

SPECIALISTS AND TOPICS FOR KILKENNY PILOT VIRTUAL HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME		
Heritage Specialist	Topic	Summary
Úna Halpin	Seed Stories	Video tutorial on how to carry out an outdoor tree and seed investigation with additional teacher information on PowerPoint. Pupils complete tree projects incorporating science, language and art. Live session for showcasing of children's work and questions for Una.
Aengus Kennedy	The wren and the nature they need	This workshop will explore our most common bird in Ireland, the elusive wren and the mini-beasts it eats; where it lives and its nest material. All delivered in a short video. In the virtual live visit children will learn how to draw the wren.
Chris Thompson	Stories in the Landscape	An interactive exploration of old Irish hero stories and local legends for senior classes and for juniors an interactive video hunt for garden and woodland animals with a special separate videostory from Chubbi the (puppet) dragon hunting for a new home.
Michele Castiaux	Biodiversity & maps	Step by step video on how to draw a map of your garden/school grounds and which sites/books/apps can be used to identify biodiversity with follow-up interactive session comparing maps and looking at ways to improve the biodiversity of the site.
Rachel Uí Fhaolain	Traditional Songs for Children	Traditional Songs for Children focusing on telling a story through writing songs in the traditional style while using existing airs & the Irish language and encouraging each child to create their own unique illustrated song book.
Marina Levitina	Music of the plants	An introduction to native Irish wildflowers and trees through storytelling, drawing, and music. The children will meet several plants and trees and will be able to hear trees and flowers "sing" through the Music of the Plants biofeedback device. They will hear stories, learn to draw flowers and trees, and make simple and delicious flower honey.
Aine Brosnan	Time Travel in Your School - Mysterious Monuments	An introduction to archaeology with focus on 'mysterious monuments' that can be found in every neighbourhood and some virtual tours. The live virtual session will include looking at online resources and maps.
Nora White	Ogham and the first writing in Ireland	An introduction to ogham using online resources and interactive 3d models. Interactive session will be around creating ogham-inscribed objects in clay using all that has been learned about ogham and the ogham alphabet.
Kay Synott	The Outdoor Classroom – Planning, designing and setting up a school garden	A narrated Powerpoint presentation guiding schools through the steps of planning, designing and setting up or extending a school garden. Includes practical indoor and outdoor activities, handouts and worksheets. The presentation and activities are followed up by an interactive virtual visit.
Irish Peatland Conservation Council (Nuala Madigan & Paula Farrell)	Wet & Wild Bogs of Ireland	Explore the wet and wild bogs of Ireland through a narrated Powerpoint presentation which includes video clips and practical activity. A follow up live link to the Bog of Allen Nature Centre for students' questions and answer / more interesting facts about bogs.
Dig it Kids (Steve Mandal)	Anglo-Normans in Ireland – Knights and Castles	The sessions will look at the Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland, giving special attention to Kilkenny Castle. These fun and engaging history sessions are tailored to suit younger and older classes, comprising captivating videos (curriculum-relevant learning content), step by step crafts, making a model of Kilkenny Castle or an Anglo-Norman Shield and an original story, bringing Anglo-Norman Ireland to life for all the children.
Karen Webster	Exploring Biodiversity through Art - '2mR'	A video showing how to investigate the variety of plants and animals in a 2m radius on your doorstep and use art to record your discoveries. With a live discussion and art activity to follow.



Free Heritage in Schools Visits for Kilkenny Schools 2020

Expression of Interest Application Form – Please complete in block letters

Name of School.....Roll No.....

Address.....

School Email Address.....

Name of Applicant.....

Position in School.....

Our school wishes to register for the Heritage in Schools virtual programme and give consent for our application to be shared with the Heritage Council.

Signature of School Principal

Date

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