

LELP NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership (LELP) Newsletter. We will be keeping you informed and up to date with all the exciting developments, events and new opportunities of the programme.

The Lough Erne Landscape Partnership has been established to protect, promote and enhance the heritage of the unique Lough Erne Landscape. This will be done through the LELP team who were successful in being awarded a grant of over £2.6m from the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver a wide range of local projects.

Through the delivery of 23 projects we will:

- **Improve Access** – Increase public access to our natural and built heritage through the development of infrastructure such as paths, trails and jetties.
- **Protect Habitats and Species** – Protect our animals, plants and habitats.
- **Engage Communities** – Participation in built and natural heritage and recreational activities through skills training, education, research, citizen science and volunteer development.
- **Share our Stories** – Participating in and recording and archiving stories on history, built heritage archaeology, folklore and folk life.
- **Creative Spaces** – Developing and supporting cultural activities that celebrate the special nature of the landscape area.
- **Coordinate management of the landscape** – Working together to coordinate efforts to ensure the future heritage of the LELP area.

THE LELP TEAM



(L to R): **Hazel Long**, Finance & Administration Project Officer, **Elmarie Swanepoel** Programme Manager, **Heather Gott** Community Connections and Volunteer Manager

MEET THE LELP TEAM

A message from the team

We are delighted to be involved in the delivery of the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership. We are looking forward to work closely with our project partners and the wider community in Fermanagh to deliver an exciting and diverse programme to conserve, protect and share the unique heritage of this beautiful region. Please feel free to get in touch, we look forward to working closely with you in the future.

Elmarie Swanepoel

LELP Programme Manager

Elmarie has recently moved to Fermanagh and joined the LELP team in September 2018 as the new Programme Manager. She started her career in the hospitality industry in South Africa and since moving to the UK has spent the last 13 years delivering various roles in the NHS. Her last roles at Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust included Head of Sustainable Development & Strategic Projects and for the last 12 months working as site director overseeing the delivery of non-clinical (estates & facilities management) services.

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Heather Gott

*Community Connections and
Volunteer Manager*

Heather is the most recent member of the team having joined the partnership in October 2018. Originally from Fermanagh, Heather started her career as a surveyor, where she gained a great interest in built heritage. Working within her local community, heather gained a great passion for community development and continued her career in the community and voluntary sector working with local charities. Heather has a lot of experience of community engagement and volunteer management to bring to this role.

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Hazel Long

*Finance & Administration
Project Officer*

Hazel has been a member of the LELP team from March 2017, and part of the team whom successfully secured the funding necessary to deliver the programme. Hazel has vast experience of community development and project management, having worked on several community and economic funded programmes throughout her career. Hazel is thrilled to be part of the LELP delivery phase and is looking forward to assisting with the implementation of the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership.

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PROJECT UPDATE

Over the next few months we will be keeping you up to date with the projects that we are delivering and the latest news of what we have been doing in the area. In order to give you an idea of the work that will be taking place over the next few years we have provided a brief summary of each of the projects on the next couple of pages.

Spiritual Trail & Great Island Monasteries

Project Partner: Waterways Ireland

The Spiritual Trail will uncover and promote an unique and vast spiritual heritage located throughout Lough Erne with the aim of creating awareness, understanding, public access and digital visitor experiences. For the visitor, the prospect of experiencing an ancient Spiritual Trail along the inland waterways throughout the island of Ireland makes it a truly unique heritage offering in Europe, with Heritage Lottery Funding central to realising this vision for Lough Erne.

This LELP project has further led to the initiation of a larger 350 km spiritual trail heritage programme by Waterways Ireland and 13 county representatives under the Leader Cooperation programme.

Paddling on the Lough

Project Partner: Erne Paddlers

This project will increase access to the waters of Lough Erne for people of all abilities and ages. This will be done through the purchase of equipment and hosting recreation and training events on the Lough.



Share Village Bird Hide, Trail & Schools

Project Partner: Share Discovery Village

The aim of this project is to create greater access to the lough shore with the development of a 3km accessible lough shore trail and the addition of a bird hide on the path.

Accessing the Natural Heritage of Upper Lough Erne (Crom Estate)

Project Partner: National Trust

Crom Estate is home to a wide variety of species and habitats and rich in cultural heritage. For this project this legacy will be built upon by reinstating 18th century historical walking grounds by opening 10.5km of paths to increase access for the public.



Lisnarick Walkway to our Lough

Project Partner: Lisnarick Community Development Association

Lisnarick is a small rural village close to the shores of Lower Lough Erne, this project will develop a path from the village connecting to Castle Archdale Forest Park and provide access to the Lough.

Devenish Community Footpath

Project Partner: Devenish Partnership Forum

This project will develop a 1.5km pathway along the River Erne and the Back Lough to connect existing pathways highlighting along the route places of historical interest.

Aliens on the Lough

Project Partner: Fermanagh Omagh District Council

The project will identify areas where land management is necessary in order to eradicate alien species on the Lough.

Lough Erne Wildfowling Farmers for Biodiversity Project

Partner: Lough Erne Wildfowling Council

This project aims to enhance awareness amongst landowners about the positive roles the Lough Erne Wildfowling Council can play in conserving wading species and their habitats.

Lough Erne Amazing Pollinator

Project Partners: LELP lead with Fermanagh Beekeepers and Butterfly Conservation

Working with local organisations we will conduct a research project on the habitats of pollinators in the area. The research will identify pollinator 'hunger zones' and this project will then work with the local community and organisations to replant these areas and therefore increase the pollinator population.

Heritage Champions

Project Partner: Global Geo Park

The project aims to create a network of heritage champions across the Geo park. The heritage champion will be provided with training on becoming a guide creating their own script with a personalised perspective, helping to bring the area alive.

Access Inniskillings

Project Partner: Access Inniskillings

Access Inniskillings is a digital archiving project promoted by the Inniskillings Museum which aims to preserve many of the museum's historical documents from its paper and photographic archives prior to 1900.

Island Habitat Restoration

Project Partners: RSPB

This breeding wader project will improve habitats for breeding curlew in particular as well as lapwing, redshank and snipe. This project will build upon current RSPB work that has been very successful by carrying out in other locations across the Lough.

Keepers of Tradition (Mummers) ↓

Project Partner: The Mummers Foundation

This project aims to revive the tradition of mumming within the younger generation in the Lower and Upper Lough Erne communities through a schools education and community activity programme.



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LELP Heritage Skills and Training

The heritage skills training programme will offer volunteers, participants and partner organisations, training to develop existing skills or learn new skills in traditional craft and building skills.

LELP Volunteer Network

The aim of this project is to develop a range of activities for local volunteers to get involved and contribute to LELP's heritage legacy. Working with the local community LELP will develop a diverse network of volunteers to engage in events and projects in the region.

LELP Young Amateur Naturalists

LELP will develop a citizen science forum bringing together local education authorities and community organisations to deliver a structured science activity programme for 11-14-year olds.

LELP Community Engagement Fund

This fund will be available in 2019 to support projects that will enhance and conserve the built and natural heritage of the Lough Erne region.

LELP Mapping the Built Heritage of the Islands

This project will map the remaining built heritage of the islands in Lough Erne to become part of an interactive map of the Lough Erne region.

LELP Study of Vernacular Buildings

The CAF report identified that there are over 40 vernacular buildings in the region which currently do not have accurate and detailed surveys. This project will address the lack of data by conducting surveys and research of these buildings and documenting it digitally.

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LELP Memory Map of Lough Erne

There is a consensus that recording local oral history should be prioritised before it is lost forever. This project will record stories of life on the lough in the recent past which will be available digitally through the LELP interactive map.

LELP Maguire Landscape

This project will investigate the medieval Maguire landscape to further develop the story of the Maguire's at the centre of their Fermanagh lordship in the Lisnaskea area.

LELP Enniskillen the Development of our County Town

This project will focus on the development of the town through the centuries with a mapping of the townscape from its earliest years to what it has become today.

GET INVOLVED

Throughout this programme we will have lots of opportunities for you to become involved in the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership. If you would like to subscribe to be kept up to date of new opportunities and developments please contact Heather by emailing heather.gott@rspb.org.uk or use the registration form on our [website www.lelp.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.lelp.org.uk/contact-us).

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

This programme would not be possible without the support of our partners.

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RSPB NI

Fermanagh & Omagh District Council

Fermanagh Rural Community Network

National Trust

Upper Lough Erne Region

Waterways Ireland

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