Upstate Theatre Project is a community-engaged performing arts organisation adhering to collective and collaborative approaches in keeping with principles of cultural democracy.

Upstate's workshop programme is designed as a place where people can collectively work in collaboration with artists to realise performances based on themes, ideas and issues of mutual interest.

Mining the rich seam of personal memory, local history and the tradition of local song, Storytrail sees Upstate fashion a work that steps out to reinvent storytelling for a modern world.

It is 'unashamedly Drogheda'.

Directed by Gary Keegan Sound Design by Jack Cawley Research by Brendan Matthews and Declan Mallon

Project participants and contributors include:

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Anne Nolan, Grainne Rafferty,
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Christian and Caélan Quinn,
Brendan Matthews,
Cathal Thornton, Niall O'Brien,
Victoria, Angela & Judith Theophilus and
Mary Stella Ugwuja, Ged Kelly,
Gerry Cullen, Noel 'Zap' Cummins and
the late Bridget Cummiskey.

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Directed by Gary Keegan

a living, breathing picture of Drogheda and its histories



"Excellent experience."

"Really enjoyed the stories, but especially the music."

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Storytrail

An audio guided walking experience of Drogheda, using technology, traditional storytelling and song to map a diverse and entertaining journey through the town's histories and memories.



"Welcome to my home town.

A place with streets and people and a river and old buildings.

And old stories. And new stories.

And forgotten stories.

An ancient place, a divided place.

A place of myth and of legend.

A place like any other...

Julius Caesar wrote that the Irish tend not to write things down. Instead they commit most of their poetry, history and folklore to memory. And these stories were passed on through generations by word of mouth. These are the histories that have never been written.

The histories that are committed to memory."

Quote from Storytrail

Explore the history of Drogheda - let us lead you on an alternative tour, where you will experience an authentic picture of our town.

Enjoy a journey through the town's histories, memories and tradition of local song, evocatively interpreted by members of the community.

Winding its way through old alley ways and back lanes, Storytrail takes you off the beaten track. Listen to lesser-told stories that sometimes veer toward dark and comic elements of the town's heritage, and discover songs of the region that might otherwise be lost to the pages of history.

Storytrail allows you to take a stroll down memory lane independently, at any time, at your convenience. The tour starts at the Tholsel on West Street and then takes you to some of the best views Drogheda has to offer.

All sites are within walking distance of the town centre and the tour takes approximately 1 hour 30 minutes, walking at a leisurely pace.

The app uses Apple Maps and Geo-fencing technology to guide you on your journey - all you need to do is follow the blue line!

At each location you will automatically be presented with an audio piece that you can listen to as you take in your surroundings, and additional stories and songs accompany you as you walk from site to site.

You can pause or rewind each piece, or even take a break and do some exploring of your own. Just jump back in where you left off, and follow the trail in the order presented.

Okay? Let's go!

Search the App Store for 'Storytrail' and download for €4.99

Please make sure your phone is charged, as the app can use up to 30% of your battery.



