



# IRISH HISTORIC TOWNS ATLAS WORKSHOPS

## THURSDAY / 19 MAY 2022 / 9:30–18:00

This year, the Irish Historic Towns Atlas (IHTA) is running a series of workshops that focus on how the Atlas is used — in education by researchers, teachers and students; and in practice by heritage professionals, archaeologists, architects and planners, archivists and librarians. Convened in association with the Historic Towns Trust/British Historic Towns Atlas, the day will culminate with a plenary lecture by Professor David Dickson (Trinity College Dublin).

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The book *Reading the maps: a guide to the Irish Historic Towns Atlas* by H.B. Clarke and Jacinta Prunty was published in 2011 and takes a topographical, comparative, thematic and interdisciplinary approach to learning about town life. A number of chapters are freely available to download as part of IHTA Online. These workshops aim to build on those foundations and, in doing so, to stimulate an exchange of ideas and discover more about how we engage with our urban heritage and history.

The workshops and plenary lecture will be live streamed from the Royal Irish Academy, 19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2, D02 HH58. Though there will be an in-person audience on the day, numbers will be limited.

### PROGRAMME

- 9:30

Registration
- 9:45

Introduction: Sarah Gearty
- 10:00

**SESSION 1: ARCHAEOLOGY**

Chair: Michael Potterton

Using the Atlas: a local authority perspective

**Ciara Brett** (City Archaeologist, Cork City Council)

Reconstructing the past: the value of the Fethard IHTA as a resource

**Daniel Tietzsch-Tyler** (Independent scholar and archaeological illustrator)
- 10:45

Break
- 11:00

**SESSION 2: THIRD-LEVEL TEACHING**

Chair: Keith Lilley

IHTAs in the practice of geography

**Keith Lilley** (Queen’s University Belfast)

The IHTA and the history classroom: teaching urban and cartographic history using the Atlas

**Annaleigh Margey** (Department of Humanities, Dundalk Institute of Technology)

Fostering students’ critical thinking through the IHTA: a case study of early modern Irish history in the university classroom

**Ciaran McCabe** (School of History and Geography, Dublin City University)
- 12:00

Break
- 12:15

**SESSION 3: LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES**

Chair: Brendan Teeling

Using IHTA Dublin topographical information in a microhistory of St James’s gate

**Bernadette Cunningham** (Formerly Deputy Librarian, Royal Irish Academy)

Overcoming inhibitions: promoting the use of the IHTA in Waterford Libraries

**Bláithín Hurley** (Local Studies Department, Waterford Libraries)

- 13:00

Break
- 14:00

**SESSION 4: ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING**

Chair: Miriam Fitzpatrick

Use of the IHTA as guidance to urban design intervention in the modern town

**Derry O’Connell** (Department of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy, UCD)

Aungier Street – understanding the cultural layers

**Nicola Matthews** (Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage)
- 14:45

Break
- 15:00

**SESSION 5: LOCAL HISTORY AND RESEARCH**

Chair: Raymond Gillespie

The Round House, High Street, Limerick

**Brendan O’Malley** (Independent scholar)

Towns, piers and quays

**Elizabeth Shotton** (University College Dublin)
- 15:45

Break
- 16:00

**SESSION 6: DIGITAL MAPPING**

Chair: Rachel Murphy

Mapping migration with IHTA No. 15 Derry~Londonderry

**Brian Lambkin** (Mellon Centre for Migration Studies)

Sites unknown: reconstructing a lost streetscape

**John Elliott** (Independent scholar)
- 16:45

Break
- 17:00

**SESSION 7: PLENARY LECTURE**

Chair: Jonathan Wright

Writing Irish urban history: the sunny uplands and the shadows below

**David Dickson** (Formerly Trinity College Dublin)

Image: Limerick, plate 3, 1693. From George Story, *A true and impartial history*, extract.