

## INTRODUCTION TO ORAL HISTORY

### SAT 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 ASHLEAM SCHOOL ACHILL ISLAND

09.30	Arrival and refreshments.
10.00	Welcome and introductions.  Exercise 1: Find a partner to introduce back to group.
10.30	The power of oral history to reveal a sense of place.
11.00	About Achill Oral Histories: Progress to date  Exercise 2: How can we work together using oral history to reveal more of Achill's sense of place?
11.15	Set your own learning objectives.  Exercise 3: What three things would you like to gain for the workshop (i) today (ii) and longer term?
11.30	Tea/coffee.
11.45	Defining oral history.  Exercise 4: Write down your own definition of oral history.  How can we ensure we are recording diverse voices to recount the stories of the Achill people past and present?
12.15	How oral history may be used.  Exercise 5: In what other ways do you envisage the oral histories of Achill Island being used?
12.30	Ethics and integrity.
13.00	Leave for lunch at Alice's (booked for 13.30).
14.45	Conducting an oral history interview: golden rules, listening skills; equipment preparation, after the interview.  Exercise 6: Practise doing an oral history interview in groups of three.
15.30	Working with the community: developing a vision and strategy.
16.00	Close and evaluation.