



Wexford County Council Public Library Service

Wexford Oral History Programme



Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Wexford Oral History Programme?

The memories of Wexford people are collected through interview and recorded on audio tape. The interviews will be archived electronically onto a computer server in Wexford Public Libraries.

2. Who is being interviewed?

Everyone with a story to tell is welcome to play a part. Within that, we are focusing first on

- Older people
- Witnesses and practitioners of aspects of Wexford life which are disappearing or under threat e.g. trades & crafts
- Witnesses for areas of County Wexford that are undergoing rapid change
- Retired public representatives / community activists

3. Who will do the interview?

Alan McGuire

4. What questions will be asked?

That's up to the person being interviewed. The interview is voluntary. The person being interviewed decides what they would like to talk about. The library is interested in collecting information about their experience of growing up, school, holidays, what their home-place was like, special days, good times or bad, changes they have noticed, work past-times, local stories.

5. Is there a fee?

No. This is a celebration. It is a partnership to record, protect and make an important part of local heritage available to the community.

6. Who will own the record of the interview?

The public library service. The public library service will hold the interview in trust for future generations of Wexford people. Each participant must

sign a release form so that copies of the interview can be made, now and in the future.

7. Does the person being interviewed get a copy of the interview?

Yes. Each person interviewed will receive a copy for their personal use and to pass on to their family.

8. What will the library service do with the interview?

Each interview is an important part of local history. The first thing the library will do is protect it. The tape will be transferred onto a computer server, where it will be archived. As a further protection, a copy will be offered to the National Library of Ireland, to form part of the collection there. In case the technology fails, the conversation will be typed up and held on paper.

Copies of the interview will be re-produced on CD. Some copies will be held for researchers within the Wexford Reference Collection of the library service. Other copies can be lent through the public library service. We expect the interviews to be very popular with local people. Schools, local historians and new people moving into the community will find them very valuable.

9. Anything else?

We would like to take a photo or two – for the CD cover and to illustrate the conversation.