Preserving and Publicising our Digital Treasurers: A Digital Repository for Dublin City Library and Archive

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Welcome to Dublin City Libraries and Archive Digital Repository. Here you will find a variety of digital records relating to Dublin from different time periods, including photographs, postcards, letters, maps and ephemera material. Highlights of the collection include the Fáilte Ireland Photographic Collection, Wide Street Commission Map Collection (1757-1851), the Irish Theatre Archive and the Birth of the Republic Collection, which comprises material from the period of the foundation of the Irish state.

Dublin City Archives Community

Dublin City Libraries Special Collections Community

Now additions will be added as we digitise further collections from Dublin City Archives and Dublin and Irish Collection
Open Archival Information System
Work Flows with VITAL OAIS Compliant

- open source Fedora™ repository architecture
- Scan to highest resolution TIFF and upload directly to VITAL. Jpg and thumbnail version automatically generated
- No local storage required
- Dublin Core Descriptive Metadata applied with user-friendly editor template.
- Technical and preservation metadata automatically captured
- Staged review and submission process with VALET Form
- Permissions can be set per image and per collection.
- Ability to search and display high resolution imagery, multi-page documents, and specialized data formats
- Sharing tools – download and social media - built in
- Security: System is backed up by Innovative.

Additional Requested Security: Complete Metadata Package downloaded to Civic Offices, images and XML
Lessons Learned

- Avail of any training or learning opportunities which exist – digitisation, standards, workshops,
- Importance of being able to map metadata to existing standards (Dublin Core)
- Understanding & communicating difference between digital preservation & access;
- Team approach – Libraries IT, Libraries Web-Unit. Archivist, Librarian, different areas of expertise
- Thesaurus for subject names, place names to improve access points to collections
Lessons Learned

- Asked advice from other organisations with digital repositories regarding obstacles encountered and how they were overcome.
- Think about finish line more clearly from the start. Develop communications plan earlier and consider statistics/ google analytics etc
- “Shouted Louder” when technical issues or delays arose.
- Quick-wins important!
# Explore History & Future projects