

Possible sources for the all-island history project

A variety of sources are available to assist in researching the period 1912-1922. The sources of information listed below will provide a useful starting point for research.

- Local public libraries: all public libraries across the island of Ireland provide access to a range of secondary sources that support the history curriculum. Each local library has an online catalogue that can be searched for relevant books, including biographies. There are central facilities for checking availability of books (www.borrowbooks.ie in Ireland and www.librariesni.org.uk in Northern Ireland).
- www.scoilnet.ie: this website is funded by the Department of Education and Skills (DES) and provided through the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST). It provides a number of valuable resources to support pupils, teachers and parents in approaching the primary and post primary curriculum.
- www.pdst.ie/sc/history (incorporating the former www.hist.ie): this website is also funded by the DES and provided through the PDST. It is aimed primarily at post primary students and teachers (as well as parents). It provides a number of online resources relevant to the period 1912-1922, as well as a major resource called *Discovering Women in Irish History*.
- <http://dib.cambridge.org>: contains the Dictionary of Irish Biography which is the most comprehensive and authoritative biographical dictionary yet published for Ireland. It contains biographical details of over 10,000 lives, including articles on individuals who had important careers in politics, law, religion, literature, journalism, architecture, the arts, the sciences, and sport. Access to the DIB is free online for schools funded by the Department of Education and Skills.
- www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/military-service-pensions-collection: The many testimonies and accounts of the surviving leaders, veterans and volunteers who took part in the events of the 1916 Rising and afterwards, up to 1923, and supporting documentation gathered from the participants through the unique collection that is the Military Service (1916-23) Pensions Collection.
- <http://letters1916.maynoothuniversity.ie/>: The 'Letters of 1916' project includes letters held at institutions (in Ireland and abroad), alongside those in private collections. To date, we have collected over 1800 letters that comment on the Easter Rising, literature and art, the Great War, politics, business, and ordinary life.
- www.100objects.ie contains on-line resources for primary schools based around selected objects from the 'A history of Ireland in 100 objects'.
- www.nmni.com: The home of the National Museums of Northern Ireland, containing links to the Ulster Museum, the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum and the Ulster American Folk Park, each of which contains large amounts of images, documents and information.
- www.nationalarchives.ie: The website of the National Archives in Dublin provides a number of digitised resources relating to the history of modern Ireland. There is also an online exhibition relating to the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921. The site also allows free access to the 1911 census. It also hosts the witness statements from the *Bureau of Military History* for the period 1912 to 1922.
- www.nli.ie: The website of the National Library of Ireland includes a guide for post primary students on how to use the numerous resources available in the library. There are also online case studies of the 1913 lock out, as well as an online exhibition relating to 1916.
- www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni: The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland offers a range of resources that students may find useful. These include a searchable database of the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant.
- <http://www.cwgc.org/>: the website of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission provides a number of resources on the events of WW1 and a searchable database of soldiers who died while fighting in the British Army.
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/events/ulster_covenant: the BBC website provides a number of historical resources. In particular, it provides a very readable account of the Ulster

League and Covenant with information on the background and other events happening at the time.

- www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/easterrising/: This is a special site on the events, personalities, and impact of the 1916 rising, and includes interviews with witnesses and historians.
- <http://www.nmni.com/Home>: the website of the Ulster Museum has a number of historical sources including a specific section dealing with events in the decade 1912-1922. This includes an excellent selection of images from the period.
- <http://www.rte.ie/centuryireland/>: this is a website supported by the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht which provides a range of resources to support study of the period 1912-1922.
- www.mercierpress.ie: Mercier Press has published a large number of books that will be suitable for research. Suggested titles can be seen on the site's 'Decade of Centenaries' all-island history competition page. The books should be available from your local library.