## Travelling to Ireland to meet the INCULTUM pilot dedicated to historic graveyards





In March 2023, INCULTUM partners <u>Promoter</u> and <u>Eachtra</u> met to discuss about the work ongoing in the <u>Pilot 9 Historic Graves of Ireland</u>.

This online project capitalized on the phenomenon of Irish diaspora, supporting Irish descents in maintaining or rediscovering their connection with Irish cultural identity and heritage. The project put together a worldwide community of more than 15,000 users, collaborating in generating a nationwide genealogical dataset. The initiative started in 2010, as a **community-focused participatory grassroots heritage project**, where local community groups living in Ireland are trained in low-cost high-tech field survey of historic graveyards and recording of their own oral histories.



In almost a decade, historic graves.com published online more than 800 cemeteries, recording the location of approximatively 100,000 graves and collaboratively transcribing the details of 196,808 people, and counting. Community co-production happens within a freely available online platform, created for the transcription of memorial epitaphs. Training workshops are offered to local communities interested in contributing to surveying and transcribing historic graveyards.

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In the framework of INCULTUM, work is done to **augment the touristic potential of such community heritage ?micro-projects?**, especially by improving communications among communities and also among those communities and the diaspora population to whom they supply heritage data and stories.



This entailed modification of the <b>web platform as well as running a series of local and virtual workshops</b> , to learn from the
participating community groups, fostering the combination of new groups and older more experienced groups in order to spark new
exchanges.

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