

Re-inventory-ing Heritage in Contested Cross Border Contexts: Introducing the RE INVENT Project

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The presentation will introduce a recently begun EU-funded research project at Maynooth University focused on the challenges pertaining to the management of cultural heritage in contested cross-border contexts – ‘Re-inventory-ing Heritage: Exploring the potential of public participation GIS to capture heritage values and dissonance’ (REINVENT).



The REINVENT project engages with participatory practices and the application of digital mapping technologies to capture a plurality of heritage values ascribed by a range of communities at different spatial scales, with the cross-border cultural landscape of Derry - Londonderry in the north west of Ireland providing the principal case study focus. More specifically, the project seeks to develop a Public Participation GIS (PPGIS)-based methodology and mapping tool to capture a plurality of ‘unofficial’ heritage values, including those associated with expressions of ‘dissonance’ and contestation. It is intended that the knowledge generated in the project will be embedded within local cultural heritage management and planning networks.

