Donegal County Museum
What is coproduction?

- Process by which we facilitate and empower the community, both individually and collectively, to become the curators, makers and performers of their own stories.
Coproduction is...

- challenging
- ambiguous
- unpredictable and chaotic
- scary
CINE Project

- Collaborative digital heritage project 2017-2020
- NPA/Interreg EU
- 9 partners + 10 associated partners
- Ireland (NI and ROI), Norway, Scotland, Iceland
CINE Project - Ireland

- Enable organizations to build successful community-based and sustainable projects which will empower local communities.

- Develop resources: best practice manuals for using digital technology, on-line resources and training for cultural heritage co-production projects.
Case Study 1 - Killybegs

- Killybegs History and Heritage Group

- St Catherine’s Church and Graveyard
What did we do?

- Compiled a historical archive and added new content
- Data collection - 3D photospheres and photogrammetry

www.virtualstcatherines.net
Case Study 2 – Inch Island

- Began at beginning....
- Appointed an experienced facilitator
- Inch Island community
What did we do?

- Researched history and heritage of Inch
- Connected with community
- Asked them what they wanted
- Listened to people
- Gathered photos, archives and artefacts
The End Result....

inchheritage.org

coproductionguide.com
The 10 Rules of Coproduction...

1. Nothing starts on time
   Be patient. Remember people have lives.

2. Research, research, repeat
   Know your subject backwards and then forget everything
Rules

3. Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Performance
Make sure you are tooled-up for the journey

4. Find your gatekeepers
Find the key-holders and password-knowers
Rules

5. Whoever comes, they are the right people

6. Be human
Smile, small talk, pass compliments
Rules

7. Expect the unexpected - It will happen

8. Plan proactively, practice reactively
   Improvise and don’t worry

9. It’s OK to be human
   And it’s OK to care

10. Listen
    Above everything else, listen.
And remember...

- Be patient
- Be passionate
- Be curious
- Don’t panic
What did I learn?

Journey is as important as the end result
Thank You