

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



In March 2023, INCULTUM partners [Promoter](#) and [Eachtra](#) met to discuss about the work ongoing in the [Pilot 9 Historic Graves of Ireland](#).

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, [historicgraves.com](#) published online more than 800 cemeteries, recording the location of approximately 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 **web platform as well as running a series of local and virtual workshops**, 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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