



## Charlemont grant report

Recipient name:	Dr Dawn Walsh
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Title of project:	Brexit Witness project: Negotiating the Northern Ireland/Ireland dimension of the UK's withdrawal from the EU, 2016-2020

### Summary of findings:

The aim of this stage of our project was for Dr Walsh to work with Professor Hayward and other colleagues to collaboratively conduct a first round of interviews to begin to build the Brexit Witness Archive. We have now done this with 10 interviews conducted. This means we have now start to build the archive. However, we will not move onto to the analysis phase until the reaming interviews are carried out.

### Plans for continuing collaboration:

We have received additional funding from QUB (see below) and plan to carry out 20-30 additional interview in the coming years to ensure the archive provides a broad overview of the relevant negotiations.

### Published work and publication plans:

Once the archive is completed we will move onto the analysis and dissemination stages of the project. This will include a co-authored article by Dr Walsh and Prof Hayward as well as articles by other project members.

### Dissemination and plans for future dissemination:

Once the archive is completed we will move onto the analysis and dissemination stages of the project. This will also need to be done in line with the differing anonymization and embargos agreed with interviewees.

### Collaborations and planned collaborations:

As a result of Prof Hayward's role as Senior Fellow in the UK in a Changing Europe, which is the UK's leading think tank on Brexit, we have collaborated with the UK in a Changing Europe project in relation to carrying out interviews.

### Outreach and engagement activities:

Outreach and engagement activities will be organised once the archive is complete.



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This project aims to create an historical archive of 'witnesses' to the Brexit negotiations as they related to Ireland/Northern Ireland, to be held jointly in UCD and QUB library archives. This will form an accurate, detailed record that will inform present scholarship and future public understanding.

The United Kingdom's decision to leave the European Union (EU) will have a profound impact on the island of Ireland and relations between these islands. The precise nature of that impact is guided in large part by the outcome of three streams of negotiation that followed the 2016 Brexit referendum:

1. UK withdrawal and the Ireland/Northern Ireland Protocol
2. The implementation of the Protocol
3. The future UK-EU relationship

The project has three specific objectives:

1. To create an archive of 'fresh' recollections from the Brexit negotiations that will be academically reliable, publicly-available (after a set period of time), and produced in oral and written form.
2. To produce research that is able to 'join the dots' in terms of what happened (how and why) in the course of negotiations
3. To inform better understanding of the Brexit process for the wider public, for academic scholars and for policy makers

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