wider agendas within Irish heritage, particularly in terms of conservation, interpretation, and sustainable economic development.

VISION

This is the second IWTN Action Plan to take place during a period of austerity. All of the IWTN's member towns are suffering to a greater or lesser extent from business closures, the neglect of historical fabric, and increased town centre vacancy rates. It is proposed that a holistic approach be taken which perceives historical monuments, streetscapes and places as integral to

the socio-economic improvement of the people who live in member towns. This is in keeping with the Heritage Council's own concept of heritage which states that:

Heritage is a vital part of our identity and sense of place. It is an intrinsic part of our everyday life, and an exceptional resource offering employment, recreation, health, learning and enjoyment. There is good economic justification in supporting heritage. Its social value is priceless in terms of community-led projects, pride in the character of our streetscapes and landscapes, and in the need to care for our everyday environment.

Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2012-16

Accordingly, the central objective of this Action Plan is **to help Ireland's walled towns become great places in which to live, work and visit.** No action is to be an outlier. Each is to build upon and support the other. In that way, not only will the effect of the benefits of individual actions be supported, combined, all the actions will work together as a single force.

METHODOLOGY

In keeping with the IWTN's ethos of communal involvement, an open approach was taken to this document's creation. Invitations for submissions

to the then upcoming 2014-2016 Action Plan were issued at the 2013 IWTN AGM, held in the Custom House, Dublin, in March. The themes that would direct the actions were decided by the IWTN's management committee at a meeting in June 2013. Following this, a preliminary first draft was issued for comment to members of the management committee and all IWTN town representatives. In order to encourage participation from ordinary member towns, a consultation session was held in Dublin on October 9th. After the workshop, a second draft was completed. That draft was reviewed by the committee in December. After a further round of editing the finished plan was issued to the printing firm that won the competitive tender to print the document.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FUTURE DIRECTIONS



The creation and implementation of the 2011-2013 Action Plan was of significant benefit to both the member towns and the IWTN. During the period a number of educational and training events were delivered and a range of grant supports for member towns maintained, despite the collapse in the national finances.

Throughout this period of change, the IWTN adapted by creating a model based around training and enabling people. The success of this was shown when the IWTN won the European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Award in 2013. This award is considered the highest honour for heritage in Europe. Other gauges of success include: greater town engagement; the near-full realisation of the 2011-2013 Action Plan; over 450 people attending 21 training events; 118,000 people attending Walled Towns Day between 2011 and 2013, and the saving of sixteen stretches of historic town wall across the island. All this has been done despite the challenging environment.

The success of the 2011-2013 Action Plan was achieved by supporting and empowering the people who live in member towns, principally through education. With partners in Leader, the Building Limes Forum of Ireland and UCC, we created an educational

programme based around the following three mutually supportive strands:

- Conservation
- Planning and town centre economy
- Heritage tourism and community group development

This approach was underpinned by a series of Heritage Council grants which provided for festivals, small events, and town wall conservation projects.

The IWTN training programme is supported by an emerging and innovative research programme. As of 2013, students and lecturers from three third-level colleges are working in and with member towns. Their input provides insight into planning and tourism issues. The participating institutions are: the School of Planning, UCC; the School of Tourism, DIT; and the Department of Geography, NUI Maynooth. It is hoped that this research initiative will provide valuable information into what is needed for each town to become a better place in which to live, work and visit. It is also intended that the town-to-college interaction will develop further, bringing more participants and a greater depth of research. A conference, planned for 2015, will review the best of the

completed work to date.

Ultimately, the training, grant, and research threads are intended to create a wave of knowledgeable decision makers and community members. It is hoped that these people will help to make their walled towns and cities into commercially successful towns that are also great places to be in.

This new Action Plan provides the opportunity to pause, reflect, and chart where we want the organisation to go. Ultimately, the IWTN may choose to join the emerging Historic Towns Initiative, currently composed of Listowel, Westport, and Youghal. While the IWTN's educational programme is yielding results, the need for grant support, both current and capital, has not diminished. Accordingly, the two main objectives leading up to any possible merger will be to ensure that firstly, member towns are appropriately resourced in terms of training and knowledge, and secondly, that they have adequate funding to conduct conservation and regeneration projects.

Three themes have been identified as areas from which all actions should emerge. All three directly tie into the central vision of this Action Plan – to help Ireland's medieval towns become great places in which to live, work, and

visit. The themes are in keeping with the objectives and philosophy of the Heritage Council's Strategic Plan 2012-2016 and the Government Policy on Architecture 2009-2015. The themes are:

- Achieving high quality places
- Meeting the challenge of change
- Creating value for residents, visitors and decision makers

The educational programme is to be continued. Particular focus will be placed on helping towns find innovative ways to use vacant retail sites and under-used spaces. There will also be an emphasis on improving the marketing of walled towns' festivals, and on educating decision makers about how heritage can improve the quality of life of a town's inhabitants. We will do this, as we always have, in partnership with a number of bodies including: the Heritage Council; the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht; the Northern Ireland Environment Agency; relevant local authorities; Leader; third level institutions; Fáilte Ireland; and the Museum Standards Programme for Ireland.

The links with third level institutes will be broadened and deepened. During the life of this plan the IWTN and

its partners will host a conference to feature and reward the best final year degree and postgraduate work in heritage tourism and planning in historic towns. This will provide the IWTN with greater access to current Irish research and will encourage more research over time.

The IWTN is to create a book with the School of Planning in UCC. The book will focus on how to make Ireland's historic towns great places to live and work. Its intended audience will be county managers, chambers of commerce, planners and community groups such as Tidy Towns. The aim is to create an accessible guide on the positive management of heritage in Irish towns.

Since its inception, the IWTN has demonstrated a lean and efficient model of delivering conservation, training, and public engagement projects. However, due to the ever-decreasing level of funding for conservation, the very monuments and urban fabric that people expect in our historic towns are at risk of collapse. In some cases, there has been a loss of intact historic fabric due to a lack of grant support. A key challenge for the IWTN is to diversify its funding base. By working in partnership with the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht, the

Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Fáilte Ireland, European Walled Towns and other bodies, grant applications may be made to the European Union under the structural funds scheme (European Regional Development Fund and also under the emerging European Rural Development Fund). Likely projects can have educational/training and interpretive aspects that will provide a heritage stimulus while ensuring the survival of our historic buildings.

An additional factor for the IWTN to consider is the reform of local government under the government's Putting People First: Action Programme for effective local government (2012) policy proposals, which at the time of writing are starting to reshape local administration. The key issue here is the need to maintain connections between the IWTN and the revised structures in local government.

EVALUATION AND REPORTING

Multi-vacant space
window exhibition along
a street → Pearl WWII?
1916

AN IRISH FESTIVAL
OF
POPUP EXHIBITIONS

POP-UP MUSEUMS
as a method of bridging
the gap between unpublished
archaeological reports and the
public.

Representative from
National Museum
Ireland should attend
/ engage also.

Oral interviews crucial
generation of a certain
in Ireland passing on +
important to capture their
experiences + memories before
too late.

Maybe start with shop windows
(vacant ones of course) + you
can use this as an advert
for progress to a space.
Might actually help get a space if
u. put on a good show.

The progress of the Action Plan will be monitored at each of the management committee meetings. The project manager's report, presented at the IWTN's AGM, will be a key qualitative measure of its implementation. Details of implementation will be made available to the representatives of each member town.

The core objective of this Action Plan is to help Ireland's walled towns become great places in which to live, work, and visit. Plainly, there are a great number of factors outside the control and budget of the IWTN. Nonetheless, as a commitment to effective plan implementation, feedback on the impact of the document will be sought from town representatives and other stakeholders at its mid-term point. At the end of the plan's term a final evaluation will be undertaken. To provide at least some structure to the assessment of individual items, every action has at least one performance target that will be used to measure progress.

ACTIONS



THEME 1: ACHIEVING HIGH QUALITY PLACES

- Action 1: Conservation**
- 1.1** To continue to support the physical conservation of town walls.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: IWTN fund
Evaluation indicators: The continuation of the conservation programme.
- 1.2** To hold training in the maintenance of town walls.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €3,000 per annum
Evaluation indicators: Maintenance courses held.
- 1.3** The remaining Conservation Management Plans are to be completed. Conservation Management Plans more than five years old should be revised, as required. In each member town, a person with responsibility for the implementation of their plan is to be identified as the point of contact. The IWTN will encourage the innovative and incisive interpretation of Ireland's historic towns through training, publications, and grants.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: IWTN fund
Evaluation indicators: The final outstanding conservation plans are to be completed. Two thirds

- of member towns are to have either specific interpretation plans or significant interpretation chapters added to their revised conservation management plans.
- 1.4** To promote and encourage best practice in conservation through conferences and publishing.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €3,000-€5,000 per annum
Evaluation indicators: At least one conference session on best conservation practice for each year of the 2014-2016 Action Plan. At least two articles per year, based on IWTN sponsored conservation work, published in academic or trade journals.
- Action 2: Funding**
- 2.1** To explore European funding opportunities.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: IWTN fund
Evaluation indicator: If deemed appropriate, the IWTN is involved in at least one EU funded project.
- Action 3: Research**
- 3.1** To develop connections between towns and their local third level institutions. This will provide town decision makers with site-specific insight on local planning, community, and economic issues.
Lead: IWTN and individual towns
Budget: €5,000 per annum for

- third level institute expenses. Funds will be spread across the network of member towns. Evaluation indicator: Representatives from each participating town to complete a questionnaire on the usefulness of the research.
- 3.2** To work with third level institutions to create a publication about the positive management of heritage in Ireland's historic towns.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €8,000 for sponsorship of publication
Evaluation indicators: Book published, high proportion of print run sold, widely read by target market.
- 3.3** To create an award scheme to honour the best final year degree and masters student research in areas that may lead to positive development management in historic towns. The award criteria will be decided by the management committee.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €4,000 per annum
Evaluation indicators: Award scheme oversubscribed. New connections made between the IWTN, member towns, and academic institutions. Greater quantity of relevant Irish research conducted.

- 3.4 Each local authority is to create a digital archive of all reports and research concerning town walls in their area.
Lead: Local authorities
Budget: Local authority funds
Evaluation indicators: Archives established and accessible to interested members of the public.

Action 4: Road signage

- 4.1 To discuss with the NRA the installation of road signage on motorways and national routes for walled towns. Create town name signage plan policy and standardised road entrance signs for member towns.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €1,500 for open award to design the sign(s). Production and installation will be paid by individual towns.
Evaluation indicators: Meeting held with NRA. Motorway and national route directional signs erected. Town name signage designed and erected at main entry points to at least half of the member towns.

THEME 2: EMBRACING THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

Action 5: Local committees

- 5.1 To create a mechanism that

connects the organisation to viable local working groups. These groups must contain at least one officer from the relevant local authority areas. To encourage improved connections between neighbouring member towns through the creation of regional meetings. To enhance through training the organisational capacity of the various community groups within the IWTN.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: IWTN fund
Evaluation indicator: Viable local groups created in every member town. Organisational capacity improved.

Action 6: Night-time economy

- 6.1 To encourage the sustainable development of the night-time economy in Ireland's walled towns.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €3,000
Evaluation indicators: Exploratory publication created. Seminar held.

Action 7: Meanwhile use

- 7.1 To encourage the reuse of vacant or underused spaces and places through training and publications.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: IWTN fund and attendance fees
Evaluation indicators: Training

courses held. Questionnaires issued ascertaining usefulness of courses.

Action 8: Historic Towns Initiative

- 8.1 To explore the feasibility of bringing IWTN member towns within the Heritage Towns Initiative. Should member towns enter the Historic Towns Initiative, the distinctiveness of Walled Towns as a group will be maintained.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: Not needed
Evaluation indicators: IWTN member towns are part of a strong umbrella group.

Action 9: International connections

- 9.1 To encourage the twinning of Irish walled towns with appropriate European walled settlements. The IWTN will work more closely with organisations such as European Walled Towns and the Historic Towns Forum.
Lead: IWTN in partnership with local towns
Budget: IWTN fund and local town funding
Evaluation indicator: At least five towns twinned. An IWTN representative is to attend at least one European Walled Towns and Historic Towns Forum event a year.

THEME 3: CREATING VALUE FOR LOCALS AND VISITORS

Action 10: Events and creativity

- 10.1 To enhance, through training, the capability of communities to run heritage and community events. To promote the use of historic spaces and places as locations for events, and encourage collaboration between the heritage and arts sectors through networking.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €3,000-€5,000
Evaluation indicators: Training days held. Networking days held. Questionnaires issued ascertaining usefulness of courses and networking opportunities.

Action 11: Tourist agency collaboration

- 11.1 To establish a twice yearly meeting between IWTN and representatives from Fáilte Ireland, Tourism Ireland, and the Northern Ireland Tourist Board to discuss issues of mutual benefit.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: €1,000 per annum
Evaluation indicators: Meetings held. Issues of mutual benefit addressed.

Action 12: Tourist promotion

- 12.1 To develop and enact a marketing plan for Walled Towns Day. To expand and promote the website: www.irishwalledtownsnetwork.ie. To create standardised publicity material (flyers, pull-up displays, stickers, etc) that can be easily changed for each member town.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: IWTN fund
Evaluation indicators: Plan created and enacted. Walled Towns Day overall attendance figure exceeds 50,000 by 2015. Website promotion strategy created and enacted. Website used weekly by every member town. Standardised publicity material created.
- 12.2 To create a Walled Towns Passport (or similar scheme) in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland. This will encourage foreign and domestic tourists to visit the various towns in the network.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: IWTN, local authority, private sector
Evaluation indicators: Passport scheme created and used widely in at least two-thirds of member towns.

Action 13: Community education

- 13.1 To make the book, Irish Walled Towns, available online. If possible, update its content.
Lead: IWTN
Budget: None needed
Evaluation indicators: The book, Irish Walled Towns, made available online.
- 13.2 To create a children's book and app on life in walled towns. To create an educational poster on life in walled towns. Each member town to create a child-focused activity sheet on walled town heritage. All children's publications and activity sheets to be compatible with the Heritage in Schools programme. The activity sheets are to be linked to the curriculum of both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. All material is to be made available online.
Lead: IWTN in partnership with local towns
Budget: €10,000
Evaluation indicator: Children's book / app and activity sheets created.

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USEFUL PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITES



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