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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



Project title: A Path Well-Trodden: Narratives from Ireland's Mass Paths

The project is looking for volunteers, aged over 18 years of age who emigrated (or whose parents or grandparents emigrated) from rural Ireland in the 1960s and are currently living in the New York area.

You are invited to participate in an oral history project to record the living heritage associated with walking Mass paths in Ireland in a relaxed in-conversation event being held in New York City in June 2024.

Known in Irish as *Slí an Aifrin* or *Cosán an Aifrinn*, Mass paths have their routes in Penal

times (1695-1756) when the Catholic faith was proscribed in Ireland, but the majority have their origins in the nineteenth century when church building once again became a feature of Irish life. People would have used these paths to travel to Mass at the local parish church, go to school or even to visit the local shops. There is a lot of living heritage associated with these paths that includes social habits, rituals, traditions, stories, expressions, specialised knowledge and skills that have been recognised and transferred from generation to generation within communities.

Each session would take about an hour of your time and consist of 5 people.

Further information is provided in the participant information sheet.

If you are interested in participating please contact Dr Hilary Bishop by email h.j.bishop@ljmu.ac.uk or through her community website www.findamassrock.com

There is no obligation to take part.

Thank you!

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