Recipient name: Dr David Heffernan

Discipline and subject area: Humanities and Social Sciences; History

Amount and year awarded: €2,020 in 2020

Title of project: The social and political world of a British magnate in Ireland: The correspondence and career of Richard Boyle, first earl of Cork, 1634-41

Summary of findings:
The project sought to investigate documentary material pertaining to the first earl of Cork, Richard Boyle, and his social world, specifically in the 1630s. Through the research I have undertaken I have developed an extensive study of the earl's social world, but specifically how his world interacted with that of two of his sons, Lewis and Roger, whom he sent on a Grand Tour of the continent between 1636 and 1639. The project will result in a topic on this subject, the details of it and what it reveals about the social world of a mid-seventeenth century British aristocrat.

Plans for continuing collaboration:
There isn't a collaboration per say involved in the project. However, publications are envisaged from the project, as outlined below.
Published work and publication plans:
There will be a paper which results from this to be entitled
'The Great Miser: Richard Boyle, first earl of Cork, and the Grand Tour of Lewis and Roger Boyle, 1636-9'.
would envisage publishing this in Irish Economic and Social History.

Dissemination and plans for future dissemination:
I presented a version of the research findings at the Tudor and Stuart Ireland X Conference at the Royal
Irish Academy on the 19th of August 2022.

Collaborations and planned collaborations:
None

Outreach and engagement activities:
See above Section C