

Possible sources for the schools' history project

A variety of sources are available to assist in researching the period 1912-1922. The sources of information listed below will provide a useful starting point for research.

Scoilnet

www.scoilnet.ie: this portal is funded by the Department of Education and Skills and provided through the Professional Development Service for Teachers, Technology in Education (PDST-TiE). It contains over 3,100 digital resources linked to history curriculums for primary and post-primary and also provides licenced access within school to the Irish Newspaper Archive and the Irish Times Digital Archive www.scoilnet.ie/scoilnet/tools-for-teachers/

Local public libraries

All public libraries across the island of Ireland provide access to a range of secondary sources that support the history curriculum. Each local library has an online catalogue that can be searched for relevant books, including biographies. All libraries have access to the Irish Times Newspaper Archive. Find your local library and the services they provide here: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/>

The Irish Newspaper archive

The Irish Newspaper Archive is an enormously valuable resource for any detailed study of the revolutionary period. <https://archive.irishnewsarchive.com>

Dictionary of Irish Biography

<https://dib.cambridge.org/>: contains the Dictionary of Irish Biography which is the most comprehensive and authoritative biographical dictionary yet published for Ireland. It contains biographical details of over 10,000 lives, including articles on individuals who had important careers in politics, law, religion, literature, journalism, architecture, the arts, the sciences, and sport. Access to the DIB is free online for schools funded by the Department of Education and Skills.

Military Archives

www.militaryarchives.ie: Highly recommended. The many testimonies and accounts of the surviving leaders, veterans and volunteers who took part in the events of the 1916 Rising and afterwards, up to 1923, and supporting documentation gathered from the participants through the unique collection that is the Military Service (1916-23) Pensions Collection (www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/military-service-pensions-collection). This resource also enables access to Brigade activity reports, <http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/military-service-pensions-collection-1916-1923/brigade-activities/>. The Bureau of Military History witness statements are another hugely valuable resource accessible from the military archives website. <http://www.militaryarchives.ie/collections/online-collections/bureau-of-military-history-1913-1921>. You can also access journal collection, image galleries, etc.

Letters of 1916

<http://letters1916.maynoothuniversity.ie/learn/> The 'Letters of 1916' project includes letters held at institutions (in Ireland and abroad), alongside those in private collections. To date, we have collected over 1800 letters that comment on the Easter Rising, literature and art, the Great War, politics, business, and ordinary life.

100 Objects

www.100objects.ie contains on-line resources for primary schools based around selected objects from the 'A history of Ireland in 100 objects'.

National Museums of Northern Ireland

www.nmni.com: The home of the National Museums of Northern Ireland, containing links to the Ulster Museum, the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum and the Ulster American Folk Park, each of which contains large amounts of images, documents and information. The Ulster Museum has a number of historical sources including a specific section dealing with events in the decade 1912-1922. This includes an excellent selection of images from the period.

National Archives

www.nationalarchives.ie : The website of the National Archives in Dublin provides a number of digitised resources relating to the history of modern Ireland. There is also an online exhibition relating to the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921. The site also allows free access to the 1911 census. It also hosts the witness statements from the Bureau of Military History for the period 1912 to 1922.

National Library of Ireland

www.nli.ie: The website of the National Library of Ireland includes a guide for post primary students on how to use the numerous resources available in the library. There are also online case studies of the 1913 lock out, as well as an online exhibition relating to 1916.

Public Record Office of Northern Ireland

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/proni>: The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland offers a range of resources that students may find useful. These include a searchable database of the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

<http://www.cwgc.org/> the website of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission provides a number of resources on the events of WW1 and a searchable database of soldiers who died while fighting in the British Army.

BBC History

- http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/events/ulster_covenant: the BBC website provides a number of historical resources. In particular, it provides a very readable account of the Ulster League and Covenant with information on the background and other events happening at the time.
- www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/easterrising/: This is a special site on the events, personalities, and impact of the 1916 rising, and includes interviews with witnesses and historians.

RTÉ

<https://www.rte.ie/centuryireland/> : this is a website supported by the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht which provides a range of resources to support study of the period 1912-1922.

Decade of Centenaries Site

The Decade of Centenaries has a website dedicated to the programme of commemorations relating to the significant events in Irish history that took place between 1912 and 1922. It is supported by Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Century Ireland and History Ireland.

- <https://www.decadeofcentenaries.com/ucd-online-exhibition-the-finest-men-alive-documents-of-imprisonment-protest-1916-17> Developed by [UCD Archives](#) and funded by the [Irish Research Council](#), this online exhibition contains a wide range of documents written by prisoners detained in Ireland and Britain in 1916-17.
- Further links for exploring the Decade of Centenaries can be found at: <https://www.decadeofcentenaries.com/links/>