The National Library of Ireland
"Remembering 1916, Recording 2016"

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Introduction

- An introduction to the NLI
- History of Web Archiving at the NLI
- Ireland's Decade of Centenaries
- "Remembering 1916, Recording 2016"
- Outreach
- Challenges
- Going Forward

The National Library of Ireland

- Founded in **1877**
- **Legal Deposit** since 1927
- National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
- **1+ million** manuscripts
- 250,000 visitors **each year**
- Exhibitions
- **100,000** digitised items **available online**
- **Born Digital Collecting**

Web Archiving at the NLI

- Began in **2007**- First domain crawl
- **Selective and Event** based web archiving since 2011
- Over **1800** instances of websites captured to date
- **11 TB** of data
- Significant Political, Social and Cultural Collections

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The Decade of Centenaries

- 1912-1922- Political unrest in Ireland
- 1916- Easter Rising and Irish in the First World War
- 1919-1921- The Irish War of Independence
- 1921-1922- The Irish Civil War

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Commemorations and the NLI

- Inclusive and open commemorations
- Unique role of the NLI
- Exhibitions, Podcast Series, Talks and Collaborative projects
- Role of the NLI to capture the living memory of Ireland

Remembering 1916, Recording 2016- Aims

- January 2016- April 2017
- State funding
- Archive and make available 400 websites
- Promote the web archive
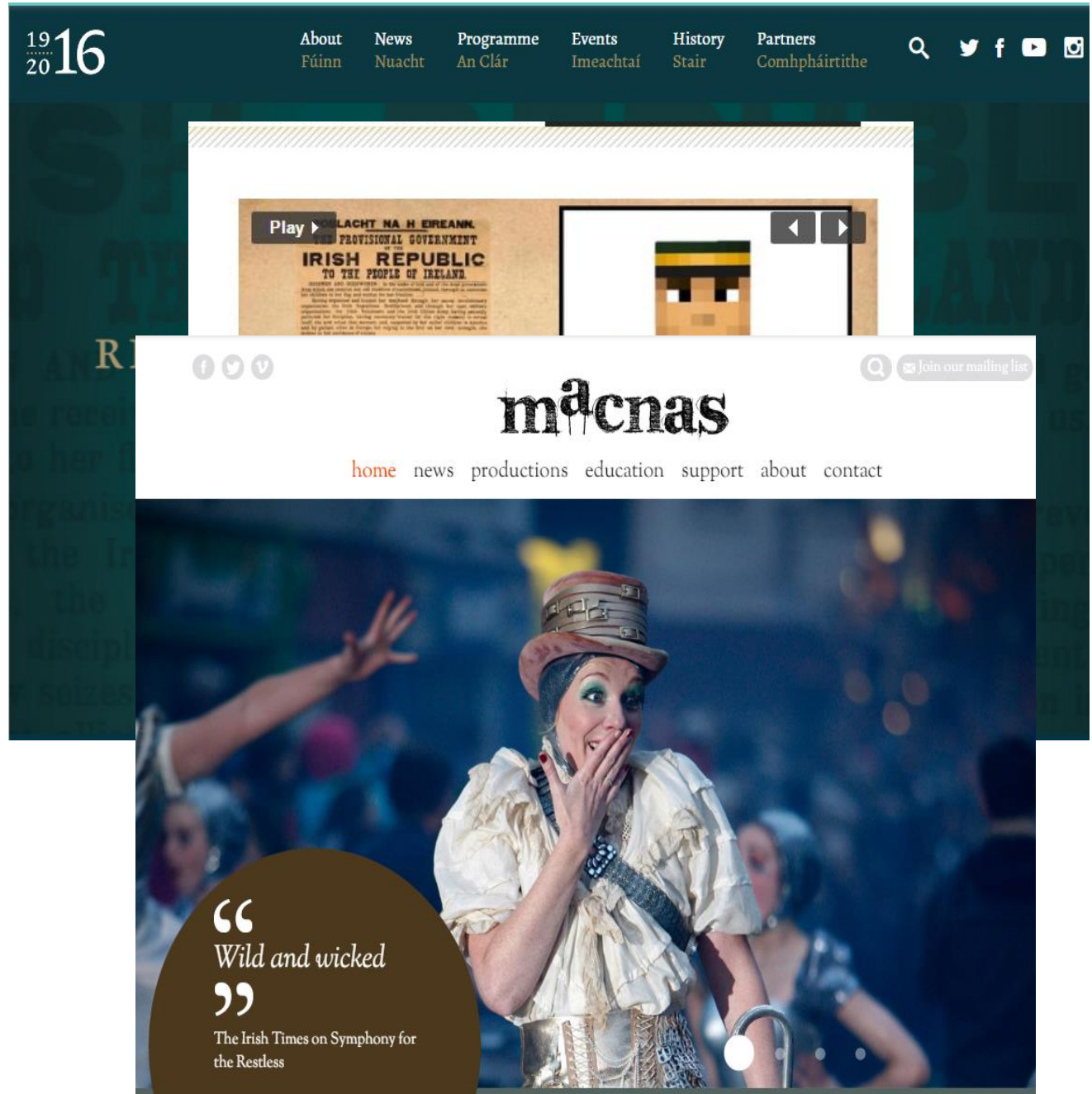- Engage with Stakeholders

Building the Collection

- Official State Programme- Ireland 2016
- Easter Rising & Battle of the Somme
- Countrywide events
- Irish language
- Diaspora
- State of the Nation Collection- Did we meet the aims set out in the Proclamation?

Engaging with Stakeholders

- Strong tradition of collaboration in the NLI
- Early 2016- First community collecting project
- 85 Stakeholders
- 125 suggestions received

Outreach- First Steps

- **Social Media-** The power of Twitter & Facebook
- **New branding and promo material-** Giving the Web Archive a recognisable brand
- **Talks and Lectures-** Introducing the concept of the Web Archive, encouraging discussion

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Public Call

- Community collecting
- *What websites do you think best remember the events of 1916?*
- *What websites do you think best record life in Ireland in 2016?*
- Web Archive featured in National media & Trending on Twitter!!

VOTE!
THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND
NEEDS YOU!
Help us build the Archive of the Future by selecting the websites that represent Ireland in 2016

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Did the NLI meet the aims?

- **455** websites archived & available freely online
- Outreach & publicity: **42% increase** in access to Web Archive page
- **Challenges** & obstacles
- Groundwork for **new initiatives**

Challenges

- **No Digital Legal Deposit** legislation:
  - NLI is **lobbying** for a change in copyright legislation

- **Resources:**
  - NLI is **under resourced** & under staffed
  - 1 full time archivist on contract

Plans for the Future

- Domain Crawl 2017
- Annual domain crawls from 2018
- Publicity and outreach work
- Curated Collections with specialists
- Ingesting WARCS to repository

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Conclusion

- **Formative** stages of the web archive
- The NLI is **committed** to web archiving
- Consolidated web archiving in the NLI
- Exciting plans for the **future**

Thank you!

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