

Leeds Irish Sound Archive (LISA)

(New Name from 26th June will be **Yorkshire Irish Hub**, see minutes)

Outcome of meeting held 26th June 2024 at Leeds Irish Centre

Minutes of the meeting held 26th June 2024

Report on actions from previous meeting held on 5th June

1) to hold a Live Irish Cultural event on a Sunday afternoon in September

All Irish known groups/organisations were emailed and individuals interested to ask if they would be involved in a live event of Irish Culture to take place on 22nd September 2024. Representatives at the meeting agreed that this date should be confirmed with the Irish Centre. Action CB

2) Hold an event for students/youth

Finding the right contact has been difficult with the universities across Yorkshire due to their academic year finishing. Further discussion about of Irish activities that could be included on social media sites young people use to be discussed at the next meeting.

3) Communication between meetings

To keep members up-to-date with progress, a **whatsapp** group has been set up and most attendee members now have access.

Meeting discussions

LISA name change to Yorkshire Irish Hub

With the project encompassing Yorkshire covering Irish living activities, a change of name was discussed and it was decided that we should have Yorkshire in the project name title. The outcome is that this group will now be known as the 'Yorkshire Irish Hub'.

Contact with Irish Clubs

A meeting with Halifax Irish Centre /IDL arranged for 6th July and a meeting with some committee members of the Halifax and District Irish Association on July 14th, Christine & Bernard to attend. Bernard to follow up contact by email to Dewsbury, Batley and Huddersfield Clubs/centres, with information about the Irish in Yorkshire research, the Yorkshire Hub and the September 22nd Irish Activity event.

Irish Activity afternoon Sunday 22nd September 2024

Meeting attendees decided the event would be held at Leeds Irish Centre from 1:30 to 4:30 in the Function room. To provide all known Irish email contacts with a possible draft outline of the afternoon timings and activities (see next page).

Outdoor activities can take place during the event, such as the Irish Walking Football game and demonstrations and/or friendly game of playing Gaelic games.

Activities taking place indoors: timings during the afternoon to be discussed at the next meeting once we have received commitment from groups who are able to attend. Draft timings to be drawn up (see next page).

Groups to be asked to provide approx. time required for their group's demonstration/talk.

Action

To ask all groups/organisations to provide information about their group for the internet webpages for the 'Yorkshire Irish Hub' that will hold Irish activity information. This could include group details. age ranges, dates of practice, times, meeting/practice location, anything that will help promote their group. Also, to ask if they know of any other Irish activities taking place in their area for example music sessions, support groups, research into Irish history, historical groups/persons working on local Irish History that could be included in the Yorkshire Hub. To invite a representative of the Irish Consult in Manchester to the 22nd September event.

Date of Next meeting Wednesday 24th July at 7pm at Leeds Irish Centre

Please see next page for Draft outline Timetable of activities of a possible structure for the afternoon of 22nd September.

Irish Activity afternoon Sunday 22nd September 2024

Indoor ideas and suggestions

Tables to be made available (maximum 10) for group/organisation representatives. To display their relevant information content and to meet and talk to people/families about their activity.

Each group to provide their own information leaflets about their activities, including meeting/practice/learning dates, times and location.

Name tags for group helpers representing their activity at a table would be helpful to attendees.

Outline **draft** of possible event timing

Sunday Afternoon 22 nd September 2024						
Times	1:30 - 2:00	2:00 – 2:30	2:30 – 3:00	3:00 - 3:30	3:30 – 4:00	4:00 – 4:30
Session 1	Welcome	Irish Writers Group	Irish dancing	Leeds IHH presentation Incl Gaelic language class	Irish dancing	Ceili dancing Participation by all willing to join in
Session 2	Irish dancing	Irish Choir	GAA history/ training/ locations	Irish dancing	St Patrick's day Parade 2025 details	
Session 3	Irish Choir	Leeds Irish Arts Foundation	Set Dancing	Irish music CCE	Ladies GAA details	
Outside	Walking Football		GAA game/friendly		Walking football	

Note:

Ten minute slots can be reduced to less time or possibly increased

The conductor of the Irish choir is not available on 22nd September, but filming of the choir singing at previous venues could be shown.

Other videos could be shown on the large screen as infills during session breaks

Outside: if the weather is not suitable, details about how to play the games could be presented inside or videos shown