



TORYBANK



STORIES OF THE PAST, TOLD TODAY, FOR THE PEOPLE OF TOMORROW

Do you have a story to tell? Whether it's butter making or net fixing, we want to hear from you as *we attempt to bank the past to re-imagine the future.*

Storybank, is a year-long project exploring the skills required for sustainable cities, resilient communities, education and the issues faced locally linked to Life Below Water and Life On Land.

This week's column shares how the CoDesRes project www.codesres.ie is contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 Sustainable cities and communities <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/cities/> in ways that are local and relevant.

The project aims to connect with the need to move towards a more sustainable future and consider how the past could help us towards such a future, by looking at the heritage of sustainable practices on the Iveragh Peninsula. The project will gather stories of the innovation and the 'make-do and mend' ethos that is still within living memory, through specially designed 'storybanks' that recycle plastic bottles that carry a message or story.

In addition, NAISC Storyteller in Residence Sean O'Laoghair is leading on the Storybank primary school education programme, beginning with Scoil Siveen, in January and Scoil An Ghleanna, in February. Sean's visits to the classroom involve a focussed creative process that begins with a discussion on the importance of repairing and reusing "stuff" and that buying something new, might be a last resort.

The students then explore this by creating new uses for some of the waste materials to hand in the classroom e.g. eggboxes, plastic bottles and cardboard then showing their ideas and talking about what they have created and why. The next stage develops questions that they can take into the wider community to gather knowledge, about fixing, repairing and reusing gathering stories from their families memories.

The project hopes that the students interest and new found pride in their own exploration, can be carried into the community, to relight the flame of keeping things for longer. Each class and/or school will then determine their own display of the work and ideas gathered, and at @CoDesRes we will be celebrate the project, during Heritage week 17-25th August 2019, with a public exhibition and series of events.

The education programme encourages learning a new skill set and changing behaviour in practical ways by, introducing skills that will become increasingly necessary to face the challenges of the future; creativity, communication, collaboration and critical thinking.



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