

Graveyard Recording Workshop

Following publication of the guidance booklet on Care, Conservation and Recording of Historic Graveyards in Co. Waterford in 2009, Waterford County Council organised practical workshops on how to record and present information on records from historic graveyards. The first workshop targeted at local history groups, heritage and graveyard committees was run in June and delivered by Caimin O'Brien Archaeologist with the National Monuments Service and author of the guidance booklet. Over 20 people attended from all parts of the county. The workshop consisted of a half day seminar indoors and a practical site visit to St. Augustine's in Dungarvan. Attendees were advised on the practicalities of recording headstones and how to disseminate this information using IT. Copies of the Guidance booklet were given to all attendees.

In order to promote interest in young people in their local history, Transition Year students were invited to participate in a Graveyard Recording Project. Two schools took part- St. Declan's Community College, Kilmacthomas and Mean Scoil St. Nicolás, An Rinn and 1 day workshops were held in each School in September. The workshops formed the basis of a TY project in each school which aimed to explore their local historic graveyard under a number of subject areas including Art History, construction studies and IT. Approximately 45 students and 6 teachers attended the workshops between the 2 schools.



Graveyard Recording Workshop with Ard Scoil St. Nicolás TY students, An Rinn