

OBJECTIVE:

The Eireann/Talamh an Eisc Project will be a cultural celebration between the community of Tilting on Fogo Island, Newfoundland and Labrador and Ireland using the technologies of FM radio, internet radio, video recording, social media, and internet conferencing in 2020.

This participatory event will be an innovative approach to the live sharing and streaming of cultural similarities via simultaneous broadcasting of conversations between the Irish voices of Ireland and the voices of Irish descendants living in the NL community of Tilting. Despite a large geographical distance and lack of regular communication with Ireland, Tilting has a pronounced connection with its ancestral heritage that can be seen, heard, and experienced in the community. This proposed, grassroots event will be an unprecedented venue of participatory, cultural exchange which will be accessible by local FM radio and worldwide through internet radio, social media and video recordings.

As the event is based upon communication using technology the event will also honour Guglielmo Marconi. It was his early technological innovation of sending and receiving transatlantic messages that inspired this event which will transmit live radio communications over the Atlantic Ocean between Tilting and Ireland. Furthermore, our event will be based out of the Marconi Centre near Tilting on Fogo Island. This centre pays tribute to the work of Marconi and his connections to both Ireland and the island of Newfoundland. A location in Ireland is to be confirmed.

This will be the second time that Tilting has connected with Ireland using community radio. During a temporary community radio event in 2010, that was a part of the annual Feile Tilting festival, local community members from Tilting connected with Community Radio Youghal using radio and Internet. The brief exchange of voices, stories and similarities was a momentous occasion for both groups and their broad audiences. Since that time a multi day, simultaneous broadcast has been considered.

The Eireann/Talamh an Eisc Project will:

- Explore cultural similarities including comparisons of folklore, traditional music, dance, natural environment, religious practices and beliefs, and traditional workplace practices
- Be a participatory event that will encourage the participation of all interested community members
- Foster intergenerational learning
- Promote cultural and arts awareness through the broadcasting of local material in Newfoundland and Labrador and Ireland on radio, internet streaming, and social media. This event will be accessible worldwide
- Encourage further linkages and partnerships between both places and people through two-way communication