How small grants are making a big difference in Northern Ireland



Bangor Pier

Thanks to National Lottery players, HLF's small grant programmes have helped make a huge different to heritage, people and communities right across Northern Ireland.

Thanks to them we've recently awarded funding to:

Coastal Rowing Heritage NI, awarded £9,700

Three centuries-worth of rich maritime traditions including boat building and off-shore competitive rowing on the Antrim coast will be captured and recorded. Local communities from Carrickfergus to Ballycastle will contribute memories, photographs, stories and artefacts to create an archive that celebrates and preserves this heritage for future generations.

Bringing Victorian Bangor to Life, awarded £8,700

Pupils from Bangor Central Integrated Primary School will learn about the rich Victorian heritage of their town through a series of workshops and guided tours. The project will provide access to archives and create opportunities for the

students to engage with the historic built environment. A learning resource pack will also be developed to share this heritage with others.

Forgotten Gaelic Volunteers, awarded £10,000

This project will investigate the full extent of Ulster GAA members' involvement in the war and uncover the personal stories of the soldiers involved. This previously untold story will be shared through a legacy booklet and outreach events.

Between Two Worlds, awarded £10,000

Primary seven students at Hart Memorial Primary School will explore the life of the Portadown-born Sir Robert Hart (1835-1911), an important British diplomat whose legacy has been largely forgotten. The young people will tour local landmarks associated with him, view the Sir Robert Hart Archive which is held at Queen’s University and produce a documentary film to showcase their findings. The film will have its premiere in Queen's Film Theatre.

How to apply

Our small and medium grants programmes are very much open for business, so if you have an idea for a heritage project we’d love to hear from you. There’s lots of help available to develop your idea, so why not get in touch on: 028 9031 0120 or email: northernireland@hlf.org.uk.

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