







### Knowledge Exchange Seminar Series (KESS)

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# Prisons Memory Archive

The Role of Oral History in Societies Emerging from Political Conflict:

A case study.

#### Oral History recommendations –

- 'We Will Remember Them', Report of the NI Victims' Commissioner, Sir K. Bloomfield Report (1998)
- Report of the Consultative Group on the Past (Eames-Bradley) (2009)
- Hass-O'Sullivan recommendations (2014)









- Up to 50 community, or academic initiatives
- Accounts of the Conflict (Ulster University)
- Healing Through Remembering Storytelling Network
- Prisons Memory Archive prison story one of many.









- 2006 Armagh Gaol 2 weeks
- 2007 Maze and Long Kesh Prison 3 weeks
- Prisons as framing devices for themes and location.

- 175 walk and talk for an archive
- 300 hours of audio visual material
- Briefing and de-briefing









- Protocols:
- Co-ownership
- 'shared authority' (Papadopolous)
- risks and rewards
- Inclusivity
- Prison officers, tutors, chaplains, visitors, prisoners.
- Life storytelling
- Co-authorship









- John Hetherington, Prison Officer.
- 3 hours
- Tour of the prison
- Memories at times 'emotional'
- Courage and honesty
- http://prisonsmemoryarchive.com/place/page/5/









- Funding and iterations:
- Heritage Lottery Fund (recordings)
- Community Relations Council www.prisonsmemoryarchive.com
- DEL PhD scholarships installations and films;
- We Were There and Armagh Stories.









- Screenings and reception:
- Armagh Local History Library
- Cross community women's group
- Ex-service personnel









- Governance:
- Management Group co-ownership
- Public Records Office NI
- Partnership PMA, QUB, PRONI
- HLF funding
- 3 year programme of Preservation,
- Accessibility and Engagement.









#### Recommendations:

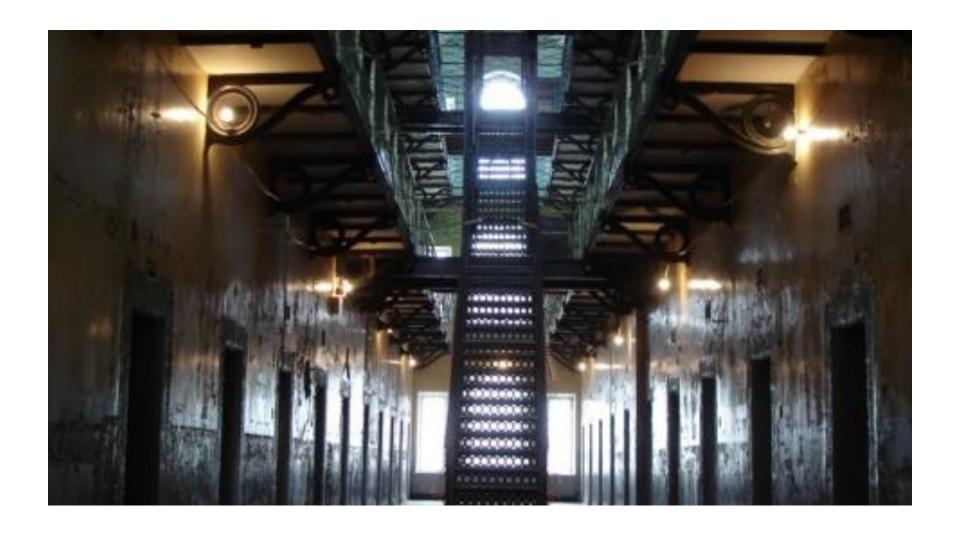
- 1. Co-ownership
- 2. Inclusivity
- 3. Life-storytelling
- 3. Preservation
- 4. Accessibility
- 5. Engagement
- 6. Governance





































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