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Statue depicting Mercury on top
of Dublin's Custom House

Re-Opening of WB Yeats
Memorial in St Stephen's Green.

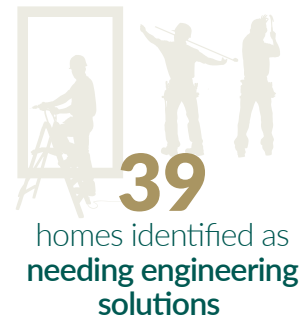
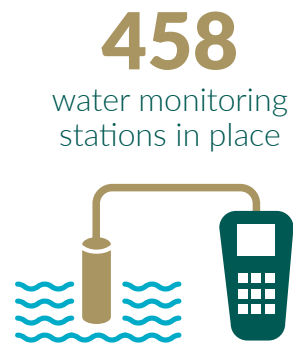
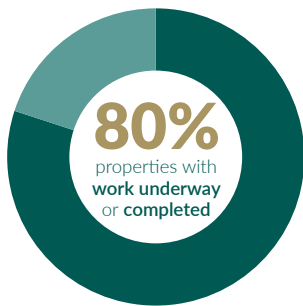


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Statistical Highlights 2020

1.1 Flood Risk Management Statistics 2020





1.2 Estate Management – Property Statistics

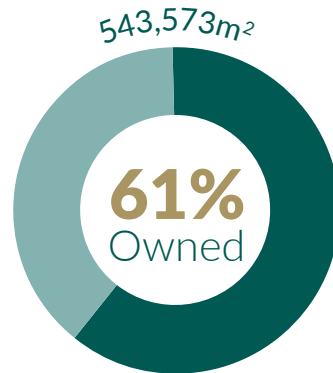
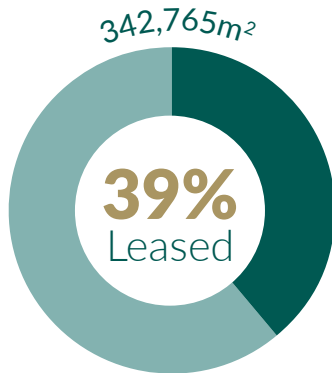
Office Portfolio



344 Leases in
290 buildings

255 Owned
office buildings

Total floor area – **886,339m²**



Owned Portfolio

€2.55M

Income from 22
Property Disposals

€1M

Rental Income on
100+ properties



28,665
Property Maintenance
Work Orders Processed

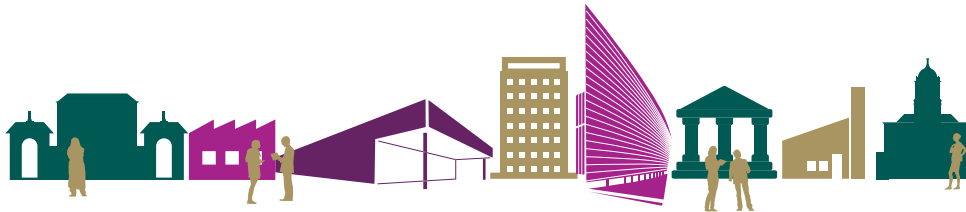


550
Licences for
Mobile Phone Masts



694
Garda
Properties

1.3 Estate Management - Built Heritage Statistics



7.44M Recorded Visitors to Heritage Sites



780
National Monuments under our care



70
Heritage Sites with Guided Service



32
Historic Properties



5,000 acres
Parklands & Gardens

1.4 OPW Corporate Statistics 2020

Financial Information

Programme Expenditure*	2019	2020
Programme A - Flood Risk Management	99,296	108,658
Programme B - Estate Portfolio Management	432,990	479,596
Gross Total	532,286	588,254
Appropriations in Aid	24,315	10,613
Net Total	507,971	577,641
Funding of Programmes		
Vote 13 Office of Public Works (gross)	455,131	486,807
Agency Services managed by the OPW	77,155	101,447
Total	532,286	588,254

* Programme expenditure includes direct expenditure on the OPW Vote (inc. Allied Services), OPW Corporate Services costs and Agency Services (works) undertaken by the OPW on a repayment basis for other Government Departments and State Agencies.

OPW Staff 2020

All-year round staff	1,991
Seasonal/Fixed-term staff	407
Apprentices	21
Overall Total	2,398

Supporting The Parliamentary Process 2020

Parliamentary Questions		502
Information provided for other Parliamentary Questions		16
Dáil Topical Issue Debates		
	<i>Submitted</i>	18
	<i>Selected</i>	2
Seanad Commencement Matters		
	<i>Submitted</i>	3
	<i>Selected</i>	2
Seanad Statements		0
Transition Statements		1
Private Members Business Debates		2
Ministerial Representations		832

General Information 2020

Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests Processed		141
	<i>Personal</i>	4
	<i>Non-personal</i>	137
Media Events Organised		32
Press Releases Issued (including 7 Irish)		57
Queries dealt with by Press Office		3,034
	<i>Info</i>	2,651
	<i>Media</i>	392

Energy Use 2020

Final figures as submitted to the SEAI M&R System

	2020
Other Buildings	2.0 MWh
Historical	8.5 MWh
Park	0.9 MWh
Pumping Station	1.5 MWh
OP@W	29.7 MWh
Transport	9.2 MWh
Total	51.8 MWh



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Heritage Services

→ Minister O'Donovan with Parks Superintendent Paul McDonnell accepting The Green Flag Award® for the Phoenix Park.

Clara Bannon Mateus helping Minister O'Donovan announce free admission to OPW visitor Heritage sites as part of Government's July Stimulus Plan.



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Forewords

2.1 Foreword of Minister of State

This Annual Report presents the activities and achievements of the Office of Public Works (OPW) for the year 2020. The OPW's principal activities are in the areas of Flood Risk Management and Estate Management, including Heritage Services.

Since being appointed as Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works in June 2020, I have been impressed by the Office's commitment, capacity, flexibility and responsiveness to delivering the highest level of public services, including responding to the challenge of Brexit and throughout the national response to the Covid-19 pandemic. These demonstrate the commitment by the OPW staff to adopting new approaches to service delivery and quickly responding to new challenges.

In relation to the Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme, 47 flood relief schemes were completed up to end 2020 with an investment of some €440m resulting in approximately €1.8bn of damage being avoided and protection to over 10,000 properties provided. In addition, the review of the Flood Maps, produced as a result of the CFRAM Programme, were reported to the Commission in 2020. A review of the Flood Risk Management Plans commenced in 2020 and is due to be completed in 2021.

The Covid-19 pandemic accelerated a dramatic change in work practices in the Civil Service and presents a challenge, shared globally across all sectors of office occupiers, in considering what the office of the future will look like. The immediate necessity for Government Departments and agencies to vacate their existing office space during the first quarter of 2020 was a defining moment for considering the strategic direction of the office portfolio of the future. I am delighted that OPW is making a significant contribution in this regard and will continue to do so in a post Covid world.

While visitor capacity at many of the sites was significantly reduced in line with virus prevention guidelines, the provision of some level of service was regarded as a priority in order to support the tourism sector and this was further demonstrated and enhanced by the lifting of admission charges at most sites, an initiative I launched in 27 July 2020.



Patrick O'Donovan, TD

Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works



2.2 Foreword of Chairman

I am pleased to submit the 2020 Annual Report to the Minister of State at the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, Mr. Patrick O'Donovan T.D.

This report summarises the progress of the OPW in the final year of the period covered by our Statement of Strategy (2017-2020). During the period 2017–2020, the OPW has delivered on significant objectives while also strengthening its organisation and processes.

Brexit remained a significant priority in the OPW throughout 2020 with the ongoing delivery of infrastructure at Dublin Port, Rosslare Europort, and Dublin Airport. Facilities needed to be in place for the original deadline of 29th March 2019, with further facilities developed incrementally to meet each subsequent deadline – 12th April, 31st October and 31st December 2020. In total, the OPW Brexit Unit developed 28 projects across 24 sites in locations covering approximately 20 acres in Dublin Port as well as a further ten acres in Rosslare.

In relation to Flood Risk Management and minimising the extent and impact of flooding, the OPW in partnership with Local Authorities almost tripled the number of major flood relief schemes at design and construction, to 92 up to end of 2020.

The Covid-19 pandemic severely impacted on the provision of visitor services at over 70 sites with services being reduced during 2020. Notwithstanding this, the OPW was able to maintain access to many parkland sites throughout the various lockdown measures as an essential support to public health, and mental and physical wellbeing. Significantly, there were 7.44 million recorded visits to our heritage sites.

The OPW was also actively engaged in a central group established by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to advance a policy on blended working. The OPW's foremost objective will be to lead the conversation with clients, in the context of central policy, by challenging prevailing norms, examining new ways of working, identifying alternative solutions to accommodation – both property and non-property and optimising the efficiency and effectiveness of the office portfolio. We have and will continue to engage with Government and our clients with a view towards modernising the portfolio, optimising space efficiency, realising assets value, supporting a sustainable environment, strengthening our data and research as well as assisting public sector employers and bodies to move to 20% home and blended working.

The foregoing outlines just some examples of how the OPW were able to provide responsive and evidence based professional solutions for Government and the public. Given the challenges we faced throughout 2020, I would like to acknowledge and offer my sincere thanks to the diverse and dedicated OPW workforce for their continued contribution to enhancing the work of the Office in 2020 and to thank our many stakeholders for their collaboration in our activities.



Maurice Buckley

Executive Chairman, Office of Public Works



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Our Mission



3.1 Mission Statement

The mission of the OPW is to use our experience and expertise to fulfil our role and responsibilities with effective, sustainable and innovative services to the public and to our clients, with competence, dedication, professionalism and integrity.



3.2 Functions

The core functions of the OPW in 2020 related to Estate Management and Flood Risk Management. These operational areas were supported by Corporate Services functions. The OPW is primarily concerned with the delivery of services to customers. Our customers are the general public, Government, other Departments, Offices and their Agencies, and the wider public service.



3.3 Strategic Priorities

Our Strategic Priorities are:

Estate Management

To maximise the efficient use and value of the State Property

Flood Risk Management

To minimise the extent and impact of flooding

Organisational Excellence

To excel in our organisational performance and service

Built Heritage Services

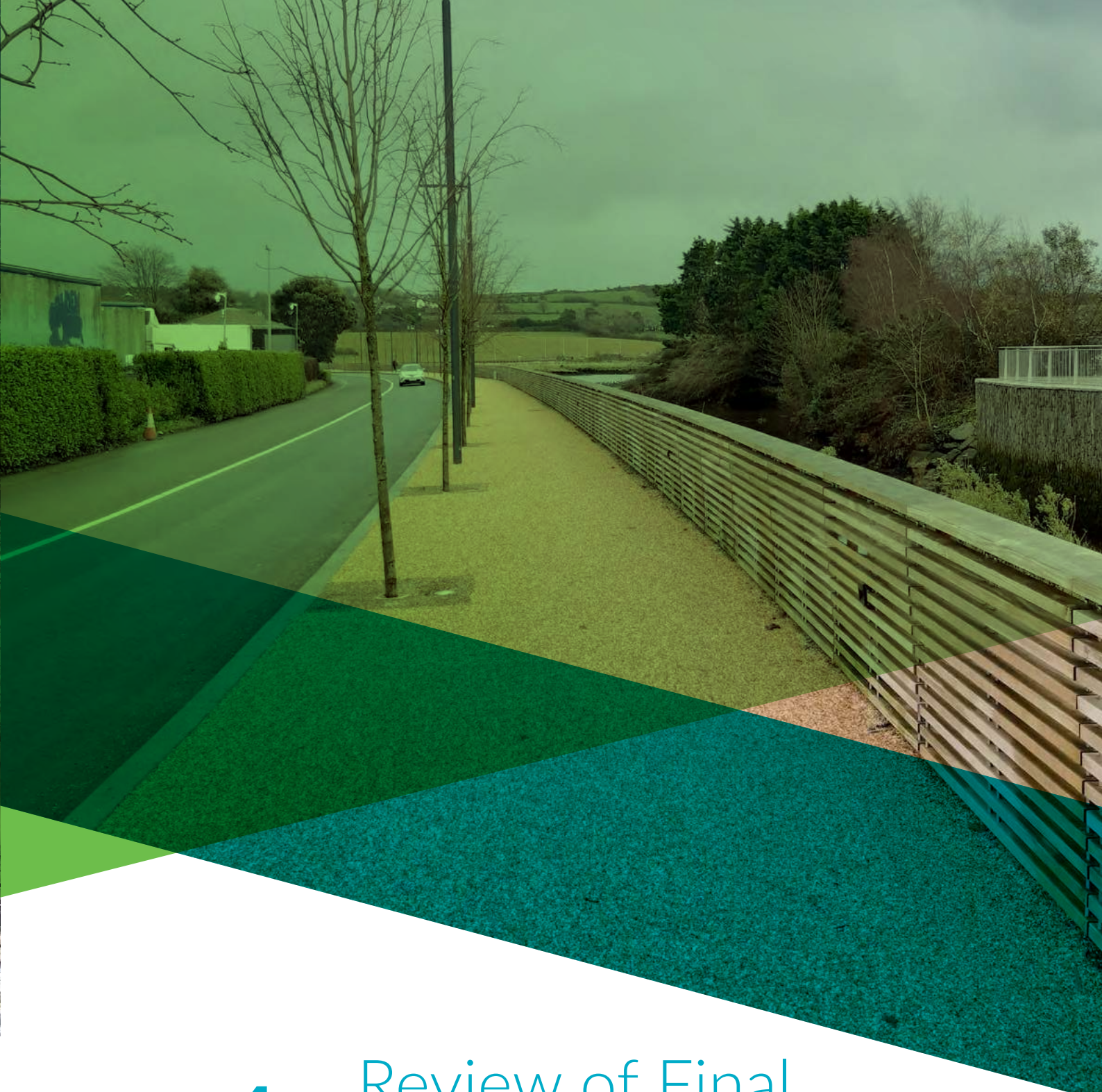
To protect and promote our national built heritage





← Blaskets spectacular new Viewing Platform

→ River Feagle, Flood Relief Scheme, Croppy Road, Clonakilty



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Review of Final Year of Statement of Strategy 2017-2020

OBJECTIVES AND PROGRESS
DURING 2020

4.1 Flood Risk Management

The OPW has responsibility for leading and coordinating the whole of Government implementation of the National Flood Policy, which involves the identification of flood risk and the development of a planned programme of feasible flood relief works combined with a greater emphasis on non-structural flood risk management measures.

In delivering on its role and responsibility the OPW:

- Advises the Government on flood risk management and flood risk management policy,
- Develops flood maps and delivers on flood risk management work programmes and measures, and
- Maintains an effective programme of maintenance of river courses under the provisions of the Arterial Drainage Acts.

OBJECTIVE: Coordinate an integrated, 'whole-of-Government' approach to flood risk management

Inter-Departmental Flood Policy Coordination Group

The OPW continued to chair the Interdepartmental Flood Policy Coordination Group during 2020.

The purpose of the Group is to oversee the Government's flood risk policy. It recommends to Government appropriate policies and measures that can help support individuals and communities to be prepared and respond effectively in the event of a flood.

Voluntary Homeowners Relocation Scheme

At the end of 2020, 27 homeowners had been offered relocation assistance. Engineering solutions have been identified to protect a further 39 homes and work is continuing to identify engineering solutions for a further 23 homes.

National Emergency Coordination Group

Through the National Emergency Coordination Group, the OPW contributed to the Government's response to Storms Brendan, Ciara and Dennis in January and February and Storms Ellen and Francis in August 2020. This included guidance and advice on forecast tidal and storm surge conditions, briefings on river levels from data available on the OPW's www.waterlevel.ie web portal and on forecast information available from the European Flood Awareness System. The OPW issued eight high tide or surge advisory notices in respect of high sea level forecasts to Local Authorities and other relevant stakeholders during 2020.

During the drought conditions that were experienced in May, June and July, the OPW reported information on the status of river levels from a reference network of 184 OPW gauges and associated mapping to show the geographical spread of the drought conditions. This information was used to inform the decision to issue, and later lift, the Water Conservation Order that was put in place during the summer.



OBJECTIVE: Spearhead the national delivery of strategic flood risk

The EU 'Floods' Directive and National Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme

The Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme involved a strategic assessment of risk in 300 communities at potentially significant flood risk across the country and provided the evidence for the Government's €1bn investment in an additional 119 flood relief schemes to be delivered as part of the National Development Plan 2018-2027.

The review of the Flood Maps, that were produced as a result of the CFRAM Programme, was reported to the Commission in 2020. A review of the Flood Risk Management Plans commenced in 2020 and is due to be completed in 2021.

Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Coordination Working Group

The Group is chaired by the OPW and its purpose is to provide a forum where all statutory organisations with roles and responsibilities that involve the Shannon catchment can further monitor and coordinate their respective programmes to manage flood risk on the Shannon catchment.

The Group has agreed to a €7m strategic programme of maintenance, including removing constrictions or 'pinch points' on the bed of the River Shannon at the Callows Region between Athlone and Meelick Weir, subject to any environmental assessments and planning consents required to proceed.

During 2020, the Group:

- Published its 2020 Work Programme of actions to help manage flood risk on the Shannon catchment.
- Completed a hydro-geomorphological study of the Lower Shannon to identify the cause, rate and degree of restriction over time due to sedimentation and subsequent vegetative growth.
- Commenced work to prepare for assessments to monitor any effects of operating the protocol for lowering the lake levels on Lough Allen during the winter months.

The Flood Risk Management Plans include 34 new flood relief schemes to protect communities in the Shannon River Basin District. These new schemes are in addition to 13 schemes already completed or under construction. Taken together, these schemes will protect 95% of properties against their significant risk from flooding when completed. Overall, work is now complete or underway to protect 80% of at risk properties. The Shannon Group will continue to build on both these plans and the existing activities by the State Agencies to explore and introduce other coordinated solutions that may have some benefit for flood risk.





OBJECTIVE: Support sustainable planning and development

Planning Guidelines

During 2020, the OPW continued to provide an advisory service to the planning authorities on the implementation of the Flood Risk Management Guidelines (Planning and Development Act 2000) including input to Regional Spatial and Economic Strategies and the new County and City Development Plans that are being developed by the Local Authorities under these Strategies.

Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Flood Risk Management

It is likely that climate change will have significant impacts on flooding and flood risk in Ireland due to rising sea levels, increased rainfall in winter, more heavy rain days and more intense storms. The OPW has assessed the potential impacts of climate change through the CFRAM Programme to identify potential future risks, and is taking account of the need for adaptation in the design and implementation of the flood relief schemes.

Building on this, the OPW prepared a Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Flood Risk Management 2019-2024, in line with the requirements of the National Adaptation Framework and the Climate Action Plan 2019.

In 2020, the OPW provided a progress update on the actions set out in the plan to the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, indicating progress on all actions that are ongoing or planned for this period.

These actions include:

- The flood mapping programme covering areas outside of those assessed under the CFRAM Programme, that includes mapping for future scenarios as well as current conditions, was completed in 2020.
- Pilot Scheme Adaptation Plans are under development for three flood relief scheme projects, while the requirement for such plans is included in all projects going to tender.
- The OPW providing funding for ongoing research into the impacts of climate change on fluvial flood risk and the marine environment.
- The need to consider the potential impacts of climate change as part of the spatial planning process is being raised in statutory submissions to the planning authorities in relation to the review or preparation of development plans.

Inter-Departmental Group on Coastal Change

The Government established an Interdepartmental Group on Managing Coastal Change to scope out an approach for the development of a national coordinated and integrated strategy to manage the projected impact of coastal change to our coastal communities, economies, heritage, culture and environment. The Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and the OPW jointly chair the Interdepartmental Group. The Group commenced its work in 2020 to bring forward options and recommendations for the Government to consider.

OBJECTIVE: Protect communities from river and coastal flood events

Flood Relief Schemes

Since 1995, 47 flood relief schemes have been completed providing protection to over 10,000 properties and avoiding damages and losses of approximately €1.8bn. The investment in these schemes was over €440m.

Since the launch of the Flood Risk Management Plans in May 2018, the OPW, in partnership with the Local Authorities, has almost tripled the number of major flood relief schemes at design and construction, from 33 to 92 at the end of 2020. Project Steering Groups have been established to oversee the implementation of schemes. A major flood relief construction project at Bandon, Co. Cork was substantially completed in 2020, providing protection to 392 properties. Capital investment in flooding projects, associated flood risk management measures and programmes was €63m for 2020.

The OPW continued to fund Local Authorities under the Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme, with approximately €2.5m expended under the Scheme in 2020 on projects in 13 Local Authorities. Since 2009, 616 projects have been completed at a cost of approximately €41.5 million. These projects provide flood protection to over 7,300 properties. Approximately two-thirds of these properties are outside of those areas to be protected by the major flood relief schemes.

The OPW provides a range of information on the www.floodinfo.ie website. This includes information in relation to the Flood Risk Management Plans and the Schemes that are being advanced. In 2020, there were 104,572 visits to the website, which represents a 22% increase on the previous year.

The OPW requires all schemes to establish a project website and provide project specific information to the public throughout the development, design and construction of a scheme.

The OPW continued to meet with Insurance Ireland on a quarterly basis during 2020 under the terms of the MOU and to discuss the overall levels of flood cover being reported.

OPW Arterial Drainage Programme

The OPW continues to fulfil its statutory duty in terms of arterial drainage maintenance. In 2020, 2,000km of OPW arterial drainage channels were maintained, representing approximately 17% of the total length of OPW arterial drainage channels in the State.

In addition, 134km of OPW embankments were maintained or refurbished, representing approximately 17% of the total length of OPW embankments in the State.

Arterial drainage maintenance provides benefit to in excess of 242,800 hectares (600,000 acres) of agricultural land and is providing a level of protection from flooding to urban areas, critical infrastructure, including in excess of 20,000 properties.

Nature-Based Catchment Management Measures

Nature-based Catchment Management (NCM) measures work by storing or attenuating water in the environment to reduce flood risk downstream, and to achieve multiple benefits for a range of objectives including water equality, sediment control and biodiversity. While pilot and demonstration projects have shown that NCM measures can reduce the risk from more frequent, low intensity floods, these benefits are understood to reduce for more extreme floods, such as the 100-year flood.

NCM have not been widely implemented to date in Ireland, but the OPW is active in pursuing this approach for future application.

Current work in this area includes:

- The OPW is co-funding research to examine the effectiveness of soft engineering measures in agricultural lands and forestry.
- The OPW has provided funding to the Inishowen Rivers Trust in Donegal to investigate the use of such measures to reduce flood risk and provide co-benefits.
- The development of capital flood relief schemes now involves a specific requirement to assess the potential for NCM as part of the potential solutions to managing flood risk for a particular community.
- The OPW is also co-chairing with the EPA ,the Working Group on Natural Water Retention Measures, that is intended to identify approaches that could be used to develop integrated catchment management measures to provide benefits to multiple sectors.

Water Level Monitoring

In 2020, the OPW operated water level monitoring stations at 458 river, lake and tidal locations nationwide, which represents an increase of 23 hydrometric stations on the previous year. The new stations were installed to support the implementation of flood relief schemes associated with national flood risk management objectives. Water level data from the vast majority of these stations is available in real time (at 15 minute intervals or less) on the web portal. The popularity of this portal continues to grow since its launch in 2013, with 672,968 visits recorded in 2020, an increase of 35% on the previous year.

Archive hydrometric data is available on the national hydrometric archive website at www.waterlevel.ie. The usage of this portal has also increased with 15,728 visits recorded in 2020, up 35% on the previous year. The number of sites for which information is published has increased from 195 to 302 in 2020.

Both web portals are used widely by the OPW, Local Authorities, Waterways Ireland, the Electricity Supply Board and the Environmental Protection Agency. The data is available to assist with the response and management of extreme weather events such as floods and droughts. The public and the media also recognise the portals as a valuable source of information on hydrometric data.

During 2020, the OPW also continued to provide operational support, maintenance and implement continual improvements (including updated technology) to the relevant Local Authorities (Cork, Cork City, and Tipperary) on the respective scheme Flood Forecasting Systems.

Flood Forecasting and Warning Service

Flood forecasting and warning is an important non-structural flood mitigation measure that allows the general public and Local Authorities to take more effective preventive action to reduce the impacts of an impending flood.

In 2016, the Government agreed to the establishment of a National Flood Forecasting and Warning Service, with the first stage of the Service comprising of a Flood Forecasting Centre to be operated by Met Éireann with oversight by the OPW.

During 2020, the OPW:

- Continued to Chair the Steering Group to support the establishment of the new Service.
- Participated on the Steering Group for developing and trialling of fluvial flood forecasting software systems on 22 representative catchments in Ireland and the Steering group to transfer the Tidal and Surge Forecasting System operated by OPW to Met Éireann.
- Contributed to the Technical Sub-Group to guide the technical aspects of the service relating to information and communications technology, developments in hydrometeorology and infrastructure required for the service.

- Reviewed those locations where flood forecasting is recommended as a preferred flood risk management measure and carried out an initial assessment of the hydrometric gauging requirements for the Service.
- Participated on the Communications Working Group to develop and implement a communication strategy for the Service.

Coastal Flooding and Erosion

The OPW provides a research and advisory service on managing risks arising from coastal flooding and erosion.

Key services provided in 2020 included:

- national Tidal Storm and Surge Forecasting System,
- coastal monitoring study in five areas at risk of coastal erosion,
- support to Local Authorities in their response to coastal change, and
- the development of the Irish Coastal Wave and Water Level Modelling Study which is published www.floodinfo.ie

Flood Estimation Methodologies for Ireland (FEMI) Programme

The OPW commenced the Flood Estimation Methodologies for Ireland (FEMI) Programme in 2020. The aim of this Programme is to develop new and improved flood estimation methodologies that capitalise on the advances in ICT, Geographical Information Systems, and hydrometric data available since the introduction of the Flood Studies Update (FSU, 2014). The methodologies will provide a freely available, state of the art, online suite of flood estimation tools.

As part of this work, the Hydrology Section will develop a means of estimating climate change allowances that can be applied to extreme flood estimates. The OPW will spend over €1 billion on the construction of flood relief schemes throughout Ireland under the Capital Works Programme and the outputs of the FEMI Programme will be critical for the accurate and efficient design of these schemes. The FEMI methodologies will provide all stakeholders with the necessary tools required for all present and future flood related design for infrastructure in or near to rivers. The main focus of the FEMI Programme in 2020 was the inspection of hydrometric data in order to select the most suitable gauged locations for use in the research, and on collection of spatial and hydrological datasets for use in flood frequency analysis.

Environmental Management

The OPW continued to carry out an array of environmental assessments in the delivery of flood risk management programmes including: Strategic Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Assessments, Appropriate Assessments and Ecological Assessments. Environmental research and monitoring is ongoing on arterial drainage maintenance. This was expanded in 2020 with a new four-year Climate Change Resilience Research project, in collaboration with Inland Fisheries Ireland.

Ongoing work with multiple environmental forums and agencies to build relationships and bring the latest environmental knowledge into the OPW to inform policy development continued to expand in 2020. The climate change and biodiversity agendas are now being led by two newly established OPW environmental forums, the OPW Biodiversity Working Group and the OPW Climate Change Coordination Group. Both Groups aim to strengthen joined up working across all Business Units.



OBJECTIVE: Maximize the publication of Flood Risk Management data as Open Data

Open Data

Open Data has the potential to drive innovation and economic growth, improve public services, strengthen democracy, and increase transparency and accountability of the Government.

The OPW aims to publish on the internet much of the Flood Risk Management Services data, in line with the legislative provisions and Government Policy on Open Data. This includes the dissemination of data on public facing web-portals and on the Government Open Data portal.

During 2020, a review of the existing Flood Risk Management Services data policy, systems and processes for dissemination and sharing of data took place. Its focus was to improve services, efficiency and openness in the data dissemination process. An internal Flood Risk Management Services Data Catalogue, supported by a new standardised metadata form based on INSPIRE and ISO 19115, was initiated as a result. Additionally, the public facing FloodInfo web-portal, www.floodinfo.ie, was reviewed and restructured to enable further datasets to be viewed in a single web-portal.

OBJECTIVE: Enhance public understanding of flood risk and its management

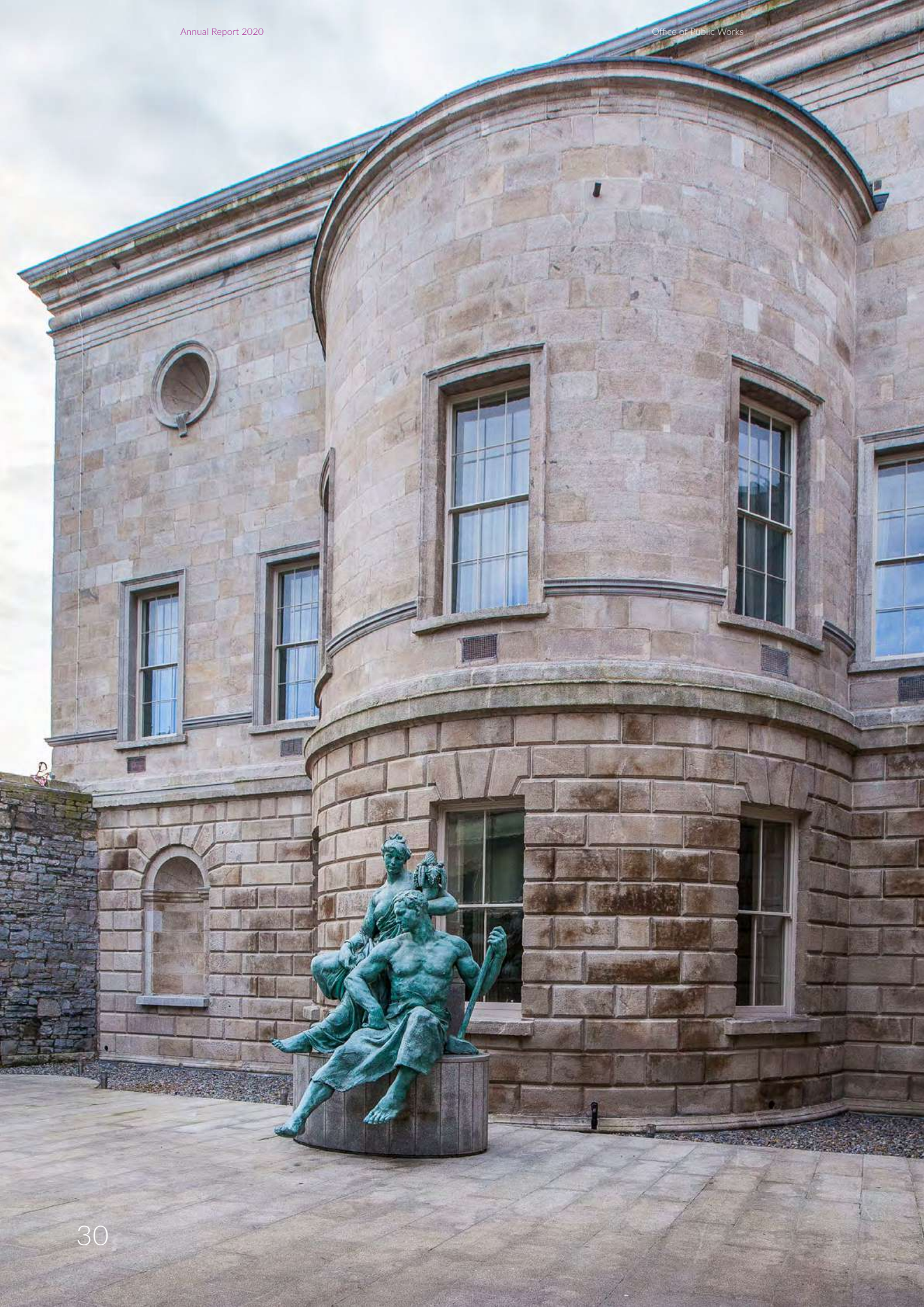
Websites

The OPW's web portal www.waterlevel.ie allows real time access to data from hundreds of river, lake and tidal stations where surface water levels are monitored.

The www.floodinfo.ie website provides community based information on flood risk and the plans to address that assessed risk. It also provides a forum for the public to report flood events in their areas and to view historical flood events.

The www.flooding.ie website aims to raise public awareness of the dangers of flooding and identifies measures that can be taken by individuals to help them to plan and prepare to protect themselves and their properties from the damage that can be caused by a flood event.





4.2 Estate Management – Property

OBJECTIVE: Proactively manage the property estate in the care of the Commissioners of Public Works

Property Management activities during 2020 included the following:

- Responding to the Covid-19 pandemic Property Management moved much of its transactions online and worked remotely. It adapted its payment approval process to facilitate remote access and electronic approval, to ensure continuity of payments to suppliers and landlords.
- The OPW's Programme of First Registration continued and 96 applications have been submitted to the PRAI with 31 completed.
- The Intra-State Property Register hosts and maintains information on 22,463 properties for over 90 State bodies. One of its purposes is to facilitate the intra-State transfer of property by highlighting sites and buildings that are surplus to requirements and available for use by other public organisations
- During 2020, a total of 22 surplus properties were sold at online auctions or transferred generating an income of €2.55m.
- €1m rent was received on over 100 properties during 2020.
- The OPW in partnership with Obelisk Communications Limited continued to manage and operate the OPW's portfolio of mast sites and develop new sites. To date, the OPW has granted approximately 550 licences to mobile phone operators (MNOs) and Tetra Ireland Limited. These licences generated a gross income in 2020 of €4.5m.
- The Valuation Office independently valued 16 properties with an aggregate value of €8.3m. Independent valuations are an advanced stage of a more streamlined intra-State property transfer approach that was initiated in 2015. This process has been used by 22 public sector property holders for properties with an aggregate value of c.€214m.
- The OPW administers matters arising relating to the property assets of dissolved companies, which devolve to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform under Section 28 of the State Property Act 1954. A total of 58 new substantial matters arose in 2020. While this represents a further reduction in the number of new significant cases, this number is a metric that has to be treated with caution given the varying complexity of individual matters.
- Considerable work was undertaken during 2020 on a joint review on OPW Estate Management Current/Capital Expenditure in collaboration with the Irish Government Economic and Evaluation Service (IGEES). The review will be finalised by the end of 2021 and will analyse long term cost estimates to the exchequer for acquiring property via multiple avenues at various geographical locations.

The Convention Centre Dublin (CCD) is owned by the State and is operated by a Public Private Partnership (PPP). The OPW continues to monitor the operations of the Centre and manages the provisions in the Agreement together with the resolution of all associated financial, legal and property matters. The CCD's core activities were severely impacted by Covid-19 restrictions during 2020 and has been closed since mid-March 2020. As a result, the number of International Conference Delegates (ICDs) attending CCD events in 2020 was 4,864 as compared to 38,686 in 2019. The CCD has served as a second venue for the Houses of the Oireachtas on 21 occasions. Unitary Charge amounted to €23.9m in 2020. The PPP Company concluded a refinancing of their debt in 2019 which required the consent of the Authority. The OPW, as provided for in the Project Agreement, received €12.042m in March 2020 as its share of the refinancing gain. This gain was not retained by the OPW but returned to the Exchequer.

Implementation of the Integrated Workplace Management System (IWMS):

- Phase 2 of the IWMS, implemented as IBM TRIRIGA, consisting of the Property and Lease Management module was finalised during 2020. The solution has been system-tested and roll-out to the property management business areas got underway in the final quarter of the year.
- This will provide increased automation and standardisation of relevant processes.
- Since Q1 2019, the two Dublin Regions in Property Maintenance Services are delivering building fabric maintenance through an Integrated Workplace Management System (IWMS) implemented as IBM TRIRIGA.
- Since Q1 2020, across the remainder of the regional maintenance structure, the TRIRIGA system is being used to manage building fabric maintenance works.
- It integrates directly with OPW's financial system (Integra) and provides a fully auditable system to make and receive payments arising from leases/licences entered into by OPW.
- It provides a single repository for all property-related data
- It is expected that Phase 2 of the system will be fully rolled out by the end of Q1 2022.



OBJECTIVE: Manage the office accommodation portfolio through appropriate strategic acquisitions, disposals and leases in line with a long-term portfolio strategy

To support the development of a strategic approach to the portfolio, OPW property management are conducting an extensive programme of accommodation and occupancy surveys across the state owned and leased office portfolio. To date, OPW completed surveys on 160,000 m² of office accommodation, representing just under a fifth of the national office portfolio. OPW will roll-out the accommodation and occupancy survey programme in 2021 with an additional 300,000 m² of surveys planned.

Two feasibility studies on the State owned Chancery Buildings, Four Courts and Osmond House on Ship Street commenced in 2020.

Blended Working

The Covid-19 pandemic has accelerated a dramatic change in work practices in the Civil Service and presents a challenge, shared globally across all sectors of office occupiers, in considering what the office of the future will look like. The immediate necessity for Government Departments and agencies to vacate their existing office space during the first quarter of 2020 was a defining moment for considering the strategic direction of the office portfolio of the future.

Throughout 2020, the OPW was actively engaged in a central group established by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to advance a policy on blended working. OPW will be centrally involved in assisting with any emerging, alternative work practices that are aligned to the Programme for Government and could achieve positive outcomes for client Departments.

In 2020, the OPW was also actively involved in the planning and procurement of the following properties:

Acquisitions

In terms of the strategic purchase of properties, the OPW acquired the following during 2020:

- Warehouses in Shannon and Finglas, Dublin – €8.5m
- Property in Carrigaline, Co. Cork, for DEASP future requirements – €650k
- Property in Tubercurry to address State accommodation requirements – €305k

As part of the strategic management of the portfolio, the OPW disposed of 22 surplus properties in 2020, resulting in income of €2.55million.

Lease Activity

A total of eighteen new leases (including five licences) were taken in 2020 comprising 10,353m² of space at a full year annual rental value of €2.6m. A total of fourteen leases were surrendered, comprising 11,110m² of office space at a full year annual rental value of €0.5m.

Significant new leases included:

- 3,153m² of warehouse and office space in Citywest and Booterstown to facilitate the refurbishment of the State owned Tom Johnson House.
- Over 1,700m² of accommodation in Balbriggan to facilitate the expansion of the Passport Office.
- An Agreement for Lease was executed in respect of almost 4,000m² of office accommodation at George's Quay, Dublin. The space will accommodate the Office of Public Works Dublin Office, thereby releasing their current accommodation on St Stephen's Green. The St Stephen's Green office will in turn be refurbished to facilitate the restructuring/consolidation of the Department of Justice and the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science.

OBJECTIVE: Maintain the estate, and further the roll-out of estate-wide planned and preventative maintenance

Departmental Maintenance (Government Departments and Offices)

The OPW provides a shared service for statutory maintenance contracts and general building maintenance in over 2,000 properties nationwide.

In 2020 Property Maintenance Services delivered works in excess of €60 million. Details of are as follows:

- **Planned, Preventative and Reactive Maintenance**

In 2020 a total of €28.2 million was spent on Departmental property maintenance. The planned building fabric maintenance programme accounted for €4.8 million of this expenditure, with over €14.89 million spent on mechanical and electrical works. Nearly €8.46 million was spent on reactive maintenance which was necessarily delivered in response to client notifications.

- **Maintenance at National Cultural Institutions, Heritage sites, Monuments, Depots, Office Accommodation and other OPW properties**

A total of €4.6 million was spent in 2020 on building maintenance, ground maintenance and security at national cultural institutions, heritage sites, monuments, depots, office accommodation, vacant properties and other OPW owned and managed properties.

- **Minor Capital Programmes**

In 2020 Property Maintenance Services delivered minor capital programmes, in relation to building fabric works which amounted to €21.92 million. These minor capital programmes included fabric upgrades, fit-outs, fire safety upgrades and other building safety works, security works involving Government offices, Garda properties and National Cultural Institutions.

- **Billable Clients**

The OPW provides a maintenance service for 21 clients that are not covered by DPER Circular 1 of 2013. In 2020 these clients funded property maintenance, for the buildings that they occupied, which amounted to €2.82 million.

- **Client Funded – Elective Works**

Throughout 2020 the OPW continued to provide services to client Government Departments, Agencies and Offices who required works to be carried out that were not covered by the OPW's Property Maintenance and Capital Programmes. These works are referred to as 'elective works' and are funded by OPW's client Government Departments, Agencies and Offices.

In 2020 client Government Departments, Agencies and Offices funded elective building fabric works which amounted to €21 million.

- **OPW Helpdesk**

In 2020 over 29,500 calls were received at the OPW Helpdesk. These calls ranged from emergency to routine reactive maintenance requests. For example:

- » Requests to remedy electrical failures in relation to lighting and sockets tripping, mechanical failures in relation to heating boilers and lifts.
- » Requests to resolve building fabric issues including repairing broken doors, replacing window panes, unblocking sinks/toilets and repairing roof leaks.
- » Requests for 'elective works' i.e. works that were funded by the clients e.g. installing shelving, hanging pictures and white boards.



Supporting Client Government Departments, Agencies and Offices during the Covid-19 pandemic

Property Maintenance Services supported client Government Departments, Agencies and Offices throughout the Covid-19 restrictions by maintaining the safe and ongoing operation of up to 2,000 buildings. The following are examples of supports that Property Maintenance Services implemented in response to the Covid-19 pandemic:

Information and supports for client Accommodation Officers throughout the country

In May 2020 OPW held two information webinar sessions with over 250 Accommodation Officers.

Property Maintenance developed dedicated support materials online for Accommodation Officers with guides, templates, videos, and other supporting documentation.

The OPW's lead role on the Corporate Services Facilities Management Network

The OPW chaired the Corporate Services Facilities Management Network meetings. This network, established in response to the Covid-19 pandemic comprises of senior management from across the Civil Service.

Designed, Sourced and Installed Perspex Screens

The OPW provided Perspex screens to client Departments, Agencies and Offices, to meet diverse needs such as public counters and in interview rooms. These screens were sourced and installed rapidly to ensure that safety measures were in place for staff and for the public.

Implemented an Economic Stimulus Package

As part of the Government's July 2020 Economic Stimulus Package the OPW were allocated an additional €10 million to invest in buildings within its estate portfolio.

OPW Property Maintenance is acknowledged and showcased in the report on *Our Public Service 2020 - Excellence in Customer Service Case Studies* for quickly and effectively supporting Accommodation Officers in client Government Departments, Agencies and Offices across the country during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Civil and Structural Engineering

During 2020, progress was made on a number of maintenance projects with Civil and Structural inputs.

Projects are representative of the diversity of the estate and involve works in all operational areas including: Heritage properties, Visitor Centres, Major Parks, Flood Risk Management maintenance and OPW maintenance involving all Government building categories.

Noteable examples include:

Parks

- Phoenix Park, Áras an Uachtaráin – Water Network Upgrade Works
- Phoenix Park, North Road – Resurfacing works
- Phoenix Park, People's Garden – Lake Footpaths Resurfacing
- Annes Grove, Ballyellis, Co. Cork
- Scattery Island Village – Stabilisation of House Walls
- Kilmacurragh House – Garden Enclosure Walls and Gothic Arch structural assessment
- Browneshill Dolmen, Co. Carlow – Site access and parking upgrade

Water Services Management

- Tintern Abbey
- JFK Arboretum
- Emo Court
- Charlesfort
- Dún Aonghasa
- Brú na Bóinne

Flood Risk Management Maintenance

- Bonet CDS – Footbridge on C1-3-4 at Chainage 1100 Replacement Footbridge
- Moy CDS – Bridge Extension Ch 1950 on C1-41-2 Side extension and replacement parapets to existing bridge
- Moy CDS – Bridge Extension Ch 1280 on C1-41-2-2 Side extension and replacement parapet to existing bridge
- Moy CDS – Bridge Extension Ch 31730 on C1-21-1-5 Side extensions and replacement parapets to existing bridge
- Donegal Drainage Schemes – Sluice Headwall Guarding Sluice headwall guarding details for various locations
- Moy CDS – B1 Extension Ch 100 on C1-27 Side extensions and replacement parapets to existing bridge

Government Buildings

- 91-93 Merrion Square Staircase





OBJECTIVE: Implement building programmes to provide quality designed and built accommodation and facilities for Government and State clients

C&S Engineers were involved throughout 2020 in a number of new builds and refurbishments.

Examples include:

- Basket Centre, Dingle, Co. Kerry – Viewing Platform
- Cahercommaun, Co. Clare – Viewing Platform
- Customs House, Dublin – Visitor Centre Refurbishment
- National Library, Kildare Street – West Wing Refurbishment
- Tyrone Guthrie Centre – Fire Fighting Tank and Associated Works
- Trim Visitor Centre

Coastguard Stations:

- Westport, Co. Mayo
- Cahore, Co. Wexford
- Valentia, Co. Kerry – Mast Replacement
- Castlerefreke, Co. Cork
- Killaloe, Co. Clare
- Cleggan, Co. Galway

Garda Stations:

- Garda HQ, Phoenix Park – Block N
- Leighlinbridge Garda Station, Co. Carlow
- Bawnboy Garda Station, Co. Cavan

The OPW provided expert design and project management services to Government and State clients in advancing major projects during 2020:

Contracts were completed for projects at:

- Cervical Tribunal Offices – *completed 13th March 2020*
- Rush Garda Station reopening – *completed 31st March 2020*
- Basket Viewing Gallery – *completed 25th July 2020*
- Limerick Probation and Welfare building – *completed October 2020 (awaiting handover)*
- Donegal Garda Station – *completed 4th December 2020*
- Athlone Garda Water Unit – *completed 12th December 2020*
- EXPO Pavilion, Dubai – *completed 15th December 2020*

Projects on site during 2020 at:

- Gates of Justice, Dublin Castle
- Four Courts Dome
- Phoenix Park Gates

Contracts awarded and currently on site:

- 1GQ – Fit-out
- Kanturk National School – New Build
- The Elysian Building – Fit-out
- Tuam DEASP Office – Refurbishment
- Hawkins House – Demolition
- Drogheda Garda Station – Security Works
- Phoenix House – Fit-out

Tenders issued for projects to commence in 2021:

- Balbriggan Passport Office – Fit-out
- Greystones Coastguard Station – New Build
- Balieboro Garda Station – New Build
- Headford Drainage Office – New Build
- Bawnboy Garda Station – Reopening

Brexit has remained a significant priority in the OPW throughout 2020. Part of our delivery of infrastructure at Dublin Port, Rosslare Europort, and Dublin Airport is so that sufficient inspection facilities are in place to cater for the increase in customs, health, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) checks and controls on trade with the United Kingdom as a consequence of their withdrawal from the European Union. The emphasis throughout has been on ensuring that the State could continue to operate effectively in the event of a sudden departure – the so-called No Deal/Hard Brexit.

The OPW established a dedicated multi-disciplinary team in response to the Government instruction to develop substantial infrastructure facilities. Sufficient facilities were in place for the original deadline of 29th March 2019, with further facilities developed incrementally to meet each subsequent deadline – 12th April, 31st October and 31st December 2020. In total, the OPW Brexit Unit developed 28 projects across 24 sites in locations covering approximately 20 acres in Dublin Port as well as a further ten acres in Rosslare.

The OPW Brexit Unit is continuing to increase capacity in Dublin Port and a purpose-built warehouse is being developed to provide four additional inspection bays for SPS and food safety checks as well as three Revenue turnout sheds and associated staff accommodation. This is due to be completed by Q4 2021.

OPW is working with the Port Authority in Rosslare Europort on a masterplan of the port which will see the delivery of a bespoke state compound including 13 inspection bays for SPS and food safety checks, 3 revenue turn-out sheds, parking for 48 HGVs, a public office, documentary and seal check facilities, driver facilities, a facility management office and a live-animal Border Control Post (BCP). A planning application is expected to be submitted shortly.



OBJECTIVE: Support the role of State Architect/Principal Architect and implement the Government Policy on Architecture

The State/Principal Architect is the adviser to the Government on architectural matters.

Activities in 2020 included:

- OPW Review of the GCCC Forms of Contract. A report was completed in 2020 highlighting issues in respect to the current forms of contract and potential amendments that would improve the procedures for the delivery of public projects.
- Participation on the Government Construction Contracts Committee in relation to developing procurement and contracting policies that support architectural quality in state-funded projects.
- Action 118 of the Climate Action Plan – *The OPW is developing a roadmap to increase the use of lower carbon building material alternatives in construction.*
- Developing masterplans for the future occupation and development of key strategic state-owned buildings and sites, such as ongoing work on the Custom House masterplan.
- Consultation regarding legislation and regulations affecting quality in architecture and the built environment including representing the OPW in areas such as the Construction Sector Working Group.
- The Office of the State/Principal Architect represents the OPW on two consultative committees in relation to amendments to the current building regulations.
- Consultation on the design quality of infrastructural projects including; MetroLink Proposals, Heuston Gateway Masterplan and Project Opera Limerick 2030.
- Advising the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on the significance of historic buildings under Section 482 of the Finance Act.
- Advising relevant Departments on the care of monuments and the conservation, restoration and re-use of historic buildings.
- Making recommendations on the implementation of Building Information Modelling (BIM) software for Government property.
- Advising and inputting on the review and updating of the Government Policy on Architecture. Advising on the implementation of the Architectural Policy Actions. Input into Architectural Policy development at EU level.
- Participation in architectural and built environmental exhibitions and conferences.
- Provide professional architectural services to a number of projects. Those completed in 2020 include the Irish Art Centre in New York, the Ireland Pavilion for Dubai Expo 2020 and the stabilisation works to The Aquatic House Complex at the National Botanic Gardens.
- Provided grants and support to the Irish Architectural Foundation and the Irish Architectural Archive.
- Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund - The Office of the State/Principal Architect is providing technical oversight and reporting for the provision of grants awarded for capital projects by the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport
- Planning Advisory Unit - Provision of planning advice and input in respect of individual projects and policy procedures across the OPW business units. This work is carried out by our in-house planning expertise under the supervision of the APA for the State/Principal Architects Office.

OBJECTIVE: Encourage practices that maximise energy efficiency in public buildings

The OPW continues to develop the 'Optimising Power @ Work' energy efficiency campaign in both Central Government and Public Sector buildings. In the Central Government programme (275 buildings), annual energy savings of 25% have been achieved (with associated annual cost savings of approximately €8.7m). The public sector programme has now expanded into over 70 buildings occupied by various organisations and is currently achieving annual energy savings of 10.25%.

With regard to the OPW's own energy targets, the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland's (SEAI) "Annual Report 2020 on Public Sector Energy Efficiency Performance" shows the organisation currently achieving savings of 20.9% with associated primary energy savings of 14GWh.

In 2020 the OPW, funded by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment (DCCA), again partnered with SEAI to deliver a programme of energy efficiency retrofit works in Central Government buildings. A fund of €3m was provided in 2020.



4.3 Estate Management – Heritage Services

The OPW is a lead agency in the areas of conservation, preservation and presentation of cultural and heritage properties and is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance, operation and presentation of National Monuments and Historic Properties in State care.

Visitor services are normally provided at in excess of 70 sites either directly by OPW or in cooperation with local partners; however, this number was substantially reduced during 2020 arising from the effects of Covid-19. At some of the most prominent locations, our responsibilities also extend to plant maintenance and cultivation as well as habitat protection for protected flora and fauna and to care for significant artefact, art and historical collections and, notwithstanding the restrictions in place for much of 2020, these responsibilities continued to be maintained. Similarly, essential maintenance works continued to be performed at National Monuments in State care and a number of ongoing conservation projects were progressed while having regard to Government restrictions imposed on construction activity because of the virus.

Though the normal pattern of site opening to the public was disrupted, access to many parkland sites was maintained throughout the various lockdown measures as an essential support to public health, and mental and physical wellbeing. While visitor capacity at many of the sites was significantly reduced in line with virus prevention guidelines, the provision of some level of service was regarded as a priority in order to support the tourism sector and this was further demonstrated and enhanced by the lifting of admission charges at most sites.

OBJECTIVE: Sustainably protect and conserve the heritage sites, buildings, parks and gardens within our care, with an emphasis on conservation quality and standards

The OPW continued throughout 2020 to engage in the ongoing maintenance and conservation of the National Monuments and Heritage properties in State care, notwithstanding the operational challenges involved as a result of Covid-19.

Emo Court: The OPW embarked on the second phase of works in relation to a major refurbishment project at Emo Court, Co. Laois, funded from the first round of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

This encompassed:

- The conservation and refurbishment of the basement of the house which includes significant upgrading of building systems.
- The reinstatement of the Walled Garden was completed.
- Blackwoods and Associates were engaged to develop a full Conservation Management Plan for the entire estate.

Doneraile Court: In 2020, despite Covid-19 restrictions, the OPW completed a major reinstatement of the Pleasure Grounds and Walled Gardens, which can now be enjoyed as part of the House and Gardens visitor experience at Doneraile.

Annes Grove Gardens: With funding from the RRDF programme, OPW appointed Howley Hayes Architects to lead a multi-disciplinary team to develop a Masterplan for the entire site and bring to planning a scheme for the full refurbishment of the main house and ancillary buildings. Further important work in reinstating the plant collection at the gardens was completed with a view to an official opening to the public in May 2021.

ONGOING NATIONAL MONUMENT CONSERVATION PROJECTS: Work continued throughout 2020 in conformity with Government Covid-19 measures on a number of ongoing conservation, consolidation, repair and health and safety projects at National Monuments sites including:

- Portumna Castle
- Clare Abbey on Clare Island
- Dunmore Abbey
- Scatterry Island
- Pearse's Cottage and New Mills
- Jerpoint Abbey
- Kells Priory
- Lorrha Dominican Priory
- Askeaton Castle
- Ballymalis Castle
- Barryscourt Castle
- Buttevant Abbey
- Ballinskelligs Abbey
- Rattoo Round Tower
- Sligo Abbey
- Carlingford (a visitor access, safety and presentation project concluded during the year)
- Roscommon Castle (by year end, a project to create a new stair access to the top of one of the Castle's four towers had been completed and will be ready to open to the public when circumstances allow).

Green Flag Awards: In 2020, the OPW received several Green Flag Awards, an International Accreditation for Park Excellence, for its management of parks and green spaces at St Stephen's Green, Castletown, Derrynane, Garinish Island, Grangegorman Military Cemetery, the Irish National War Memorial Gardens and the Phoenix Park.

Phoenix Park Transport and Mobility Study: In July, Minister of State for the Office of Public Works, Mr. Patrick O'Donovan TD, established a Steering Group comprising the Chairman of the Office of Public Works and the Chief Executives of the National Transport Authority, Dublin City Council and Fingal County Council to oversee the development of a transport and mobility options study. The aim is to preserve the integrity of the Phoenix Park as a public recreational amenity while accommodating sustainable access for all.

The Study completed in 2020 came at a critical point in the history of the Park particularly with reference to the unprecedented demand the Park was experiencing during the Covid-19 pandemic. It presented an opportunity to review and assess options that benefit the Phoenix Park and its users now and into the future.

Biodiversity: A year-long audit of the biodiversity at the home of the President, Áras an Uachtaráin, was completed by ecologists from Trinity College Dublin in 2020. Despite a two-month hiatus in sampling due to Covid-19 restrictions in the Spring, the study revealed that the 130-acre Dublin site contains 14 distinct habitats that provide homes to more than 800 different species of plant, animal and fungus.

The aim of the study was to assess the biodiversity on the site to provide a baseline for tracking change, and to make recommendations for maintaining and improving the site's wildlife. The report was presented to President Michael D. Higgins in October 2020 and OPW has developed a plan for the implementation of recommendations set out in the report.



OBJECTIVE: Present and interpret our heritage sites to their best advantage ensuring that their potential contribution to tourism is maximised and that visitor enjoyment and education experiences are enhanced

OPW endeavours to provide high-quality and authentic interpretative experiences at Heritage sites for the benefit of visitors and tourists and engage in tourism infrastructure investment and renewal with a view to improving the quality of the visitor experience at sites. Owing to the disruption caused by Covid-19 restrictions during 2020 however, though open parkland sites operated relatively freely, there was significant curtailment of heritage buildings during the year.

Accommodating some level of engagement with visitors and others interested in OPW sites resulted in a variety of novel approaches being taken, with online resources being particularly exploited to deliver talks, performances and other events during the season and in particular during Heritage Week.

New Viewing Point – Ionad an Blascaoid, Dun Chaoin

On 28th July 2020, Patrick O'Donovan T.D., Minister of State at OPW officially opened the spectacular Wild Atlantic Way Viewing point at the clifftop site of the OPW run Ionad an Bhlascaoid (Blasket Centre) in Dún Chaoin in the West Kerry Gaeltacht. The Office of Public Works under a strategic partnership with Fáilte Ireland built this new and exciting addition to the tourism infrastructure of the Dingle Peninsula, designed by Paul Arnold Architects.

This follows a major investment the strategic partners of Fáilte Ireland, OPW and the Department of Media, Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sport and the Gaeltacht under the Government's Project Ireland 2040 strategy with the aim of driving sustainable growth in the Irish tourism sector, higher revenue and job creation around Ireland. The overall project at the Blasket Centre includes the restoration of the original house on the Great Blasket Island of the renowned Island writer Tomás Ó Criomhthain, a major upgrade of the exhibitions at Ionad an Bhlascaoid and the newly opened Viewing Point.

It also creates a focal point for visitors to the Dingle Peninsula along the Wild Atlantic Way to safely experience the breath-taking views of the Blasket Islands. The walkway and Viewing Point are accessible to people of all ages and abilities and makes extraordinary places such as this more accessible to a range of Irish and International visitors alike. The project overall represents a serious commitment by the OPW to the heritage and culture of An Blascaod Mór.



Brú na Bóinne/Newgrange

The Brú na Bóinne Centre and its associated UNESCO World Heritage Site at Newgrange, like many locations in the OPW portfolio, remained closed for much of the year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Notwithstanding this, staff at the Centre mounted a number of engaging events and exhibitions online:

February 2020

OPW hosted a series of star gazing evenings at Knowth in association with the Irish Astronomical Society highlighting the astronomical significance of Newgrange and Knowth and other sites in the Boyne Valley.

June 2020

An article published in the leading scientific journal *Nature*, revealed the remarkable results of scientific analyses of the human remains excavated from National Monuments across the country. The research, carried out by an international team of archaeologists and geneticists led by Trinity College Dublin, shed fascinating new light on the monuments of Brú na Bóinne and other Irish passage tombs. Including the discovery that an adult male buried in the chamber at Newgrange around 3,200BC may have been among a ruling social elite.

September 2020

The guide service at Brú na Bóinne launched a new educational webchat service for schools and also designed and published new free online resources for teachers and students.

December 2020

The Office of Public Works broadcast the Winter Solstice live from Newgrange in the World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne on three mornings; December 20th, 21st and 22nd. OPW worked with Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in the global promotion of the event with very positive feedback received. Hosted by Clare Tuffy, OPW and Dr Frank Prendergast, TUD, the broadcasts were hugely popular with a total of 2,632,000 views recorded across OPW online channels.

Scellig Mhicíl

Scellig Mhicíl, the second UNESCO World Heritage Site managed by the OPW did not open to visitors as hoped during the 2020 season. Notwithstanding this, work continued on the island itself with a small work crew performing essential maintenance tasks and resuming work on the Lighthouse project.

Work also continued on the development of a new 10-year Management Plan for the site, in compliance with UNESCO rules for World Heritage Sites. By year-end, a draft plan had been launched for public consultation with a view to final publication by the Department of Housing Local Government and Heritage in 2021.

Dublin Castle

Arising from Covid-19 pandemic, visitor operations were severely restricted in 2020; however, staff still managed to host a significant number of events, exhibitions and delivered an inventive online programme of activities across social media channels. The Castle continued to be an important location for performances and a programme of online collaborations with Ireland's leading artistic organisations resulted in a wide audience of viewers both in Ireland and internationally, experiencing the majesty of the Castle interiors.

Dublin Castle is also an important location for Government business. In response to the needs of the Cabinet for a more socially distanced environment in which to safely conduct their business, the OPW made available the Dublin Castle Hibernia Conference Centre for cabinet meetings. In addition, several suites of rooms adjacent to the conference centre were upgraded and redecorated, and made available to each of the coalition parties.

Major Exhibitions

October 2019 - February 2020

Birds, Bugs and Butterflies: Lady Betty Cobbe's 'Peacock' Worcester Porcelain

This exhibition told the story of the commissioning of a magnificent service of Worcester porcelain for Newbridge House, Donabate from 1763 onwards, and its links with Irish crafts such as Thomas Reads, the cutlers. It also charted the subsequent dispersal of the service during Ireland's War of Independence and recent attempts to reunite it back together again.

October 2019 - January 2020

Dublin Castle Coach House Gallery: Ireland Glass Biennale

In conjunction with the National College of Art and Design, this bi-annual, open-call exhibition showcased the best of contemporary Irish glass practice, encouraging a wider appreciation of the creative potential of glass.

February 2020 - October 2020

100 Years of Women in Politics and Public Life

This exhibition explored 100 years of women's participation in politics and public life in Ireland. The exhibition shone a spotlight on the stories of very familiar and less well known women, who have contributed significantly to Irish political and public life over the past century.

March 2020 - January 2021

Splendour and Scandal: The Office of Arms at Dublin Castle

This exhibition examined the arcane office of Ulster King of Arms and its successor, the office of Chief Herald of Ireland. It looked at various activities during the 150 years these offices were located at Dublin Castle, from the theft of the Irish Crown Jewels to the creation of the independent Irish state and the design of the flag of the European Union.

Events

18th - 26th January

Tradfest - Printworks/Chapel Royal

Annual week long festival celebrating traditional Irish Music. Acts from around the world and all over the country playing in our venues for the general public.

14th February

Irish Chamber Orchestra Concert - Printworks

Irish Chamber Orchestra performing Beethoven's 7th to mark the 250th anniversary of the composer's birth.

17th of September

Culture Night Partnership with RTÉ

Filming of contemporary dance within the State Apartments. Broadcast on RTÉ to launch Culture Night.

27th - 28th September

Great Music in Irish Houses - Chapel Royal

Annual music festival filmed. Streamed for ticket holders at home.



Kilmainham Gaol Museum

Owing to Covid-19, opening of the Gaol was, like most other sites, severely restricted in 2020; however, staff at the site still managed to host a significant number of events and produced approximately 60 videos in-house, which were posted online. These short films explored the history of the building and allowed visitors to see areas not normally accessible to the public. A number of the videos also looked at particular stories, such as the Invincibles. These videos became one of the main means by which OPW marked significant dates during 2020.

Other activities included:

Date	Activity	Title	Description
January 24	Tradfest – Performance in the Courtroom	‘Last Night’s Fun’	Actor Stephen Rea and musicians Matt Molloy and Neil Martin celebrate the work of poet Ciaran Carson through words and music
January 25 & 26	Tradfest – Performance in the Gaol	National Folk Orchestra of Ireland	
February 13	Irish Times	Photoshoot for International Women’s Day	
February to April	Exhibition	Recycle, Repurpose, Reimagine: Transforming Objects in Kilmainham Gaol	This exhibition featured items from the Kilmainham Gaol collection, which have been transformed or changed with a particular emphasis on how prisoners used the resources around them during their captivity, often showing incredible ingenuity and imagination
July 14	Performance/ Live Stream	Fontaines DC	This was a livestreamed online performance by the Fontaines DC from the iconic East Wing of the Gaol, broadcast as part of the RTÉ <i>Other Voices</i> series
October 19	Yellow Asylum Films	Filming for The United Irishmen Project	

Exhibition and online events included:

Launch Date	Title	Description
14 October 2020	Seán Treacy centenary display	A dedicated display was created within the permanent exhibition to mark the centenary of the killing of Seán Treacy on 14 October, 1920. This display featured a number of significant items related to this event, including one of the shoes he wore when he was shot and a lock of his hair taken from his body by his friend and comrade, Dan Breen. An online version of this exhibition appeared on the RTÉ War of Independence website.
21 November 2020	Dick McKee, Peadar Clancy, Conor Clune centenary display	An dedicated display was created within the permanent exhibition to mark the centenary of the killing of Dick McKee, Peadar Clancy and Conor Clune on 21/22 November 1921 in Dublin Castle in the wake of Bloody Sunday. The display included objects such as a memorial ring made for McKee's fiancé and a sympathy card left on the coffin of McKee and Clancy by Michael Collins. An online version of this exhibition appeared on the RTÉ War of Independence website.
30 December 2020	Daniel O'Connell and the Kilmainham Courthouse Revolt, 30 December 1820	This exhibition in the Courthouse building marked the bi-centenary of a revolt led by Daniel O'Connell at a meeting of the Freeholders of County Dublin on 30 December 1820.
24 June 2020	Dublin Pride 2020 – Older than Pride Programme <i>Virtual Queer History Tour of Kilmainham Gaol</i>	We recorded a special 'virtual' queer history tour of Kilmainham Gaol as part of the 2020 Dublin Pride Online festival. This was followed by a live Q&A with Brian Crowley.
24 June 2020	Heritage Week 2020 <i>Exploring Prisoner Art and Education in the Kilmainham Gaol Collection</i>	This online talk explored material from Kilmainham Gaol's collection related to prisoners' educational and artistic endeavours during their incarceration. For political prisoners, imprisonment was provided an opportunity to develop new skills and learn from each other. Art, craft, education and creativity was also often a way of dealing with the monotony and oppressive nature of captivity. The talk was made available via the Facebook pages of Kilmainham Gaol, and on the OPW YouTube channel.
20 August 2020	Heritage Week 2020 <i>Thomas Moore's Melodies in Kilmainham Gaol and the Pearse Museum</i>	This specially commissioned video explored how Kilmainham Gaol and the Pearse Museum are connected with three of Thomas Moore's famous Irish melodies. The video featured performances of all three songs by sisters Teresa and Mary Louise O'Donnell in the atmospheric surroundings of Kilmainham Gaol and the Pearse Museum. It was made available via the Facebook pages of the Pearse Museum and Kilmainham Gaol, and on the OPW YouTube channel.
12 September 2020	Dublin Festival of History <i>The Queer History of Kilmainham Gaol</i>	This online talk incorporated the virtual queer history tour of Kilmainham followed by a presentation on objects from the Kilmainham Gaol museum collection with LGBTQIA+ associations.

Castletown House

March 2020

Launch of Lady Kildare Room

In March 2020, the Office of Public Works together with the Castletown Foundation officially opened the Lady Kildare Room at Castletown to the public.

August 2020

Biodiversity Fairy Trail

In August 2020, the OPW at Castletown opened a new family friendly biodiversity themed fairy trail in the Pleasure Gardens. This bilingual trail takes the visitor on a tour of the Biodiversity present at Castletown.

October 2020

Mezzo Masterpieces

On Halloween night, Irish National Opera joined forces with the Office of Public Works to livestream a fabulous performance by mezzo Soprano Sharon Carty from the Long Gallery, with a socially distanced Irish National Opera Orchestra.

Rathfarnham Castle

Despite Covid-19 restrictions in 2020, Rathfarnham Castle continued to play an important role in the cultural life of the Capital with a range of exhibitions and events including:

Dublin Bowie Festival: *Silhouettes and Shadows*

An exhibition of portraits and sculptures by Sara Captain (UK) and Maria Primolan (Italy) accompanied a talk by Sara Captain on the influence of the pre-Raphaelite movement on David Bowie.

Tradfest

Performances by Shane Hennessy, Michelle and Louise Mulcahy, Micheál Ó Raghallaigh, Maurice Lennon, Ciara Brennan and Chris Dawson.

They went and saw a palace hanging from a silken thread

An exhibition of work by Sven Sandberg, curated by Berlin Opticians Gallery.

Courageous Women Castle to Castle

An online event featuring chats, storytelling and performances with artists, historians and guest speakers, highlighting the stories of women in history and their impact on our lives today. Performed by Smashing Times International Centre for the Arts and Equality.

King John's Castle, Carlingford

Work was largely completed on a major project at King John's Castle in Carlingford in 2019 to provide access, safety and interpretation measures to facilitate better visitor access. The site will be curated and managed on the ground through a partnership with the Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust, launched in 2020 by the OPW Minister of State Mr. Patrick O'Donovan TD.

Rock of Cashel

The OPW continued working on the development of a project, originally initiated in 2019, in concert with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Fáilte Ireland and Tipperary County Council to identify and secure a site for a new Visitor Reception facility at Cashel. This project, which is supported by Fáilte Ireland, will, when it is developed, help to streamline visitor access and enable the provision of modern visitor services at this important and popular site. By year end, a professional consortium, led by an experienced Conservation Architect firm, had been appointed to carry out an analysis of five sites within the town with a view to identifying the optimum location for the Centre.





Visitor Services

A number of developments were pursued during the year across a range of visitor service areas:

Services for the deaf/hard of hearing:

Irish Sign Language (ISL) Tours, which were delivered at 12 sites in 2019, were suspended during the year due to closures and visitor restrictions arising from Covid-19 control measures. This programme will resume when circumstances allow.

Becoming Autism-friendly

One of OPW's goals for 2020 was to improve our offering at heritage sites for visitors on the autistic spectrum and substantial work was achieved on this front in 2020. Future plans will include participation in a rigorous accreditation process with a view to having our heritage sites officially designated as Autism-friendly but we took the opportunity of 2020 to progress our learning and understanding and start to put the necessary preparations in place.

As a first step, AslAm, Ireland's National Autism Charity, engaged with key OPW frontline teams in February and this was followed by a dedicated training session to help site staff to develop new approaches to facilitate this fresh approach.

Planned activities, including our first autism-friendly tour of Áras an Uachtaráin on April 4th had to be put on hold due to Covid-19 restrictions. Online training for our guide staff has continued with a focus on the production of Social Guides for each site which were made available on the Heritage Ireland website in the latter part of the year. Further work on the way to achieving full recognition for services to the autistic community will continue in 2021.

Training for Guide Staff 2020

Throughout 2020, a number of online training courses were delivered to our guide staff.

Provider	Guide Staff	Guide Managers	No. of participants
Failte Ireland	Customer Services Excellence	Effective Teams	350
	Introduction to First Aid	Team Leadership	
	GDPR		
	Health and Safety		
AslAm	Autism Awareness Training		273
	Autism Awareness Workshops/Webinar:		60
	Building Understanding		
	Inclusion of Autism in OPW		
OPW	Dignity at Work (5 sessions)		75
Public Relations Institute of Ireland	Mobile Video Storytelling Workshops (2 sessions) <i>(This training provides tips and training on recording clips for social media on mobile devices, useful for staff updating social media for sites or involved in online events, e.g, Heritage Week 2020)</i>		8
Public Affairs Ireland	Training course on Dealing with Difficult Visitors		15

Tourism Development Programme

Work also continued throughout the year on the continuing Tourism Development Capital Programme (2016-2021) in tandem with strategic partners Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH). Projects progressed during the year included:

- Building refurbishment and new permanent exhibition at the Céide Fields Visitor Centre, Co. Mayo: Work started on site during the year but was suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions late in the year. A resumption is planned as soon as circumstances allow, in 2021.
- New interpretation and building refurbishment at Carrowmore Visitor Centre, Co. Sligo: The start on site which had been planned in 2020 was deferred and the project will now be advanced in 2021.
- New visitor facilities and new approach landscaping at Newgrange, Co. Meath: Work continued throughout the early part of the year to mount the project for the provision of new visitor facilities at the Newgrange Monument; owing to Covid-19 restrictions however, the planned project start was delayed and will recommence in 2021 when circumstances allow.
- New interpretation at Dun Aonghusa and other Aran sites, Co. Galway: The construction phase of this project was deferred due to Covid-19 restrictions and will now take place in 2021.
- Delivery of Dublin Castle Masterplan and progress on signature Record Tower project.
- Progress on recommendations arising from the Phoenix Park Visitor Experience review including advancement of major conservation project at the Magazine Fort.
- Progress on new Visitor Centre at the Casino, Marino, Co. Dublin.
- Visitor facilities at Blasket Island.
- Completion of new iconic Viewing Point at Blaskets Visitor Centre, Dun Chaoin.

Preparation continued throughout the year on the development of the next phase of proposed projects between the three organisation partners involved; OPW, DCHG and Fáilte Ireland.

Digital Services Programme

A number of projects were progressed throughout the year:

Redesign of Heritage Ireland website

The main visitor information portal for OPW's is the heritageireland.ie website, which was completely redesigned and relaunched in 2020.

The new website stands out as a quality offering, and is engaging and bold in an original, competitive and compelling way. The site promotes the heritage sites managed by the OPW, outlines the available services and encourages domestic and international visitors to explore them. It also provides a platform to showcase the work carried out by OPW in the care and conservation of our heritage places and collections.

Online sales of Heritage Card

OPW Heritage Cards, which were previously only available to purchase from fee paying visitor sites and by phone, went on sale online during August 2020 - <https://heritageireland.ie/visit/heritage-card>.

Despite the restrictions on visitor sites' opening, initial sales were encouraging with 709 cards sold online up to the end of the year. 72% of those were sold in December, 10% in November, 5% in October, 7% in September and 7% in August.

Online Booking

Owing to the closure or curtailment of a number of visitor sites during the year, active use of online facilities was geared towards helping with capacity management. In continuing the development of these facilities for future visitors however, further preparatory works for additional sites took place at the following properties in 2020 and online booking is now ready to be in place at up to 14 sites in total when normal services resume:

- Charlesfort
- Blasket Island Centre



OBJECTIVE: Develop and maintain knowledge and skills in traditional building, conservation architecture, site conservation and protection, heritage interpretation and collections management and care

Some of the key achievements in 2020 include:

Craft Apprentice Programme

The OPW Craft Apprenticeship Programme, operated in conjunction with SOLAS, continued to progress and develop in 2020.

The breakdown of apprentices within Heritage Services up to December 2020 is as follows:

No.	Business Unit	Apprenticeship Trade
1	BMS	Carpenter and Joiner
9	National Monuments	Stonemason and Stonecutter
2	National Monuments	Carpenter and Joiner
1	Central Engineering Workshop, BMS	Metal Fabricator
2	Furniture Branch	Wood Manufacturer and Finisher

During 2020, four Apprentices qualified as Craft Carpenters and Joiners in BMS.

Following a selection process late in 2020, the following will be appointed as Apprentices in the OPW in January 2021.

No.	Business Unit	Apprenticeship Trade
2	National Monuments	Carpenter and Joiner
1	National Monuments	Stonemason and Stonecutter

A recruitment campaign for Apprentice Carpenter and Joiners in BMS, Dublin was carried out in 2020 and appointments are expected during 2021.

Collections Management

The OPW is the custodian of some very significant and valuable collections. In 2020, OPW appointed a new Historic Collections Registrar for Heritage Services as part of our continued professionalisation of our work in this area.

We care for our collections and sites in line with professional museum standards. Currently, eight OPW properties are participants in the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI), which promotes professional standards in the care of collections. Castletown, Farmleigh, Dublin Castle, Rathfarnham Castle and St Enda's are all fully accredited. In 2020, Kilmainham Gaol, Glebe Gallery and Kilkenny Castle achieved full accreditation for the first time.

In addition to the external accreditation programme, OPW advanced a major collections management systems project for Heritage Services and Art Management. This new state-of-the-art asset recording system ensures that object and artefact collections throughout the organisation use a robust and adaptable platform to record object condition, location and other relevant data providing greater custodial control of all assets in our care while creating greater visibility to a range of interested parties including management, researchers etc.

OBJECTIVE: CREATE, promote and sustain a strong public reputation for heritage excellence by maintaining a consistent high quality approach to conservation and presentation of Protected Structures and cultural estate assets in our care

OPW Heritage Services is responsible for maintenance and fabric of Protected Structures and Historic Buildings occupied by Cultural Institutions and Departments of State and Government.

Works undertaken in 2020 ranged from day to day maintenance of the Historic Estate by OPW Building Maintenance Services, minor conservation and upgrade works up to the larger capital projects including works being progressed as part of the Cultural Institutions Programme 2040. In order to achieve this, expertise is engaged both from within the organisation and with external contractors to carry out conservation repairs to essential elements such as roofing and materials such as stone and brickwork, plasterwork and joinery across the estate. A number of these buildings have particular elements, for example, stained glass, mosaic, cast iron and timber panelling, which require highly specialised conservation works ranging from the earlier Georgian and Victorian stock through to important 20th Century state buildings.

Varied Conservation works were undertaken to maintain, protect, consolidate and repair existing historic fabric such as the extensive refurbishment of the Customs House elevations. Stone consolidation continued at the Gates of Justice at Dublin Castle and fabric repairs at the iconic Dome of the Four Courts. Roofing works were undertaken in the Leinster House Complex, the National Museum and Luas Building in St Stephen's Green.

Heritage Services continued to engage in projects with colleagues in OPW M&E, Fire and Structural Sections where essential works were required to strengthen the existing historic structure, improve fire compartmentation for life safety and long term building protection and upgrade of M&E installations. This included a programme of fire protection works undertaken at Iveagh House, works to the Visitors Centre at the Customs House and services upgrade at the Casino at Marino. Ongoing improvements for universal access were completed, such as the wheelchair access upgrade at the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment at 23 Kildare Street.

OPW Building Maintenance Services directly completed projects as varied as the installation of the Pangur Bán, sculpture ensemble by Imogen Stuart, which was opened in 2020 at Áras an Uachtaráin Visitor Centre. Fit out for Art Management in Ship Street, Dublin Castle and a challenging programme of protections, working decks and platforms for the safe decant of the suspended whale skeletons and large specimens at the Natural History Museum and provision of facilities externally to allow this unique project to go ahead.

Heritage Services facilitated projects in the public realm by others such as the provision of a new entrance from Upper Hatch Street to the Iveagh Gardens and installation of the Front Line Defenders memorial opened by Simon Coveney in December in the Iveagh House Garden. The WB Yeats memorial, performance space, in St Stephen's Green was reopened in July following conservation of Henry Moore's *Knife Edge* sculpture and restoration of the paths, steps and terraces and access improvements.

Leinster House

The Georgian Leinster House Restoration was completed in 2019. Various reintegration works were undertaken in 2020 including the return of the Ceramics Room, temporary home of the Seanad Chamber, to the National Museum. Preparation of documentation for the next phases of conservation and repair works were progressed focussing initially on the building fabric of the Dail Block.

Following the launch Cultural Institutions Programme 2040 by the Department of Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Capital works projects are in development for the various Cultural Buildings for which OPW have responsibility, in partnership with the Department and the Cultural institutions.



While OPW have continued to carry out essential fabric works within these buildings, this is now in the context of overall plans for conservation, accessibility and sustainability, a dynamic reassessment of the role of these important heritage buildings for the next generation and the protection and interpretation of the National Collections. A number of individual projects and initiatives were advanced in 2020.

Natural History Museum

Enabling works to facilitate the decant of the Natural History exhibits, ahead of planned, reroofing works continued through 2020. This was a complex undertaking including removal of the whale skeletons, which had not moved since their installation (at the latest in 1909). Opening up and investigations to inform the roofing documentation is also underway along with proposals developed for the capital works project for the full refurbishment of the Museum.

National Museum of Archaeology

The initial phase of roof and safety works were completed in 2020. Preparation for the second phase Rotunda Repairs and further internal upgrades has been progressed and awaiting relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions to proceed on site. The Capital Project Strategy for the overall fabric conservation, accessibility and services and the presentation of the museum collection is at the preliminary plan stage.

National Library

The West Wing investigations (Phase 2A) for the Reimagining of the National Library project was completed in 2020, informing the ongoing preparation of documentation for the next phases, the West Wing External Fabric Contract and the follow on proposed new extension and provision of public exhibition spaces, facilities and universal access for all. Various enabling works within the National Library estate were also progressed to allow the Library to continue to function during the main construction.

National Gallery

There is an ongoing programme of minor upgrade works that continued in the National Gallery Complex through 2020. The next phases of major capital works planned for the Gallery are currently under review.

Crawford Gallery

The Crawford Art Gallery is a leading light in the National Cultural Institution Investment Programme due to progress made in the past year. It is the first Cultural Institution to have established a Steering Group and to have agreed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with the OPW and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media. The next milestone in this project is the completion of the Final Business Case, and to this end a procurement competition to appoint an Architect Led Integrated Design Team Services for the Redevelopment of the Crawford Art Gallery and surrounding Public Realm is currently underway and an appointment is expected early in the second half of the year.

National Concert Hall

The National Concert Hall redevelopment project is currently nearing the completion of its business case. A sketch scheme proposal has been prepared of the various options by the OPW for the business case. Substantial site investigation and opening up works were carried out in the second half of 2020 to assess the historic fabric and the structural integrity of the various building elements within the complex. Specialist services were appointed to inspect the condition and repair of the stone, brick and historic plaster facades, historic windows and roof lights, the condition of roof timber and floors and the issue of damp within the basement area. A full topographical and measured building survey was undertaken and a detailed Revit model of the complex has been prepared. The theatre and acoustic consultants (Theatre Project and Sound Space Vision) were appointed to the project this month. It is anticipated that the business case will be finalised in the coming month.

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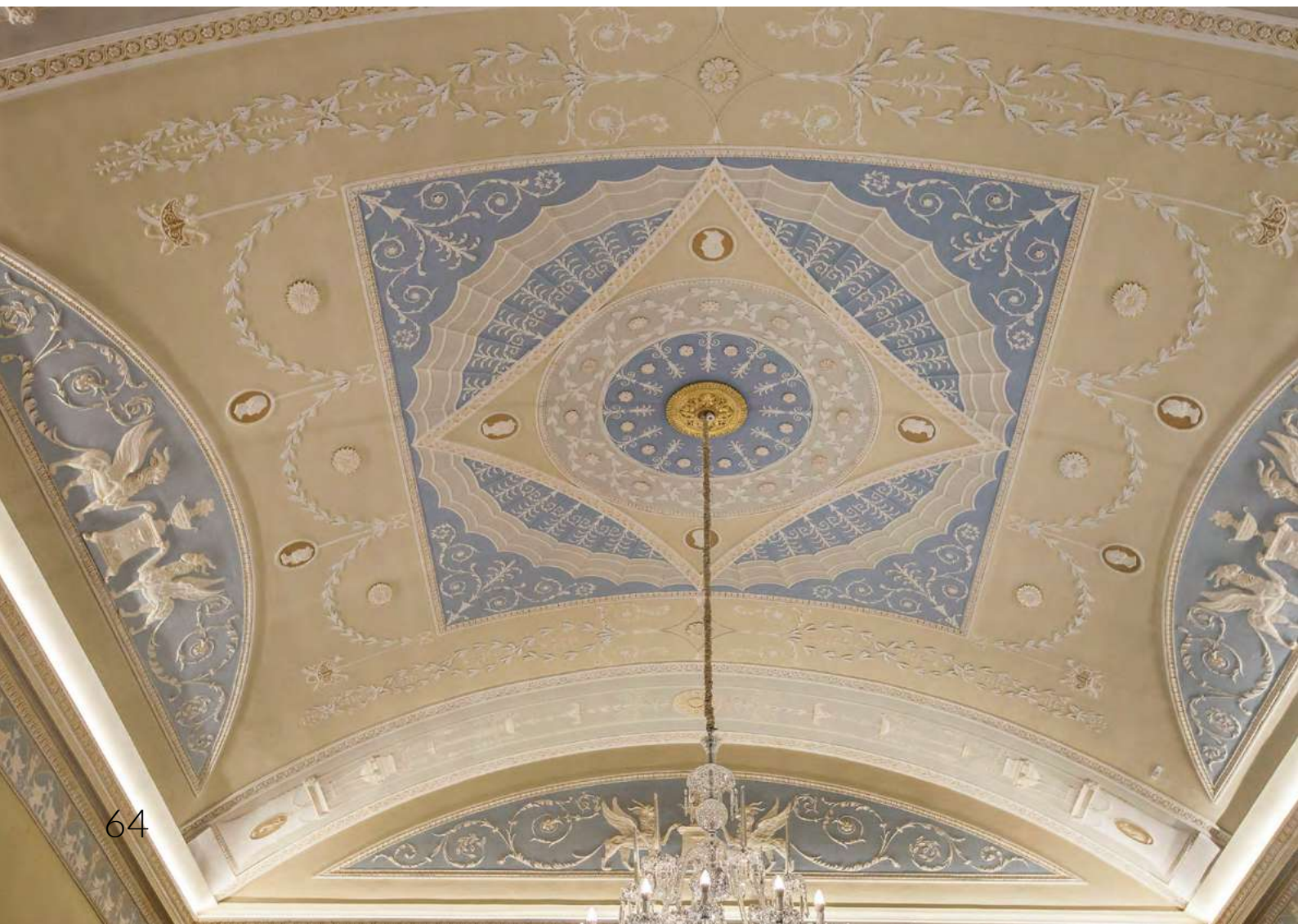
Top: OPW staff Mary Heffernan and William Derham, OPW Commissioner John McMahon, and Sandra Collins, Director NLI, unveiling pieces from the *Splendour & Scandal: The Office of Arms at Dublin Castle*.

Bottom: Sandra Collins Director NLI, and William Derham, Curator, unveiling pieces from the *Splendour & Scandal: The Office of Arms at Dublin Castle*.

Ongoing Heritage Services – Conservation and Building Maintenance Services Projects

Work continued throughout 2020 in conformity with Government Covid-19 measures on a number of ongoing conservation, consolidation, repair and health and safety projects at OPW sites including:

- Dublin Castle complex incl Record Tower, Gate of Justice, Block M
- Iveagh House; including new Front Line Defenders Memorial
- Four Courts complex incl. Dome, Chancery Street Court Roof
- Leinster House Complex
- Custom House (including new Visitor Centre Refurbishment)
- Royal Hospital Kilmainham Complex
- Government Buildings Complex
- 23 Kildare Street
- National Museum of Ireland, Kildare Street and Collins Barracks
- Natural History Museum
- National Library of Ireland
- National Gallery of Ireland
- Casino Marino
- Emo Court
- Phoenix Park Gates
- St Stephen's Green; WB Yeats Memorial Refurbishment and Luas Toilets Roof Works
- Iveagh Gardens; new Hatch Street Entrance
- War Memorial Gardens
- Heywood Mausoleum



4.4 Corporate Services

The role of OPW's Corporate Services Division is to provide efficient and effective support to allow the wider organisation to deliver on our strategic business goals. Corporate Services allows the divisions within OPW to respond and adapt to changing internal and external challenges. Corporate Services consists of eight Business Units across Human Resources, Communications, Press Office, Finance, ICT, Estate Management Systems, Policy Unit and Government Publications and Election Services.

The objective of the Corporate Services function is to enable continuous improvements in the performance of our public service duty by supporting, equipping and developing our workforce.

An extensive range of support activities provided in 2020 include:

- Human Resources (HR) provided a high level of employee and manager support to staff who needed to adjust to new ways of working during the various levels of Covid-19 restrictions, both to those staff designated as essential workers and staff that were required to work remotely from home.
- HR supported the development and implementation of Staffwise, a cross functional collaboration initiative developed by the Flood Risk Management data management team, an initiative developed in response to the Covid-19 crises, to enable staff to log their work location. Staffwise was put forward for a Civil Service Excellence and Innovation Award.
- Recruitment and selection moved online immediately, following the necessity to work remotely, and together with new selection processes, reduced interview timelines from weeks to days.
- The professional and personal development needs of staff continued to be supported during 2020 by a transition to virtual learning events and resources.
- Wellbeing and engagement initiatives ran throughout the year, including online Social Club activities, health promotions and a virtual Christmas Gathering.
- The Office continued, in 2020, to uphold and protect the equality and human rights of our staff through our administration of HRM equality policies and work programmes and our Partnership model.

Information and Communications Technology key achievements

- Provision of blended working services (inc. desktop video conferencing, notebook computers, mobile devices etc.) to OPW staff to allow staff work from home during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Specification and implementation of all ICT services for proposed new Dublin office for OPW at 1GQ.
- Completion of procurement exercise and partial deployment of new Unified Communications solution (8X8).
- Planning for the relocation of critical ICT infrastructure to Revenue Data Centre
- Upgrade of Core pay payroll system.
- Completion of procurement exercise for Managed Print Services.
- Assisting Visitor Services with the delivery of new Heritage Ireland website.
- Various pilot projects on-site inspections, tree inspections, data analytics etc.
- Deployment of Webinar technology for staff seminars and conferences.

Communications Unit key achievements

- Staff communications survey
- Published four internal OPW 'Obair' magazines
- OPW social media policy completed
- OPW public omnibus and stakeholder research completed
- Four social media workshops took place
- Training for video production
- Media analysis and reporting completed
- Stats for social media climbed considerably
- Online media overtook traditional media for the first time in 2020
- Traditional media declined considerably especially regional and rural titles that were significantly impacted by Covid-19.

Corporate Governance Annual Report Summary

Corporate Governance Standard The OPW Governance Framework has been prepared in line with the principles and requirements set out in the [Corporate Governance Standard for the Civil Service](#).

The Ethics in Public Office Acts, 1995 and 2001 In accordance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, board members and designated staff register their interests in other undertakings in an annual declaration under this Act.

Protected Disclosures Act 2014 In accordance with Section 21(1) of the Act, the OPW has a policy in place with regard to protected disclosures by staff who are, or were, employed by the OPW and for dealing with such disclosures. There were no protected disclosures received by the OPW in the year ending 31 December 2020.

Conflicts of Interest The OPW has established comprehensive procedures to monitor and manage potential conflicts of interest of Management Board members and staff. Under the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015 the OPW has published a list of its designated public officials as required by Section 6(4) of that Act.

Communications The OPW recognises the need to work in collaboration with its stakeholders. The communications section and Press Office were further resourced, particularly in light of the heightened focus on internal communications in place as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Ministerial and Senior Management Roles and Assignment of Responsibilities Minister of State Patrick O'Donovan, TD, was appointed in July 2020 as Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works.

Information Management A Data Protection Officer is in place and data protection requirements are made known to staff through training and communications, in response to queries and through information videos, policies and other documents available on the OPW intranet.

Management Board and other Governance Structures

Management Board (MB) The MB consists of the Chairman, two Commissioners, Director of Flood Risk Management, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Planning and Estate Management and the State Architect.

Audit, Assurances and Compliance Arrangements

Internal Audit The OPW has a designated Internal Audit Unit (IAU), which provides independent, objective assurance to the Accounting Officer with the aim of adding value to and improving OPW operations.



External Audit The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General (OCAG) audit the appropriation account for Vote 13 Office of Public Works, under Section 3 of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993.

Shared Services The Accounting Officer for shared services has provided a letter of assurance on the internal control and audit arrangements and reports on the audits of the operation of controls during 2020.

Statement of Internal Control The Accounting Officer's Statement of Internal Control published in the Annual Appropriation Account, describes the internal control environment in operation the OPW. The Head of Financial Services, Management Board members and Senior Managers are responsible for ensuring that adequate financial systems and controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance to the Accounting Officer on such matters.

Public Spending Code (PSC) Compliance Under the PSC the OPW is required to ensure that public funds are treated with care and that best value for money is obtained. An annual Quality Assurance Report was conducted by the Office to assess compliance with the Public Spending Code.

Risk Management Risk management is an integral part of the OPW's Corporate Governance and is critical in the achievement of strategic outcomes. In 2020, the OPW updated its Risk Management Policy to incorporate revised Business Continuity Plans and introduced an eRisks register in collaboration with the OGCI0.

Health and Safety The OPW is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its employees by maintaining a safe place of work and by complying with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 and with relevant codes of practice and guidelines where appropriate.

Procurement Oversight In 2020, a new procurement advisory section was established within the Governance and Evaluation Unit to assist and support the Office's staff in complying with European and National procurement rules, to monitor procurement compliance and performance throughout the Office and to enhance engagement with the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) to deliver effective procurement and use of frameworks.

OPW Contracts Register

To end of 2020, over 728 contracts with an overall value of €264,185,586 have been recorded on the contracts register.



Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí

Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020



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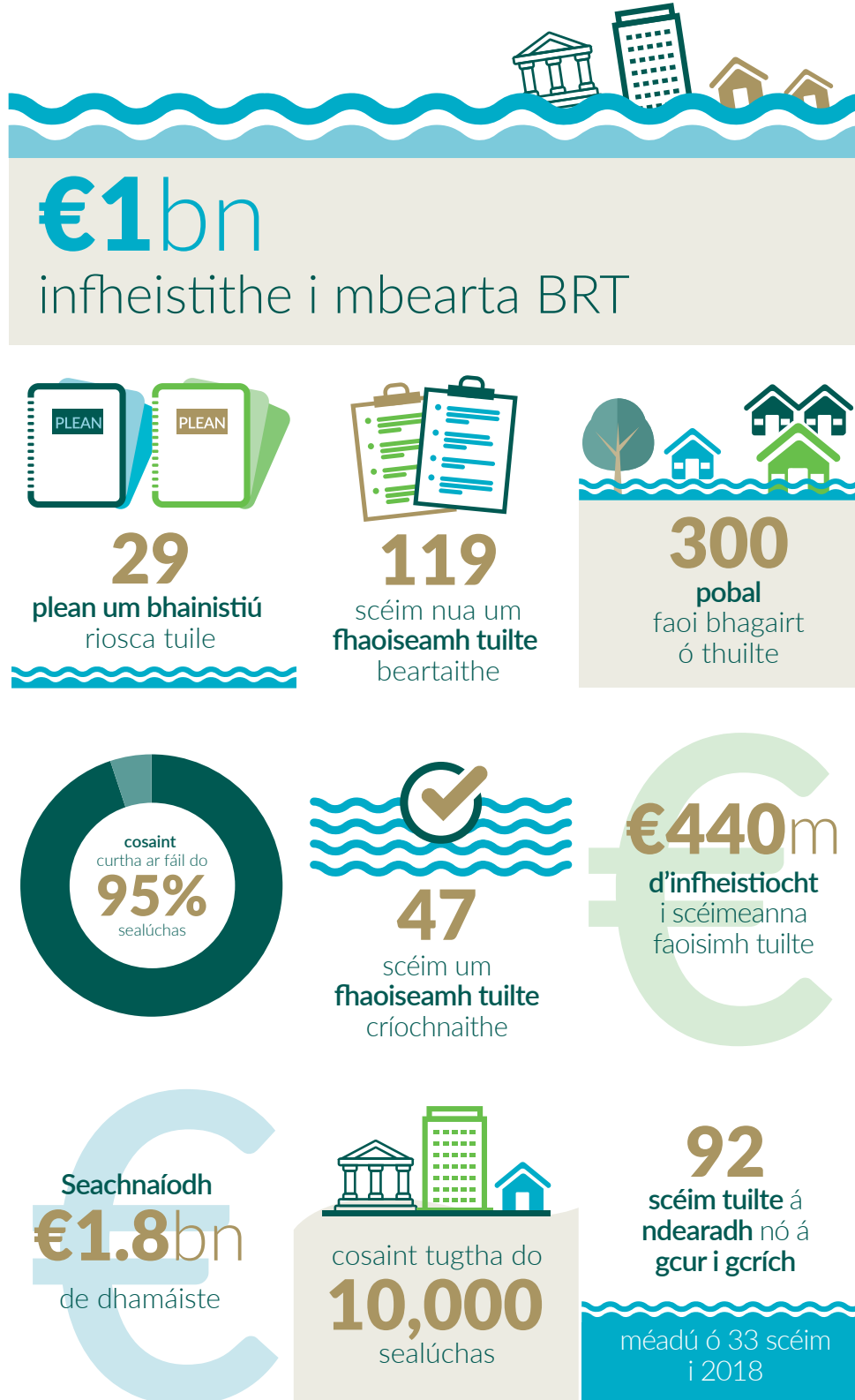
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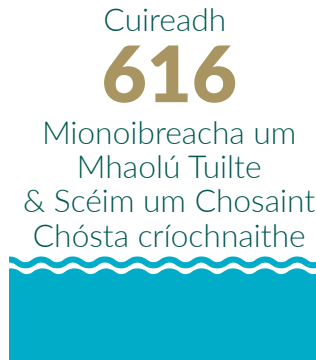
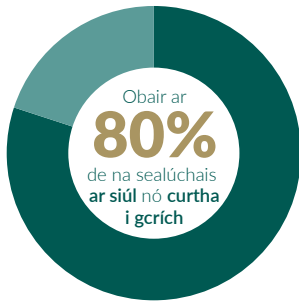


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Buaicphointí Staitistiúla 2020

1.1 Staitisticí um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile 2020





1.2 Bainistiú na nEastát – Staitisticí Sealúchais

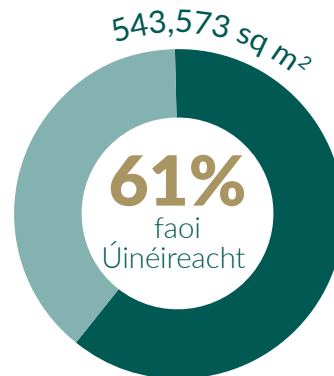
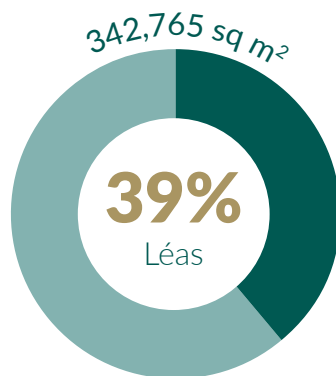
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344 Léas i
290 foirgneamh

255 Bloc oifige
faoi úinéireacht

886,339 mcr d'achar urláir iomlán



Punann faoi Úinéireacht

€2.55M
ó dhiúscairt
22 sealúchas

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ioncam cíosa
ar 100+ sealúchas



28,665
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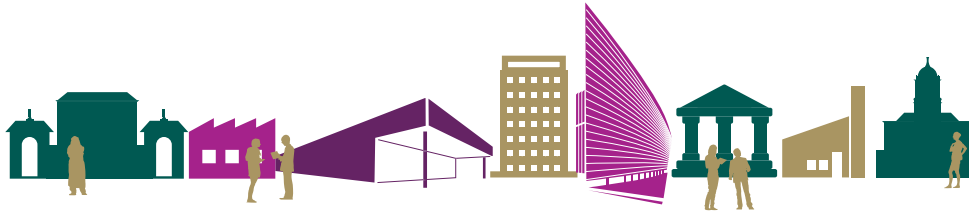


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Ceadúnas do chrainn
cumarsáide fón póca



694
Sealúchas de chuid
an Gharda

1.3 Bainistiú na nEastát – Staitisticí na hOidhreachta Tógtha



7.44M

Cuairteoir chuig
Ionaid Oidhreachta
taifeadta



780

Séadchomhartha
Náisiúnta faoinár
gcúram



70

Ionad oidhreachta
ina bhfuil Seirbhís
Threorach



32

Sealúchas
Stairiúil



5,000 acra

d'fhearann Páirce
& Gáirdíní

1.4 Staitisticí Corparáideacha OOP 2020

Faisnéis Airgeadais

Caiteachas Ar Chláir*	2019	2020
Clár A – Bainistiú um Riosca Tule	99,296	108,658
Clár B – Bainistiú an Phunainn Eastát	432,990	479,596
lomlán comhlán	532,286	588,254
Leithreasí i gCabhair	24,315	10,613
lomlán glan	507,971	577,641
Maoiniú na gClár		
Vóta 13 Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí (móriomlan)	455,131	486,807
Seirbhísí Gníomhaireachtaí faoi bhainistíocht OOP	77,155	101,447
lomlán	532,286	588,254

* Áirítear sa chostas ar chláir an chaiteachais, an caiteachas díreach i leith Vóta OOP (Seirbhísí Gaolmhara san áireamh), Seirbhísí Corparáideacha OOP, costais agus oibreacha agus seirbhísí atá á gcur ar fáil ag OOP ar bhonn aisiocáíochta do Ranna Rialtais agus do Ghníomhaireachtaí Stáit eile.

Foireann OOP 2020

Foireann ó cheann ceann na bliana	1,991
Foireann shéasúrach/ar Théarma Seasta	407
Printísigh	21
Móriomlán	2,398

Ag Tacú leis an bPróiseas Parlaiminteach 2020

Ceisteanna Parlaiminteacha		502
Eolas curtha ar fáil do Cheisteanna Parlaiminteacha eile		16
Plé sa Dáil ar Cheisteanna Reatha		
	<i>Curtha isteach</i>	18
	<i>Roghnaithe</i>	2
Cúrsaí um Thosach Feidhme sa Seanad		
	<i>Curtha isteach</i>	3
	<i>Roghnaithe</i>	2
Ráitis sa Seanad		0
Ráitis Aistrithe		1
Díospóireachtaí na Baill Príobháideach Gnó		2
Uiríll Airí		832

Faisnéis Ghinearálta 2020

Iarratis um Shaoráil Faisnéise (FOI)		141
	<i>Pearsanta</i>	4
	<i>Neamhphearsanta</i>	137
Imeachtaí a eagraíodh do na Meáin		32
Preasráitis a Eisíodh (7 i nGaeilge)		57
Ceisteanna ar dhéileáil an Phreasoifig leo		3,034
	<i>Eolas</i>	2,651
	<i>Meáin</i>	392

Úsáid Fuinnimh 2020

Na figiúirí deireadh mar a cuireadh chuig Córas M&T ÚFIÉ iad

	2020
Foirgnimh Eile	2.0 MWh
Suíomhanna Stairiúla	8.5 MWh
Páirceanna	0.9 MWh
Stáisiún Pumpála	1.5 MWh
OP@W	29.7 MWh
Iompar	9.2 MWh
Iomlán	51.8 MWh



OPW Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí
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→ An tAire O'Donovan le Paul McDonnell, Maoirseoir Páirce ag glacadh le Duais an Bhrait Ghlais do Pháirt an Fhionnuisce.

Ciara Bannon Mateus ag cuidiú leis an Aire O'Donovan agus é ag fógairt go gcuirfí deireadh le táilli iontrála chuig Ionaid Oidhreachta mar pháirt de Phlean Spreagthaí an Rialtais i mí Iúil.



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Réamhráitis

2.1 Réamhrá an Aire Stáit

Tá cur síos sa Tuarascáil Bhliantúil seo ar na gníomhaíochtaí agus an méid a bhain Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí (OPW) amach sa bhliain 2020. Is iad príomhréimsí gníomhaíochta OOP ná Bainistiú Riosca Tuile agus Bainistiú na nEastát, Seirbhísí Oidhreachta, san áireamh.

Ó ceapadh mé mar Aire Stáit le freagracht as Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí i mí an Mheithimh 2020, tá mé an-tógtha le tiomantas, acmhainneacht, solúbthacht agus freagrúlacht na hOifige i leith seirbhísí poiblí den scoth a chur ar fáil, ina measc dul i ngleic leis na dúshláin a bhain leis an mBreathimeacht agus na dúshláin náisiúnta a bhain le paindéim Covid-19. Léiríonn siad seo tiomantas fhoireann an OOP maidir le cineálacha nua cur chuige a chur i bhfeidhm i seachadadh seirbhísí mar aon le freagairt go tapa i gcás aon dúshlán nua a thagann chun cinn.

Maidir leis an gClár um Mheasúnú agus um Bhainistiú Tuile i nDobharcheantair (CFRAM), críochnaíodh 47 scéim faoisimh tuilte suas go deireadh 2020, le hinfheistíocht de thart ar €440m agus mar thoradh air sin rinneadh damáiste de thart ar €1.8bn a sheachaint, agus tugadh cosaint do níos mó ná 10,000 sealúchas. Ina theannta sin, cuireadh an t-athbhreithniú ar na Léarscáileanna Tuilte, a cruthaíodh mar thoradh ar an gClár CFRAM, faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin i 2020. Cuireadh tús le hathbhreithniú ar na Pleananna um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile i 2020 agus tá sé le cur i gcrích i 2021.

Chuir paindéim Covid-19 dlús faoi athruithe maidir le cleachtais oibre sa Státseirbhís agus ar nós gach áit ar domhan, chruthaigh sé dúshláin d'áititheoirí oifige, ar fud na n-earnálacha ar fad maidir leis an gcuma a bheidh ar oifig na todhchaí. B'am cinniúnach a bhí ann nuair a b'éigean do Ranna agus gníomhaireachtaí Rialtais an spás oifige a bhí acu a fhágáil láithreach, sa chéad ráithe de 2020, agus thug sé seo deis ar leith treo straitéiseach phunann oifige na todhchaí a mheas. Tá mé an-sásta go bhfuil OOP ag déanamh obair shuntasach sa réimse seo agus leanfar den obair seo nuair a bheidh Covid thart.

Cé gur tháinig laghdú mór ar an líon cuairteoirí a d'fhéad a theacht chuig a lán de na laithreáin de bharr threoirilinte chun an víreas a chosc, measadh gur chóir leibhéal áirithe seirbhíse a chur ar fáil chun tacú leis an earnáil turasoireachta agus léiríodh an tacaíocht seo nuair a cuireadh deireadh le táillí iontrála chuig formhór na láithreán ar an 27 Iúil 2020.



Patrick O'Donovan, TD

*An tAire Stáit le freagracht as Oifig
na nOibreacha Poiblí*



2.2 Réamhrá an Chathaoirligh

Tá áthas orm Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020 a chur faoi bhráid an Aire Stáit sa Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe, le freagracht as Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí, an tUas. Patrick O'Donovan T.D.

Tá achoimre sa tuarascáil seo ar an dul chun cinn a rinne OOP sa bhliain deiridh den tréimhse atá clúdaithe faoinár Ráiteas Straitéise (2017-2020). Le linn na tréimhse 2017-2020, bhain OOP cuspóirí suntasacha amach agus neartaíodh eagar agus próisis na hOifige ag an am céanna.

I rith 2020, tugadh tús áite in OOP d'oibreacha a bhain leis an mBreatimeacht, áit a ndearnadh tuilleadh oibreacha ar infreastruchtúr ag Calafort Bhaile Átha Cliath, ag Eorophort Ros Láir, agus ag Aerfort Bhaile Átha Cliath. Ba ghá go mbeadh áiseanna ar fáil sna láithreacha seo in am don bhunspriocdháta, an 29 Márta 2019, agus tuilleadh áiseanna a fhorbairt de réir a chéile le bheidh réidh do gach spriocdháta ina dhiaidh sin – 12 Aibreán, 31 Deireadh Fómhair agus 31 Nollaig 2020. San iomlán, d'fhorbair Aonad Breatimeachta OOP 28 tionscadal ar fud 24 láithreán i suíomhanna ar mhéid timpeall 20 acra ag Calafort Bhaile Átha Cliath chomh maith le deich n-acra eile i Ros Láir.

Maidir le Bainistiú Riosca Tuile agus maolú a dhéanamh ar mhéid agus tionchar tuilte, tháinig méadú faoi thrí ar líon na scéimeanna móra faoisimh tuilte de chuid OOP i gcomhpháirtíocht leis na hÚdaráis Áitiúla, mar a raibh 92 scéim den chineál seo ann ag deireadh 2020.

Chuir paindéim Covid-19 isteach go mór ar sholáthar seirbhísí do chuariteoirí ag níos mó ná 70 láithreán mar gur laghdaíodh na seirbhísí a bhí ar fáil iontu seo i rith 2020. Ina ainneoin sin, bhí OOP ábalta deis a thabhairt do dhaoine rochtain a bheith acu ar go leor fearann páirceanna le linn na dtréimshí dianghlása éagsúla agus thacaigh sé seo go mór le sláinte an phobail agus le folláine mheabhrach agus choirp. Is díol suntas gur taifeadh 7.44 milliún cuairt chuig ár láithreáin oidhreachta.

Bhí OOP gníomhach freisin i ngrúpa lárnach a bhunaigh an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe chun beartas maidir le obair chumaisc a ulmhú. Is é príomhchuspóir OOP an plé le cliant a stiúradh, i gcomhthéacs an bheartais lárnaigh, trí dhúshlán a thabhairt maidir leis na gnásanna atá i réim faoi láthair, bealaí nua oibre a scrúdú, réitigh mhalartacha maidir le cóiríocht a aimsiú – sealúchas agus iad siúd nach mbaineann le sealúchas, san áireamh agus barr feabhais a bhaint amach maidir le héifeachtúlacht agus éifeachtacht an phunainn oifige. Táimid i mbun plé faoi láthair agus leanfaimid ár bplé leis an Rialtas agus lenár gcliaint i dtaca leis an bpunann a nuachóiriú, barr feabhais a bhaint amach maidir le héifeachtúlacht spáis, luach sócmhainní a bhaint amach, tacú le timpeallacht inbhuanaithe, ár gcuid sonraí agus taighde a neartú chomh maith le cuidiú le fostóirí agus comhlachtaí de chuid na hearnála poiblí bogadh i dtreo 20% obair sa bhaile agus obair chumaisc.

Níl sa mhéid atá luaite thuas ach roinnt samplaí den chaoi a raibh OOP ábalta réitigh ghairmiúla sofhreagracha a bhí bunaithe ar fhianaise a chur ar fáil don Rialtas agus don phobal. I bhfianaise na ndúshlán a bhí romhainn i rith 2020, ba mhaith liom buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil le foireann oibre ilchineálach agus díograiseach OOP as a saothar leanúnach le hobair na hOifige a fheabhsú i 2020 agus buíochas a ghabháil lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara ar fad as a gcomhoibriú lenár ngníomhaíochtaí.



Maurice Buckley

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Cathaoirleach Feidhmiúcháin, Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí



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Ár Misean



3.1 Ráiteas Misin

Is é misean OOP ár dtaithí agus ár saineolas a úsáid chun ár ról agus ár bhfreagrachtaí a chomhlíonadh le seirbhísí éifeachtacha, inmharthana agus nuálacha a chur ar fáil don phobal agus dár gcliaint, le hinniúlacht, le dúthracht, le gairmiúlacht agus le hionracas.



3.2 Feidhmeanna

Bhain príomhfheidhmeanna OOP i 2020 le Bainistiú Eastát agus le Bainistiú Riosca Tuile. Fuair na réimsí gníomhaíochta seo tacaíocht ó fheidhmeanna na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha. Is é an príomhchúram atá ar OOP ná seirbhísí a chur ar fáil dár gcustaiméirí. Is iad ár gcustaiméirí an mórphobal, an Rialtas, Ranna agus Oifigí eile agus a nGníomhaireachtaí, agus an tseirbhís phoiblí ina iomláine.



3.3 Tosaíochtaí Straitéiseacha

Is iad seo ár dTosaíochtaí Straitéiseacha:

Bainistiú na nEastát

Uasmhéadú a dhéanamh ar úsáid agus luach Shealúchas an Stáit

Bainistiú Riosca Tuile

Éifeachtaí agus damáiste a dhéanann tuilte a mhaolú chomh héifeachtach agus is féidir

Barr Feabhais Eagraíochtúil

Arr feabhais a bhaint amach inár bhfeidhmíocht agus soláthar seirbhísí

Seirbhísí Um Oidhrecht Thógtha

Ár n-oidhrecht thógtha a chosaint agus a chur chun cinn





←
Ardán Féachana nua an Bhlascaoid.

→
Abhainn Feagle, Sceim Faoisimh
Tuile, Cloich na Caoilte.



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Athbhreithniú ar an mBliain Deiridh de Ráiteas Straitéise 2017-2020

SPRIOCANNA AGUS DUL CHUN
CINN LE LINN 2020

4.1 Bainistiú Riosca Tuile

Is í OOP atá freagrach as Beartas Náisiúnta Tuilte an Rialtais a stiúradh agus a chomhordú. Caithfidh an Oifig riosca tuile a aithint agus clár pleanáilte d'oibreacha faoisimh ó thuilte indéanta a ullmhú in éineacht le béim níos mó a chur ar bhearta bainistíochta neamhstruchtúrtha um riosca tuile. Is iad príomhfheidhmeanna na hOifige ná:

- Comhairle a chur ar an Rialtas faoi pholasaí i leith bhainistiú riosca tuile,
- Léarscáileanna tuilte a ullmhú agus Clár agus beartais i leith bhainistiú riosca tuile a fhorbairt agus a chur i bhfeidhm, agus
- Cúram a dhéanamh de chlár éifeachtach ar shruth chúrsaí aibhneacha faoi réir na nAchtanna um Dhraenáil Artaireach.

SPRIOC: Cur chuige comhtháite 'iomlán-rialtais' i leith bhainistiú riosca tuile a chomhordú

Grúpa Idir-Rannach um Chomhordú Beartas i Leith Tuilte

Ba í OOP a bhí mar chathaoirleach ar an nGrúpa Idir-rannach um Chomhordú Beartas i leith Tuilte le linn 2020.

Tá sé mar chuspóir ag an nGrúpa maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar pholasaí an Rialtais i leith riosca tuile. Tugann siad comhairle don Rialtas maidir le polasaithe agus bearta cuí a rachadh chun tairbhe do dhaoine agus do phobail ionas go mbeadh siad réidh agus ábalta feidhmiú go héifeachtach sa chás go dtarlódh tuile.

Scéim Dheonach Athlonnaithe D'úinéirí Tí

Bhí tairiscint ar athlonnú tugtha do 27 úinéirí tí faoi dheireadh na bliana 2020. Aimsíodh réitigh innealtóireachta i gcás 39 teach eile agus táthar ag leanacht fós ag cuardach réitigh innealtóireachta i gcomhair 23 teach eile.

An Grúpa Náisiúnta Comhordaithe Éigeandála

Mar bhall den Grúpa Náisiúnta Comhordaithe Éigeandála, bhí OOP páirteach i bhfreagairt an Rialtais maidir le Stoirmeacha Brendan, Ciara agus Dennis i mí Eanáir agus mí Feabhra agus arís le linn stoirmeacha Ellen agus Francis i mí Lúnasa 2020. Tugadh treoir agus comhairle maidir le rachtanna taoide agus stoirme, seisiúin eolais faoi leibhéil uisce in aibhneacha, bunaithe ar shonraí a fuarthas ar thairseach idirlín OOP, www.waterlevel.ie maraon le faisnéis a fuarthas ón gCóras Eorpach Feasachta ar Thuilte (EFAS). Thug OOP ocht bhfógra maidir le barr láin nó borradh taoide i ndáil le réamhaisnéis muirleibhéil do na hÚdaráis Áitiúla agus do pháirtithe leasmhara eile i rith 2020.

Le linn na dtréimhsí triomaigh a bhí ann i mí na Bealtaine, i mí an Mheithimh agus i mí Iúil, d'eisigh OOP faisnéis faoi leibhéil uisce sna haibhneacha ó ghréasán tagartha na 184 méadar de chuid OOP agus rinneadh mapáil chun raon geografach na gceantar a raibh an triomach ba mheasa a thaispeáint. Úsáideadh an fhaisnéis seo chun Ordú um Chaomhnú Uisce a chur i bhfeidhm i rith an tsamhraidh, agus ina dhiaidh sin, chun deireadh a chur leis an ordú céanna.



CUSPÓIR: Feidhmiú an phlean straitéiseach um riosca tuile, a stiúradh

Treoir 'Tuilte' an AE & an Clár Náisiúnta um Mheasúnú agus um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile i nDobharcheantair (CFRAM)

Faoin gClár Náisiúnta um Mheasúnú agus um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile i nDobharcheantair (CFRAM) rinneadh measúnú straitéiseach ar riosca i 300 pobal ar fud na tíre a d'fhéadfadh a bheith i mbaol ó thuilte agus cuireadh fianaise ar fáil nár mhór don Rialtas infheistíocht de €1bn a dhéanamh i 119 scéim bhreise um fhaoiseamh tuilte, le cur i gcrích mar chuid den Phlean Forbartha Náisiúnta 2018-2027.

Cuireadh athbhreithniú ar na Léarscáileanna Tuilte, a ullmhaíodh faoin gClár CFRAM, faoi bhráid an Choimisiúin i 2020. Cuireadh tús le hathbhreithniú ar na Pleananna um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile i 2020 agus táthar ag súil go mbeidh sé seo curtha i gcrích i 2021.

Grúpa Oibre Comhordaithe na nGníomhaireachtaí Stáit Maidir Le Riosca Tuile in Abhainn na Sionainne

Oibríonn an Grúpa seo faoi chathaoirleacht OOP agus tá sé mar aidhm aige fóram a sholáthar a thabharfaidh deis do gach eagraíocht reachtúil a bhfuil baint aici le habhantrach na Sionainne, monatóireacht agus comhordú breise a dhéanamh ar a gcláir ar leith chun bainistiú a dhéanamh ar riosca tuile in abhantrach na Sionainne.

D'aontaigh an Grúpa clár straitéiseach cothabhála ar chostas €7m. I measc na n-oibreacha a dhéanfar, bainfear as na 'pointí cúngaithe' ar ghrinneall Abhainn na Sionainne i gceantar Chalaí na Sionainne idir Baile Átha Luain agus Cora Mhíleac, ag brath ar aon mheasúnuithe timpeallachta agus cead pleanála a theastaíonn sula leanfar leis an obair.

I rith 2020, rinne an Grúpa na nithe seo a leanas:

- D'fhoilsigh an Grúpa a gClár Oibre maidir le beartas chun riosca tuile in abhantrach na Sionainne a bhainistiú.
- Cuireadh staidéar hiodra-gheomoirfeolaíoch ar íochtar na Sionainne i gcrích chun an chúis, ráta agus leibhéal an chúngaithe atá ag tarlú le himeacht ama de bharr dríodró agus fásra a aimsiú.
- Cuireadh tús le hullmhúcháin le haghaidh measúnuithe agus monatóireachta a dhéanamh ar aon éifeachtaí a bhaineann leis an bprótacal a chuirtear i bhfeidhm chun leibhéal uisce i Loch Aillionn a íslú i rith mhíonna an gheimhridh.

Tá 34 scéim um fhaoiseamh tuilte san áireamh sna Pleananna um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile chun pobail i gCeantar Abhantrach na Sionainne a chosaint. Tá na scéimeanna nua seo sa bhreis ar 13 scéim atá curtha i gcrích nó atá ar bun cheana féin. Nuair a bheidh na scéimeanna ar fad críochnaithe, tabharfaidh siad cosaint do 95% de na sealúchais i gcoinne aon bhaol mór ó thuilte. Tá obair ar siúl nó curtha i gcrích anois a thabharfaidh cosaint do 80% de na sealúchais a bhí i mbaol. Leanfaidh Grúpa na Sionainne ag cur leis an dá phlean seo agus le gníomhaíochtaí na nGníomhaireachtaí stáit le réitigh chomhordaithe eile a aimsiú agus a chur i bhfeidhm chun riosca ó thuilte a mhaolú.





CUSPÓIR: Tacú le pleanáil agus forbairt inmharthana

Treoirínte Pleanála

Le linn 2020, lean OOP ag cur seirbhís chomhairleach ar fáil do na húdaráis phleanála maidir leis na Treoirínte um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile (an tAcht Pleanála agus Forbartha 2000) a chur i bhfeidhm, tugadh comhairle maidir le Straitéisí Spáis agus Eacnamaíochá Reigiúnacha agus leis na Pleananna Forbartha Contae agus Cathrach nua atá á n-ullmhú ag na húdaráis Áitiúla faoi na Straitéisí seo.

Plean um Oiriúnú Earnála d'Athrú Aeráide do Bhainistiú Riosca i gCás Tuilte

Is dócha go mbeidh éifeacht shuntasach ag athrú aeráide ar thuilte agus riosca tuilte in Éirinn mar gheall ar leibhéal na farraige a bheith ag ardú, níos mó báistí i rith an gheimhridh, breis laethanta ina mbeidh báisteach throm agus stoirmeacha níos measa ag tarlú. Rinne OOP meastóireacht ar éifeacht athrú aeráide trí Chlár CFRAM chun rioscaí, a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ann, a mheas agus táthar ag cur san áireamh an gá a bheidh le hoiriúnú ar dhearadh agus cur i bhfeidhm na scéimeanna um fhaoiseamh tuilte.

Dá bharr seo, réitigh OOP Plean um Oiriúnú Earnála d'Athrú Aeráide do Bhainistiú Riosca i gcás Tuilte 2019-2024 atá ag teacht le riachtanais an Chreat Náisiúnta um Oiriúnú d'Athrú Aeráide agus an Plean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide 2019.

I 2020, chuir OOP uasdátú ar fáil don Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil ag léiriú an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis na gníomhartha atá leagtha síos sa phlean. Léiríodh an dul chun cinn maidir le gníomhartha atá idir lámha nó atá pleanáilte don tréimhse seo.

I measc na ngníomhartha seo:

- I 2020, críochnaíodh an clár léarscáilíú tuile a chlúdaíonn ceantair eile seachas na ceantair a ndearnadh measúnú orthu faoin gClár CFRAM, agus rinneadh léarscáilíú ar cheantair a d'fhéadfadh a bheith i mbaol amach anseo chomh maith le ceantair atá i mbaol reatha.
- Tá Pleananna Oiriúnaithe do Scéimeanna Píolótacha á n-ullmhú i gcomhair trí scéim um fhaoiseamh tuilte, agus tá sé riachtanach pleananna den sórt sin a chur san áireamh i ngach tionscadal a chuirtear chun tairisceana.
- Chuir OOP maoiniú ar fáil i gcomhair taighde leanúnach ar na tionchair a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag athrú aeráide ar riosca tuilte in aibhneacha agus i gceantair an chósta.
- Mar chuid den phróiseas pleanála spáis, cuireadh na tionchair a d'fhéadfadh a bheith ag athrú aeráide san áireamh in aighneachtaí reachtúla chuig na húdaráis phleanála maidir le hathbhreithniú nó ullmhú pleananna forbartha.

Grúpa Idir-Rannach ar Athruithe Cois Cósta

Bhunaigh an Rialtas Grúpa Idir-Rannach chun Athruithe Cois Cósta a Bhainistiú chun straitéis chomhordaithe, chomhtháite náisiúnta a fhorbairt le bainistiú a dhéanamh ar an éifeacht a mheastar a bheidh ag athruithe ar an gcósta ar na pobail cois cósta, ar a n-eacnamaíocht, a n-oidhreacht, a gcultúr agus a dtimpeallacht. Oibríonn an Grúpa Idir-Rannach faoi chomhchathaoirleacht na Roinne Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus OOP. Chuir an Grúpa tús lena gcuid oibre i 2020 chun roghanna agus moltaí a chur faoi bhráid an Rialtais.

CUSPÓIR: Pobail a chosaint ó thuilte in aibhneacha agus cois cósta

Scéimeanna Faoisimh Tuilte

Ó 1995 i leith, cuireadh 45 scéim faoisimh tuilte i gcrích a chuir cosaint ar fáil do thart ar 10,000 sealúchas agus a chuir cosc ar dhamáiste agus cailiteanas de bhreis agus €1.8bn. Bhí costas de níos mó ná €440m ar na scéimeanna seo.

Ó seoladh na Pleananna um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuilte i mí Bealtaine 2018 mhéadaigh OOP, i gcomhar le hÚdarás Áitiúla líon na mór-scéimeanna faoisimh ó thuilte atá á ndearadh agus á gcur i gcrích faoi thrí, ó 33 scéim go 92 scéim ag deireadh 2020. Bunaíodh Grúpaí Stiúrtha Tionscadail chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar fheidhmiú na dtionscadail. I 2020, cuireadh i gcrích mórscéim faoisimh tuilte i nDroichead na Bandan, Co. Chorcaí, áit ar tugadh cosaint do 392 sealúchas. Bhí caiteachas caipitil de €63m i 2019 ar thionscadail tuilte a bhain le beartais agus cláir um bhainistiú riosca tuile, i 2020.

Lean OOP uirthi ag maoiniú na nÚdarás Áitiúil faoin Scéim MhionOibreacha um Mhaolú Tuilte agus faoin Scéim Cosanta Cósta. Caitheadh €2.5m faoin Scéim i 2020 ar thionscadail i gceantair 16 Údarás Áitiúil. Ó 2009 i leith, cuireadh breis agus 616 tionscadal i gcrích ar chostas €441.5 milliún. Tugann na tionscadail seo cosaint do bhreis agus 7,300 sealúchas. Tá thart ar dhá thrian de na sealúchais seo taobh amuigh de na ceantair atá á gcosaint ag mórscéimeanna faoisimh tuilte.

Tá réimse eolais curtha ar fáil ag OOP ar shuíomh gréasáin www.floodinfo.ie. Tá eolas maidir leis na Pleananna um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile agus na Scéimeanna san áireamh anseo. I 2020, tugadh 104,572 cuairt ar an suíomh, sin ardú 22% ón mbliain roimhe sin.

Éilíonn OOP go mbunófaí suíomh gréasáin tionscadail maidir le gach scéim agus go gcuirfí eolas a bhaineann leis an tionscadal ar fáil don phobal an fhad is a bhítear ag ullmhú, ag dearadh agus ag cur na scéime i gcrích.

Bhí cruinnithe ag OOP le hÁrachas Éireann gach ráithe i rith 2020, faoi théarmaí an Mheabhráin Tuisceana agus chun an clúdach árachais a thuairiscítear maidir le tuilte a phlé.

Clár OOP um Dhraenáil Artaireach

Lean OOP ag comhlíonadh dualgas reachtúil na hOifige maidir le cothabháil um dhraenáil artaireach. I 2020, rinne OOP cothabháil ar 2,000km de chainéil draenála, is ionann sin agus thart ar 18.6% d'fhaid iomlán na gcainéil draenála sa stát.

Chomh maith leis sin, caomhnaíodh nó athchóiríodh 134km de chlaífoirt de chuid OOP, thart ar 17% d'fhaid iomlán na gclaífort de chuid OOP sa stát.

Téann cothabháil draenála artaireach chun tairbhe do níos mó ná 242,800 heicteár (600,000 acra) de thalamh feirmeoireachta agus tá cosaint ó thuilte á chur ar fáil do cheantair uirbeacha, d'infreastruchtúr tábhachtach, níos mó ná 20,000 sealúchas, san áireamh.

Bearta Nádúrtha um Bhainistiú Dobharcheantar

Oibríonn bearta Nádúrtha um Bhainistiú Dobharcheantar trí uisce a stóráil nó a laghdú sa timpeallacht chun riosca tuile a mhaolú níos faide síos san abhainn, agus chun a lán cuspóirí tábhachtacha a bhaint amach, ina measc caighdeán uisce, agus rialú dríodair agus bithéagsúlachta. Cé gur léirigh tionscadail phiolótacha agus thaispeána gur féidir le bearta Nádúrtha um Bhainistiú Dobharcheantar (NCM) an riosca a mhaolú maidir le tuilte beaga a tharlaíonn níos minice, tuigtear nach n-oibríonn na bearta seo chomh maith céanna i gcás mórthuilte, mar an 'tuile 100 bliain'.

Níor cuireadh bearta NCM i bhfeidhm go forleathan go dtí seo in Éirinn, ach tá OOP ag gníomhú ionas go bhféadfar an cur chuige seo a chur i bhfeidhm sa todhchaí.

Tá obair idir lámha sa réimse seo, ar nós:

- Tá OOP ag comhchistiú taighde chun éifeachtacht na mbearta boginnealtóireachta i dtailte feirmeoireachta agus i dtailte foraoiseachta a scrúdú.
- Chuir OOP maoiniú ar fáil d'iontaobhas Aibhneacha Inis Eoghain i nDún na nGall chun imscrúdú a dhéanamh ar úsáid beart den sórt sin chun riosca tuile a laghdú a bheadh tairbheach dóibh araon.
- Tá riachtanas sonrath anois san áireamh i bhforbairt scéimeanna caipitil um fhaoisimh tuilte, is é sin acmhainneacht maidir le bearta NCM a mheas mar chuid de na réitigh a d'fhéadfaí a chur san áireamh chun riosca tuile a bhainistiú in aon phobal ar leith.
- Tá an Grúpa Oibre ar Bhearta Nádúrtha Coinneála Uisce faoi chomhchathaoirleacht OOP agus An Ghníomhaireacht um Chaomhnú Comhshaoil. Tá sé de chuspóir ag an nGrúpa seo cineálacha cur chuige a aimsiú a d'fhéadfaí a úsáid chun bearta comhtháite bainistíochta do bharcantair a fhorbairt a bheadh tairbheach d'earnálacha éagsúla.

Monatóireacht ar Leibhéal Uisce

I 2020, rinne OOP cúram do stáisiúin mhonatóireachta leibhéal an uisce ag 458 ionad ar aibhneacha, ar locha agus ar an taoide, sin méadú de 23 stáisiún hidriméadrach ón mbliain roimhe sin. Bunaíodh na stáisiúin nua chun tacú le feidhmiú scéimeanna um fhaoisimh tuilte mar atá ag teacht le cuspóir um bhainistiú riosca tuile ar bhonn náisiúnta. Tá sonraí faoi leibhéal an uisce le fáil ó na stáisiúin seo i bhfóir-am (gach 15 nóiméad nó níos minice) ar thairseach www.waterlevel.ie. Tá an-tóir ar an tairseach ó seoladh é i 2013, agus taifeadadh 672,968 cuairt i 2020 – méadú de 35% ón mbliain roimhe sin.

Tá sonraí cartlainne hidriméadrach le fáil ar an ngréasán cartlainne hidriméadrach ar shuíomh gréasáin www.waterlevel.ie. Tá an úsáid a bhaintear as an tairseach seo méadaithe chomh maith agus taifeadadh 15,728 cuairt i 2020, méadú de 35% ón mbliain roimhe sin. Tá eolas le fáil anois ar 302 suíomh, sin méadú ó 195 suíomh a bhí ar fáil roimhe sin.

Baineann OOP, Údarás Áitiúla, Uiscebhealaí Éireann, Bord Soláthair an Leictreachais agus an Ghníomhaireacht um Chaomhnú Comhshaoil úsáid fhorleathan as na tairseacha. Tá na sonraí curtha ar fáil chun tacú leis an gcur chuige agus bainistiú na n-eachtraí aimsire eisceachtúla, ar nós tuilte agus tríomach. Tuigeann an pobal agus na meáin araon an tábhacht a bhaineann leis na tairseacha mar fhoinsé luachmhar eolais ar shonraí hidriméadracha.

Le linn 2020, lean OOP ag cur tacaíocht oibríochta ar fáil, ag cothabháil agus ag cur feabhsúcháin leanúnacha (teicneolaíocht nuashonraithe, ina measc) i bhfeidhm ar scéimeanna, i.e. Córais Réamhaisnéise Tuilte na nÚdarás Áitiúil ábhartha (Corcaigh, Cathair Chorcaí, agus Tiobraid Árann).

An tSeirbhís Réamhaisnéise agus Rabhaidh Tuilte

Aithnítear réamhaisnéis tuilte mar bheart neamhstruchtúrach tábhachtach um mhaolaithe tuilte a chuireann ar chumas an mhórfhobail agus na n-údarás áitiúil céimeanna coisctheacha níos éifeachtaí a ghlacadh chun éifeachtaí tuile agus díobháil ó thuilte a mhaolú.

I 2016, d'aontaigh an Rialtas go mbunófaí Seirbhís Náisiúnta Réamhaisnéise agus Rabhaidh Tuilte, le hionad Réamhaisnéise Tuilte á reáchtáil ag Met Éireann faoi mhaoirseacht OOP mar an chéad-chéim.

Le linn 2020, rinne OOP na rudaí seo a leanas:

- Lean an Grúpa Stiúrtha ag obair faoi chathaoirleacht OOP chun tacú le bunú na Seirbhíse nua.
- Ghlac OOP páirt sa Ghrúpa Stiúrtha chun córais bhogearraí réamhaisnéise maidir le tuilte ar aibhneacha a thástáil i 22 abhantrach ionadaíoch in Éirinn. Ghlac an Oifig páirt chomh maith sa Ghrúpa Stiúrtha chun Córais Réamhaisnéise maidir le Taoide agus Borradh a aistriú ó OOP go Met Éireann.

- Chabhraigh an Oifig le hobair an Fho-Ghrúpa Teicniúil chun treo a thabhairt faoi na gnéithe teicniúla den tseirbhís a bhaineann le Teicneolaíocht an Eolais agus na Cumarsáide (TEC), agus le dul chun cinn a dhéanamh ó thaobh na hidrimeitéareolaíochta agus an infreastruchtúir a theastaíonn i gcomhair na seirbhíse seo.
- Rinneadh athbhreithniú ar na háiteanna ina moltar réamhaisnéis tuile mar an beartas is fearr chun riosca tuile a bhainistiú agus rinneadh measúnú tosaigh ar na riachtanais tomhsaireachta hidriméadracha don tseirbhís.
- Ghlac an Oifig páirt sa Ghrúpa Oibre Cumarsáide chun straitéis chumarsáide don tSeirbhís a ullmhú agus a chur i bhfeidhm.

Tuilte agus Creimeadh Cósta

Cuireann OOP seirbhís taighde agus chomhairleach ar fáil maidir le bainistiú rioscaí a eascraíonn as tuilte agus creimeadh cósta.

I measc na bpríomhsheirbhísí a cuireadh ar fáil i 2020, bhí:

- Córas Náisiúnta Réamhaisnéise Stoirme agus Borrtha Taoide
- staidéar monatóireachta cósta i gcúig limistéar atá i mbaol ó chreimeadh cósta,
- tacaíocht d'Údarás Áitiúla agus iad ag dul i ngleic le hathruithe cois cósta, agus
- ullmhaíodh Staidéar Samhaltaithe Leibhéal Uisce agus Tonnta Chósta na hÉireann agus tá sé ar fáil ar an suíomh www.floodinfo.ie

Clár Modheolaíochtaí um Mheastachán Tuilte d'Éirinn

Chuir OOP tús leis an gClár Modheolaíochtaí Meastacháin Tuilte d'Éirinn (FEMI) i 2020. Is é aidhm an Chláir seo modheolaíochtaí nua a fhorbairt a bheidh níos fearr i gcomhair meastacháin tuilte, ina mbainfear leas as an dul chun cinn i TFC, Córais Faisnéise Geografacha, agus sonraí hidriméadracha atá ar fáil ó tugadh isteach an Nuashonrú ar Staidéar Tuilte (FSU, 2014). Cuirfidh na modheolaíochtaí seo sraith uirlisí i gcomhair meastacháin tuilte, den chineál is nua-aimseartha, ar fáil go héasca ar líne.

Mar chuid den obair seo, forbróidh an Rannóg Hidreolaíochta bealach chun athruithe aeráide a chur san áireamh nuair a bhítear ag déanamh meastacháin i leith mhórtuillte. Caithfidh OOP breis agus €1 billiún ar thógáil scéimeanna faoisimh tuilte ar fud na hÉireann faoin gClár Oibreacha Caipitil agus beidh eolas a fhaightear ón gClár FEMI ríthábhachtach chun a chinntiú go mbíonn na scéimeanna seo deartha go cruinn agus go héifeachtach. Cuirfidh modheolaíochtaí FEMI na huirlisí ar fáil do na páirtithe leasmhara ar fad a theastaíonn uathu i gcomhair gach dearadh a bhaineann le tuilte reatha agus tuilte a d'fhéadfadh tarlú amach anseo le haghaidh na n-infreastruchtúir atá in aibhneacha nó gar dóibh. Ba é príomhfhócas Chláir FEMI i 2020 ná iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar shonraí hidriméadracha ionas go mbeadh ar a gcumas na suíomhanna tomhaiste is oiriúnaí a roghnú le húsáid sa taighde, maraon le tacar sonraí spásúla agus hidreolaíochta a bhailiú le húsáid in anailís minicíochta tuilte.

Bainistiú na Timpeallachta

Rinne OOP réimse measúnachta timpeallachta i seachadadh na gclár bainistíochta riosca tuile, ina measc: Measúnachtaí Straitéiseacha Timpeallachta, Measúnachtaí Tionchair Timpeallachta, Measúnachtaí Leithreasaithe agus Measúnachtaí Éiceolaíochta. Tá taighde agus monatóireacht ar an timpeallacht a bhaineann le cothabháil draenála artaireach ar siúl. Cuireadh leis seo i 2020, le tionscadal nua ceithre bliana i gcomhar le hlascach Intíre Éireann, Taighde ar Sheasmhacht an Athraithe Aeráide.

I 2020, leanadh ag comhoibriú le fóraim agus gníomhaireachtaí timpeallachta go leor chun caidrimh a chothú ionas go mbeadh an t-eolas is déanaí maidir le cúrsaí timpeallachta ag OOP le cuidiú leis an Oifig a gcuid polasaithe a fhorbairt mar is cuí. Tá na cláir oibre um athrú aeráide agus bithéagsúlachta anois faoi stiúir dhá fhóram timpeallachta nuabhunaithe de chuid OOP, Grúpa Oibre Bithéagsúlachta OOP agus Grúpa Comhordaithe um Athrú Aeráide OOP. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an dá Ghrúpa comhoibriú a neartú ar fud na nAonad Gnó go léir.

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Barr: Oibreacha cosanta tuilte á ndéanamh ag Ashe Quay, Mainistir Fhear Maí mar pháirt de Scéim Faoisimh Tuilte Mhainistir Fhear Maí.

Bun: Oibreacha Faoisimh Tuilte críochnaithe i Mainistir Fhear Maí (Thuaidh).



CUSPÓIR: Uasmhéadú ar Shonraí Oscailte maidir le Bainistiú Riosca Tuile

Sonraí Oscailte

D'fhéadfadh Sonraí Oscailte cuidiú le nuálaíocht agus fás eacnamaíoch a chur chun cinn, seirbhísí poiblí a fheabhsú, an daonlathas a neartú, agus cur le trédhearcacht agus cuntasacht an Rialtais.

Tá sé mar sprioc ag OOP cuid mhór de shonraí na Seirbhísí um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile a fhoilsiú ar an idirlíon, de réir na bhforálacha reachtacha agus Bheartas an Rialtais maidir le Sonraí Oscailte. Áirítear leis seo scaipeadh sonraí ar thairseacha gréasáin poiblí agus ar thairseach Sonraí Oscailte an Rialtais.

Le linn 2020, rinneadh athbhreithniú ar bheartas, ar chórais agus ar phróisis na Seirbhísí um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile maidir le scaipeadh agus roinnt sonraí. Bhí sé dírithe ar fheabhas a chur ar sheirbhísí, éifeachtúlacht agus oscailteacht sa phróiseas scaipthe sonraí. Cuireadh tús le Catalóg Sonraí inmheánach do Sheirbhísí um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile, le tacaíocht ó mhodh nua meiteashonraí caighdeánaithe bunaithe ar INSPIRE agus ISO 19115. Chomh maith leis sin, rinneadh athbhreithniú ar an tairseach gréasáin poiblí, Floodinfo, www.floodinfo.ie agus rinneadh athchóiriú air le deis a thabhairt don phobal breis tacar sonraí a fheiceáil ar thairseach gréasáin amháin.

CUSPÓIR: Tuiscint níos fearr a thabhairt don phobal faoi riosca agus bainistiú tuile

Suíomhanna Gréasáin

Tugann tairseach gréasáin OOP www.waterlevel.ie deis don phobal rochtain a fháil ar shonraí fíor-ama ó na céadta stáisiún ar aibhneacha, locha agus taoide ina ndéantar monatóireacht ar leibhéil uisce dromchla.

Tugann an suíomh gréasáin www.floodinfo.ie faisnéis atá bunaithe sa phobal faoi riosca tuilte agus ar phleananna chun plé leis an riosca measta. Chomh maith leis sin, tá fóram ar fáil anseo don phobal chun eachtraí tuile ina gceantair féin a thuairisciú agus chun breathnú ar eachtraí tuile a tharla san am atá thart.

Déanann an suíomh gréasáin www.flooding.ie iarracht an pobal a chur ar an eolas faoin mbaol a ghabhann le tuilte agus faoi na bearta pleanála agus ullmhúcháin a bhféadfaidís tabhairt fúthu chun iad féin agus a dtithe a chosaint i gcoinne an damáiste a d'fhéadfadh tuile a dhéanamh.





4.2 Bainistiú Na nEastát – Sealúchas

CUSPÓIR: An t-eastát sealúchais atá faoi chúram Choimisinéirí na nOibreacha Poiblí a bhainistiú go gníomhach

Seo a leanas cuid de na gníomhaíochtaí a bhain le Bainistiú sealúchais, i 2020:

- Mar chuid de Bhainistiú Sealúchais le linn Phaindéim Covid-19, aistríodh cuid mhaith d'ídirbheart na hOifige ar líne agus chuathas i mbun cianoibre. Cuireadh an próiseas ceadaithe íocaíochta in oiriúint ionas go gcinnteofaí cianrochtain agus rinneadh ceadú leictreonach a éascú, ionas go mbeifí ábalta íocaíochtaí a dhéanamh le soláthraithe agus tiarnaí talún.
- Leanadh le Clár Chéad Chlárúcháin OOP agus rinneadh 96 iarratas chuig Údarás Clárúcháin Sealúchais na hÉireann (PRAI). Tá 31 díobh seo curtha i gcrích.
- Tá eolas faoi 22,463 sealúchas do níos mó ná 90 foras stáit ar an gClár Sealúchais Ionstáit. Ceann de na haidhmeanna atá ag an gClár ná aistriú ionstáit sealúchais a éascú trí eolas a chur ar fáil faoi shuíomhanna agus foirgnimh nach bhfuil de dhíth agus a chur in iúl go bhfuil siad ar fáil anois d'forais phoiblí eile, má theastaíonn siad uathu.
- Le linn 2020, díoladh 22 sealúchas, nach raibh de dhíth ar an Oifig, ag ceantanna ar líne nó aistríodh iad ar luach € 2.55m.
- Fuarthas €1m ioncam cíosa ar 100 sealúchas i rith 2020.
- I gcomhpháirtíocht le Obelisk Communications Limited, lean OOP ag bainistiú agus ag feidhmiú láithreán na gcrann cumarsáide chomh maith le láithreán nua a fhorbairt. Tá 550 ceadúnas bronnta ag OOP ar chomhlachtaí fón póca (MNOs) agus Tetra Ireland Teoranta go dtí seo. Shaothraigh na ceadúnais seo ollioncam de €4.5m i 2020.
- Rinne an Oifig Luachála luacháil neamhspleách ar 16 sealúchas le luach iomlán de €8.3m. Tá luachálacha neamhspleácha mar an chéim dheiridh den chur chuige chuíchóirithe maidir le haistriú sealúchais ionstáit, ar cuireadh tús leis i 2015. D'úsáid 22 sealbhóir sealúchais san earnáil phoiblí an próiseas seo i gcomhair sealúchais, le luach comhiomlán de thart ar € 214m.
- Riarann OOP ábhair a bhaineann le sócmhainní sealúchais chomhlachtaí díscailte a dhéabhlóidtear go dtí an tAire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe faoi Alt 28 den Acht Maoine Stáit 1954. Tharla 58 cás nua den chineál seo i 2020. Is ionann seo agus íslíu arís ar líon na gcásanna suntasacha ach is méadrach atá i gceist anseo agus ní mór a bheith cúramach ina thaobh de bharr na castachta a bhaineann le hábhair ar leith den chineál seo.
- I 2020, rinneadh comh-athbhreithniú ar Chaiteachas Reatha/Caipitil Eastát OOP i gcomhar le Seirbhís Eacnamaíoch agus Luachála Rialtas na hÉireann (IGEES). Cuirfear an t-athbhreithniú i gcrích roimh dheireadh 2021 agus déanfar anailís ar mheastacháin na gcostas fadtéarmach don státchiste maidir le sealúchas a fháil ar bhealaí éagsúla i gceantair éagsúla.

Is leis an Stát Ionad Comhdhála Bhaile Átha Cliath (ICBÁC) agus tá sé á reáchtáil ag Comhpháirtíocht Phríobháideach Phoiblí. Lean OOP ag déanamh monatóireachta ar oibríocht an ionaid agus bainstíonn an Oifig forálacha an Chomhaontaithe chomh maith le gach ábhar a bhaineann le hairgeadas, dlí nó sealúchas. Chuir srianta Covid-19 isteach go mór ar phríomhghníomhaíochtaí ICBÁC le linn 2020 agus tá sé dúnta ó lár mhí an Mhárta 2020. Mar thoradh air sin, ba 4,864 an líon Toscairí ó Chomhdhálacha Idirnáisiúnta a d'fhreastail ar imeachtaí CCD i 2020 i gcomparáid le 38,686 i 2019. D'úsáid Tithe an Oireachtais an tIBÁC 21 babhta i rith na bliana. Íocadh Táillí Aonaid de € 23.9m i 2020. Chuir an comhlacht CPP athmhaoiniú i gcrích ar a bhfiachas i 2019, rud a raibh toiliú an Údaráis ag teastáil len aghaidh. Fuair OOP €12.042m i mí an Mhárta 2020, mar a sciar den ghnóthachan. Níor choinnigh OOP an gnóthachan seo ach tugadh ar ais don Státchiste é.

Feidhmiú an Chórais Bainistíochta Comhtháite san Ionad Oibre (CBCIO):

- Le linn 2020, cuireadh Céim 2 den CBCIO, ar a dtugtar IBM TRIRIGA, i bhfeidhm. Bhí modúl Bainistíochta Sealúchais agus Léasa san áireamh anseo. Rinneadh tástáil ar an réiteach agus cuireadh i bhfeidhm é sna réimsí gnó bainistíochta sealúchais sa ráithe dheiridh den bhliain.
- Dá bharr seo, beidh caighdeánú agus uathoibriú breise déanta ar na próisis ábhartha.
- Ó R1 2019, tá Seirbhísí Cothabhála Sealúchais i dhá Réigiún i mBaile Átha Cliath ag déanamh cothabhála ar chreatlacha foirgneamh tríd an gCóras Bainistíochta Comhtháite san Ionad Oibre (CBCIO) ar a dtugtar IBM TRIRIGA.
- Ó R1 2020, tá an córas TRIRIGA á úsáid sa chuid eile den struchtúr cothabhála réigiúnach chun oibreacha cothabhála ar chreatlacha foirgneamh a bhainistiú.
- Ceanglaíonn sé go díreach le córas airgeadais OOP (Integra) agus cuireann sé córas lán-iniúchta ar fáil chun íocaíochtaí a bhaineann le léasanna/ceadúnais de chuid OOP a dhéanamh agus a ghlacadh.
- Cuireann sé stór sonraí amháin a bhaineann leis an sealúchas iomlán ar fáil.
- Táthar ag súil go gcuirfear Céim 2 den chóras i bhfeidhm faoi dheireadh R1 2022.



CUSPÓIR: An phunann cóiríochta oifige a bhainistiú trí chóiríocht iomchuí a cheannach, a dhiúscairt, agus a fháil ar léas faoi réir straitéis fhadtéarmach na punainne oifige

Chun tacú le cur chuige straitéiseach i leith na punainne a fhorbairt, tá bainistíocht OOP i mbun suirbhé forleathan ar chóiríocht agus áitiúcht na punainne oifige atá faoi úinéireacht nó ar léas ag OOP. Go dtí seo, tá suirbhéanna curtha i gcrích ag OOP ar 160,000m² de chóiríocht oifige. Is ionann sin agus beagán faoi bhun an cúigiú cuid den phunann oifige náisiúnta. Leanfar leis na suirbhéanna ar chóiríocht agus áitiúcht i 2021 agus tá suirbhéanna pleanáilte maidir le 300,000m² eile.

Cuireadh tús le dhá staidéar féidearthachta ar Fhoirgnimh na Seansaíreachta, Na Ceithre Cúirteanna agus Áras Osmond ar Shráid na gCaorach Beag, i 2020.

Obair Chumaisc

Chuir paindéim Covid-19 dlús le hathrú suntasach ar chleachtais oibre sa Státseirbhís agus, ar nós, gach tír eile ar domhan, cruthaíonn sé dúshlán anseo d'áititheoirí oifige i ngach earnáil, agus iad ag smaoineamh ar an gcuma a bheidh ar an oifig sa todhchaí. De bharr go raibh ar Ranna agus gníomhaireachtaí Rialtais a gcuid oifigí a fhágáil go práinneach, b'am cinniúnach a bhí sa chéad ráithe de 2020 maidir le smaoineamh go straitéiseach faoin gcuma a bheidh ar an bpunann oifige sa todhchaí.

I rith 2020, bhí OOP gníomhach i ngrúpa lárnach a bhunaigh an Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe chun beartas maidir le hobair chumaisc a chur chun cinn. Beidh baint lárnach ag OOP le cuidiú le haon chleachtais oibre malartacha a thiocfaidh chun cinn, ag teacht leis an gClár Rialtais. D'fhéadfaí torthaí dearfacha a bhaint amach dár gcliaint sna Ranna éagsúla.

I 2020, bhí páirt ghníomhach ag OOP i bpleanáil agus fáil na sealúchas a leanas:

Fuair OOP na sealúchais a leanas

I dtaca le ceannach straitéiseach sealúchas, fuair OOP na sealúchais seo a leanas le linn 2020:

- Trádstórais sa tSionainn agus i bhFionnghlas, Baile Átha Cliath – €8.5m
- Sealúchas i gCarraig Uí Leighin, Co. Chorcaí don Roinn Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialta – €650k
- Sealúchas id Tobar an Choire le freastal ar riachtanais chóiríochta an stáit – €305k

I 2020, mar chuid de bhainistiú straitéiseach na punainne, fuair OOP réidh le 20 sealúchas iomarcach, a raibh ioncam de €2.55m mar thoradh orthu.

Léasanna

I 2020, glacadh ocht léas déag nua (cúig cheadúnas san áireamh) ina raibh 10,353 méadar cearnach (mcr) de spás oifige ar chíos bliantúil de €2.6m. Géilleadh ceithre léas déag, ina raibh 11,110 mcr de spás oifige ar chíos bliantúil de €0.5m.

Léasanna suntasacha nua:

- 3,153 mcr de thradstóras agus spás oifige in Iarthar na Cathrach & Baile an Bhóthair chun athchóiriú Teach Tom Johnson a éascú.
- Breis is 1,700 mcr de spás cóiríochta i mBaile Brigín chun forbairt Oifig na bPasanna a éascú.
- Cuireadh Comhaontú Léasa i bhfeidhm do 4,000 mcr spás oifige ag Cé Sheoirse i mBaile Átha Cliath. Is anseo a bheidh Oifig Bhaile Átha Cliath de chuid Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí lonnaithe, agus beifear ag scaoileadh lena spás cóiríochta reatha i bhFaiche Stiabhna. Déanfar athchóiriú ar an oifig i bhFaiche Stiabhna chun athstruchtúráil/comhdhlúthú na Roinne Dlí agus Cirt agus na Roinne Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta a éascú.

CUSPÓIR: Cothabháil a dhéanamh ar an eastát, agus breis cothabhála pleanáilte agus coiscitheach a chur i gcrích

Cothabháil Ranna (Ranna agus Oifigí Rialtais)

Cuireann OOP comhsheirbhís ar fáil do chonarthaí cothabhála reachtúla agus cothabháil ghinearálta foirgneamh do bhreis is 2,000 ar fud na tíre.

I 2020, rinne na Seirbhísí Cothabhála Sealúchais oibreacha arbh fhiú níos mó ná €60 milliún iad.

Sonraí mar a leanas:

- **Cothabháil Phleanáilte, Coiscitheach agus Frithghníomhach**
I 2020, caitheadh €28.2 milliún san iomlán ar chothabháil sealúchais Ranna. Caitheadh €4.8 milliún de seo ar an gclár pleanáilte do chreatlacha foirgneamh, agus caitheadh os cionn €14.89 milliún ar oibreacha meicniúla agus leictreacha. Caitheadh beagnach €8.46 milliún ar chothabháil fhrithghníomhach chun freastal ar iarratais ó chliaint.
- **Obair chothabhála ar Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta, ag Ionaid Oidhreachta, Séadchomharthaí, Iostaí, ar Chóiríocht Oifige agus ar shealúchas eile de chuid OOP**
Le linn 2020, caitheadh €4.6 milliún ar chothabháil foirgneamh, ar chaomhnú tailte agus ar shlándáil ag forais chultúir náisiúnta, ag ionaid oidhreachta, ar shéadchomharthaí, ar iostaí, ar chóiríocht oifige, ar shealúchais folmha agus ar shealúchais eile de chuid OOP nó atá á mbainistiú ag OOP.
- **Mionchláir Caipitil**
I 2020, chuir na Seirbhísí um Chotheabháil Shealúchais mionchláir chaipitil ar fáil a bhain le creatlacha foirgneamh ar chostas €21.92 milliún. Bhain na mionchláir seo le huasghrádú ábhar, le feistiú, le huasghrádú um shábháilteacht dóiteán, le hoibreacha sábhailteachta eile in oifigí Rialtais, i sealúchais an Gharda Síochána agus na Forais Chultúir Náisiúnta.
- **Cliant Inbhilleáilte**
Soláthraíonn OOP seirbhís cothabhála do 21 cliant nach bhfuil clúdaithe faoi Chiorclán 1/2013 de chuid na RCPA. I 2020, mhaoinigh na cliant seo cothabháil sealúchais arbh fhiú €2.82 milliún é, sna foirgnimh ina raibh siad lonnaithe.
- **Oibreacha Roghnaithe – Maoinithe ag Cliant**
Le linn 2020, lean OOP ag soláthar seirbhísí do Ranna/Oifigí Rialtais ar theastaigh uathu go rachfaí i mbun oibreacha nach bhfuil clúdaithe faoi Chláir Chotheabhála Sealúchais agus Caipitil OOP. Tugtar ‘oibreacha roghnacha’ ar na hoibreacha seo agus is Ranna, Oifigí agus Gníomhaireachtaí Rialtais a mhaoiníonn iad seo.

I 2020, mhaoinigh Ranna, Oifigí agus Gníomhaireachtaí Rialtais oibreacha a bhain le creatlacha foirgneamh ar chostas de bhreis is €21 milliún.
- **Deasc Chabhrach OOP**
I 2020, fuair Deasc Chabhrach OOP os cionn 29,500 glaoch. Bhí idir ghlaonna éigeandála agus iarratais ar ghnáthchothabháil i gceist sna glaonna seo. Mar shampla:

 - » Iarratais chun teipeanna leictreacha a leigheas, cinn a bhain le soilsiú agus truípeáil soicéad agus teipeanna meicniúla a bhain le coirí téite agus ardaitheoirí.
 - » Iarratais chun fadhbanna a bhain le creatlacha foirgneamh, ina measc, doirse briste a dheisiú, pánaí fuinneoige nua a chur isteach, doirtíl/leithris a dhíbhlocáil agus sceitheadh uisce ó dhíonta a dheisiú.
 - » Iarratais ar ‘oibreacha roghnacha’ i.e. oibreacha maoinithe ag na cliant m.sh. seilfeanna a chur suas, pictiúir agus cláir bhána a chrochadh.



Tacú le Cliant Ranna, Gníomhaireachtaí agus Oifigí Rialtais le linn Phaindéim Covid-19

Thacaigh na Seirbhísí Cothabhála Sealúchais le Ranna, Gníomhaireachtaí agus Oifigí Rialtais le linn thréimhse srianta Covid-19 trí chúram a dhéanamh d'obair shábháilte i suas le 2,000 foirgneamh. Seo a leanas samplaí de na tacaíochtaí a chuir na Seirbhísí Cothabhála Sealúchais i bhfeidhm chun dul i ngleic le paindéim Covid-19:

Eolas agus tacaíocht d'Oifigigh Cóiríochta ar fud na tíre

I mí Bealtaine 2020, reáchtáil OOP dhá sheimineár gréasáin le 250 Oifigeach Cóiríochta.

D'ullmhaigh Seirbhísí Cothabhála Sealúchais ábhair shonracha thacaíochta ar líne ina bhfuil treoracha, teimpléid, fiseáin agus cáipéisí tacaíochta eile do na hOifigigh Cóiríochta.

Ról stiúrtha OOP maidir le Líonra Bainistíochta um Áiseanna na Seirbhísí

Rinne OOP cathaoirleacht ar chruinnithe Líonra Bainistíochta Áiseanna na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha. Tá bainistíocht shinsearach ó gach cuid den Státseirbhís páirteach sa líonra seo, a bunaíodh chun dul i ngleic le paindéim Covid-19.

Scáileáin peirspéacs – Dearadh, Soláthar agus Feistiú

Chuir OOP scáileáin Peirspéacs ar fáil do Ranna, Gníomhaireachtaí agus Oifigí, chun freastal ar riachtanais éagsúla ar nós chuntair phoiblí agus i seomraí agallaimh. Fuarthas agus feistíodh na scáileáin seo go tapa lena chinntiú go mbeadh bearta sábháilteachta i bhfeidhm don fhoireann agus don phobal.

Feidhmiú an Phacáiste Spreagthaí Eacnamaíochta

Mar chuid de Phacáiste Spreagthaí Eacnamaíochta an Rialtais, Iúil 2020, tugadh €10 milliún breise d'OOP chun infheistiú a dhéanamh i bhfoirgnimh ina bpunann eastáit.

Tugtar aitheantas agus léargas ar Chothabháil Shealúchais OOP sa tuarascáil ar *Ár Seirbhís Phoiblí 2020 – Sármhaitheas i gCás-Staidéir Seirbhíse do Chustaiméirí* de bharr an tacaíochta thapa agus éifeachtach a tugadh do na hOifigigh Cóiríochta i Ranna, Gníomhaireachtaí agus Oifigí Rialtais ar fud na tíre le linn phaindéim Covid-19.

Innealtóireacht Shibhialta agus Struchtúr

Le linn 2020, rinneadh dul chun cinn ar roinnt tionscadal cothabhála le cuidiú ón rannán innealtóireachta Sibhialta agus Struchtúr.

Léiríonn na tionscadail éagsúlacht an eastáit agus bhí oibreacha i ngach réimse oibríochta i gceist, ina measc:

Ionaid Oidhreachta, Ionaid do Chuartheoirí, Mór-Pháirceanna, cothabháil um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile agus cothabháil OOP a bhaineann le gach cineál foirgneamh Rialtais.

Samplaí suntasacha:

Páirceanna

- Páirc an Fhionnuisce – Áras an Uachtaráin – Oibreacha Uasghrádaithe ar an Líonra Uisce
- Páirc an Fhionnuisce, An Bóthar Thuaidh – Athdhromchlú bóthair
- Páirc an Fhionnuisce – Gáirdín an Phobail Athdhromchlú ar chosáin an locha
- Garrán Anna, Baile Shaileastair, Co. Chorcaí
- Sráidbhaile Inis Cathaigh – cobhsú Bhallaí an Tí
- Teach Chill Mhochura – Ballaí imfhálaithe an Ghairdín & measúnacht ar Struchtúr Áirse Gotach
- Dolmain Chnoc an Bhrúnaigh, Co. Cheatharlach – méasúnacht ar an suíomh agus uasghrádú ar áis pháirceála

Bainistíocht na Seirbhísí Uisce

- TMainistir Thinteirn
- Crannlann JFK
- Cúirt Ioma
- Daingean Rinn Chorráin
- Dún Aonghasa
- Brú na Bóinne

Cothabháil um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile

- An Bhuanaid SDD (CDS) – Droichead Coisithe ar C1-3-4 ag Chainage 1100 Droichead Coisithe nua
- An Mhuaidh CDS – Síneadh le Droichead Bridge Ch 1950 ar C1-41-2 Síneadh ag an taobh agus uchtbhallaí nua ar an droichead atá ann cheana
- An Mhuaidh CDS – Síneadh le Droichead Ch 1280 ar C1-41-2-2 Síneadh ag an taobh agus uchtbhallaí nua ar an droichead atá ann cheana
- An Mhuaidh CDS – Síneadh le Droichead Ch 31730 ar C1-21-1-5 Síneadh ag an taobh agus uchtbhallaí nua ar an droichead atá ann cheana
- Scéim Dhraenála Dhún na nGall – Ceannbhalla Comhla. Sonraí cosanta Ceannbhalla Comhla do láithreacha éagsúla
- An Mhuaidh CDS - B1 Síneadh Ch 100 ar C1-27 Síneadh ag an taobh agus uchtbhallaí nua ar an droichead atá ann cheana

Foirgnimh Rialtais

- Staighre, 91-93 Cearnóg Mhuirfean





CUSPÓIR: Cláir thógála chun cóiríocht agus áiseanna dea-dheartha agus dea-thógtha a chur ar fáil do chliaint Rialtais agus Stáit

Ghlac innealtóirí Sibhialta agus Struchtúr páirt i dtógáil agus in athchóiriú foirgneamh i 2020.

Roinnt samplaí:

- Ardán Féachana in Ionad an Bhlascoid
- Cathair Chomáin, Co. an Chláir – Ardán Féachána
- Teach an Chustaim, Baile Átha Cliath – Athchóiriú ar Ionad Cuairteoirí
- An Leabharlann Náisiúnta, Sráid Chill Dara – Athchóiriú ar an Sciathán Thiar
- Ionad Tyrone Guthrie – Umar Dóiteáin agus oibreacha a bhain leis.
- Ionad Cuairteoirí Bhaile Átha Troim

Stáisiún an Gharda Cóta:

- Cathair na Mart, Co. Mhaigh Eo
- Cathóir, Co. Loch Garman
- Dairbhre – Crann Nua
- Ráth an Bharraigh, Co. Chorcaí
- Cill Dalua, Co. an Chláir
- An Cloigeann, Co. na Gaillimhe

Stáisiún na nGardaí:

- Ceannceathrú an Gharda Síochána, Páirc an Fhionnuisce – Bloc N
- Leithghlinn an Droichid, Co. Cheatharlach
- Bhábhúin Bhuí, Co. an Chabháin

Chuir OOP sain-seirbhísí dearthóireachta agus bainistíochta tionscadal ar fáil do chliaint Stáit agus Rialtais chun roinnt mórthionscadal a chur chun cinn le linn 2020:

Conarthaí do na Tionscadail seo curtha i gcrích:

- Oifigí Bhinse Fiosrúcháin um Scagthástáil Ceirbheacs – *críochnaithe 13 Márta 2020*
- Athoscailt Stáisiún na nGardaí sa Ros – *críochnaithe ar an 31 Márta 2020*
- Gailearaí Féachana an Bhlascoid – *críochnaithe ar an 25 Iúil 2020*
- Foirgneamh um Promhaidh agus Leasa Luimnigh – *críochnaithe Deireadh Fómhair 2020 (ag fanacht le haistriú)*
- Stáisiún na nGardaí, Dún na nGall – *críochnaithe 4 Nollaig 2020*
- Aonad Uisce an Gharda, Baile Átha Luain – *críochnaithe 12 Nollaig 2020*
- Pailliún EXPO, Dubai – *críochnaithe 15 Nollaig 2020*

Tionscadail ar na suíomhanna seo i rith 2020:

- Gates of Justice, Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath
- Cruinneachán na gCeithre Cúirteanna
- Geataí Pháirc an Fhionnuisce

Conarthaí bronnta agus atá ar na suíomhanna seo faoi láthair:

- 1GQ - Feistiú
- Scoil nua Cheann Toirc
- Foirgneamh Éilísiam - Feistiú
- Oifig na Roinne Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Sóisialta, Tuaim – athchóiriú
- Teach Háicín – leagan go talamh
- Stáisiún na nGardaí – Droichead Átha – Oibreacha slándála
- Teach an Fhionnuisce – Feistiú

Tairiscintí eisithe do Thionscadail atá le tosú i 2021:

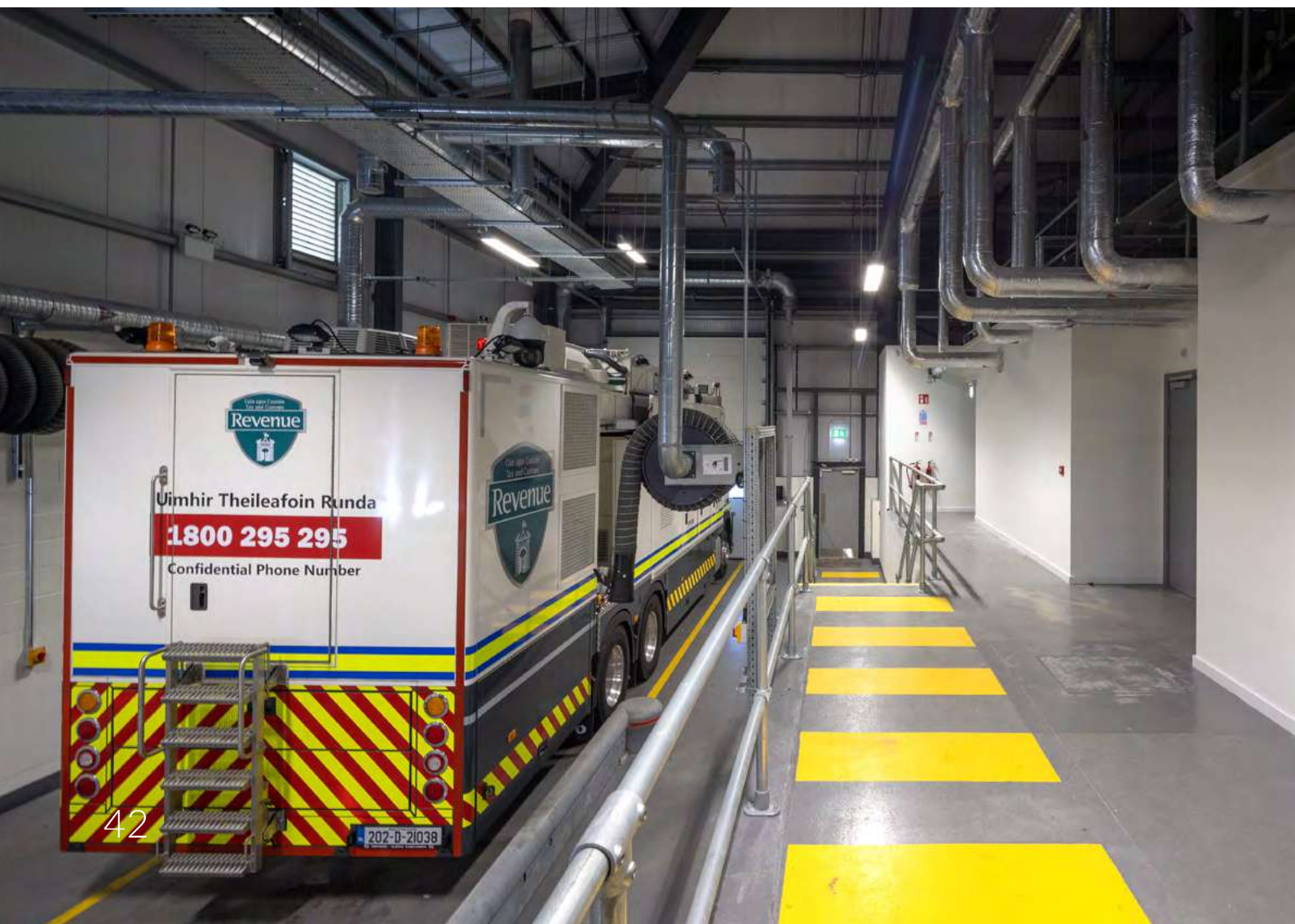
- Oifig na bPasanna Bhaile Brigín – feistiú
- Stáisiún an Gharda Cóta, Na Clocha Liatha – foirgneamh nua
- Stáisiún na nGardaí, Coill an Chollaigh – foirgneamh nua
- Oifig Dhraenála Átha Cinn – foirgneamh nua
- Stáisiún na nGardaí an Bhábhúin Bhuí – athoscailt

Thug OOP tosaíocht do bhearta suntasacha maidir leis an mBreatimeacht i rith 2020. Rinneadh oibreacha ar ár n-infreastruchtúr ag Calafort Bhaile Átha Cliath, ag Eorophort Ros Láir, agus ag Aerfort Bhaile Átha Cliath lena chinntiú go mbeidh dóthain áiseanna iniúchta ar fáil chun freastal ar an méadú ar rialú agus seiceálacha custaim, sláinte, sláintíochta agus fiteashláintíochta (SPS) a bheidh i gceist sa trádáil leis an Ríocht Aontaithe de bharr go bhfuil siad imithe as an Aontas Eorpach. Díriodh ar an obair chun a chinntiú go bhféadfadh an Stát leanúint ar aghaidh ag oibriú go héifeachtach sa chás go n-imeodh an Ríocht Aontaithe as an Aontas Eorpach go tobann - Breatimeacht Gan Margadh a bheith déanta/Breatimeacht Crua mar a tugadh air.

Bhunaigh OOP foireann thiomnaithe ildisciplíneach mar fhreagairt ar threoir an Rialtais maidir le háiseanna substaintiúla infreastruchtúir a fhorbairt. Bhí dóthain áiseanna curtha ar fáil don bhunspríodhata ar an 29 Márta 2019, agus forbraíodh áiseanna breise de réir a chéile chun a bheith réidh do gach spríodhata ina dhiaidh sin – 12 Aibreán, 31 Deireadh Fómhair agus 31 Nollaig 2020. San iomlán, d'fhorbair Aonad Breatimeachta OOP 28 tionscadal ar fud 24 láithreán ar limistéar timpeall 20 acra ag Calafort Bhaile Átha Cliath chomh maith le deich n-acra eile i Ros Láir.

Tá Aonad Breatimeachta OOP ag méadú acmhainne ag Calafort Bhaile Átha Cliath agus tá stóras saintógtha á réiteach chun ceithre bhá iniúchta breise a sholáthar do SPS agus do sheiceálacha sábháilteachta bia chomh maith le trí bhothán seiceála do na Coimisinéirí Ioncaim agus cóiríocht foirne a bhaineann leis sin. Tá sé seo le bheith críochnaithe faoi R4 2021.

Tá OOP ag obair ar mháistirphlean don chalafort i Ros Láir i gcomhar le húdarás an Chalafoirt in Eorophort Ros Láir. De thoradh ar an bplean seo, cuirfear ollionad saincheaptha stáit ar fáil ina mbeidh 13 bá iniúchta le haghaidh SPS agus seiceálacha sábháilteachta bia, 3 bhothán seiceála do na coimisinéirí ioncaim, spás páirceála do 48 HGV, oifig phoiblí, áiseanna seiceála cáipéisí agus séala, áiseanna do thiománaithe, oifig bainistíochta áiseanna agus Pointe Cigireachta Teorann i dtaca le hAinmhithe Beo. Táthar ag súil go gcuirfear iarratas pleanála isteach go luath.



CUSPÓIR: Tacú le ról Ailtire/Phríomh-Ailtire an Stáit agus Polasaí Ailtireachta an Rialtais a chur i bhfeidhm

Is é an tAiltire/Príomh Ailtire an Stáit a thugann comhairle don Rialtas maidir le gnóthaí ailtireachta.

Seo a leanas cuid de na gníomhaíochtaí, i 2020:

- Rinne OOP athbhreithniú ar Chonarthaí Tógála an Rialtais (CTR). Cuireadh tuarascáil i gcrích i 2020 maidir leis an gcineál conarthaí atá ann faoi láthair agus breathnaíodh ar leasuithe a d'fhéadfaí a dhéanamh chun tionscadail phoblí a chur i gcrích ar bhealach níos fearr.
- Rannpháirtíocht ar Choiste um Chonarthaí Tógála an Rialtais maidir le polasaithe soláthar agus conarthaí a thacaíonn le caighdeán ailtireachta i dtionscadail atá á maoiniú ag an stát.
- Gníomh 118 den Phlean Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide – *Tá treochlár á fhorbairt ag OOP chun cur leis an méid roghanna ábhar tógála ar bheagán carbóin a bhítear a úsáid.*
- Máistirphleananna a fhorbairt maidir le lonnaitheacht i bpríomhfhoirgnimh agus láithreáin straitéiseacha faoi úinéireacht an stáit, mar shampla, obair leanúnach ar mháistirphlean Theach an Chustaim.
- Comhairliúchán i dtaca le reachtaíocht agus rialacháin a bhaineann le caighdeán na hailtireachta agus na timpeallachta tógtha, ina measc ionadaíocht a dhéanamh thar ceann OOP i réimsí ar nós Ghrúpa Oibre Earnáil na Tógála.
- Déanann Oifig an Ailtire Stáit/Príomh-Ailtire ionadaíocht thar ceann OOP ar dhá choiste comhairleacha maidir le leasuithe ar na rialacháin tógála reatha.
- Comhairliúchán maidir le caighdeán deartha na dtionscadal infreastruchtúir, ina measc; tograí MetroLink, Máistirphlean Geata Heuston agus Tionscadal Ceoldrámaíochta Luimnigh 2030.
- Comhairle a chur ar an Aire Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus Gaeltachta faoi thábhacht na bhfoirgneamh stairiúil, faoi Alt 482 den Acht Airgeadais.
- Comhairle a chur ar na Ranna cuí faoi chúram séadchomharthaí agus caomhnú, athchóiriú agus athúsáid na bhfoirgneamh stairiúil.
- Moltaí a dhéanamh faoi fheidmiú bogearraí Building Information Modelling (BIM) do shealúchas an Rialtais.
- Comhairle agus ionchur a sholáthar don athbhreithniú agus uasdátú ar Pholasaí an Rialtais ar Ailtireacht. Comhairle a thabhairt faoi fheidmiú an Pholasaí Ailtireachta. Ionchur a sholáthar d'fhorbairt Pholasaí Ailtireachta ag leibhéal an AE.
- Rannpháirtíocht i dtaispeántais agus i gcomhdhálacha ailtireachta agus timpeallachta tógtha.
- Seirbhísí ailtireachta gairmiúla a sholáthar do roinnt tionscadal. I measc na dtionscadal a críochnaíodh i 2020, bhí, Ionad Ealaíne na hÉireann i Nua Eabhrac, Pailliún na hÉireann do EXPO Dubai 2020 agus na hoibreacha cobhsaíochta ar Ionad The Aquatic House ag Garraithe Náisiúnta na Lus.
- Cuireadh deontais agus tacaíocht ar fáil d'Fhondúireacht Ailtireachta na hÉireann agus do Chartlann Ailtireachta na hÉireann.
- Ciste Bonneagair Spóirt ar Scála Mór - Tá maoirseacht theicniúil agus tuairisciú á sholáthar ag Oifig an Ailtire Stáit/Príomh-Ailtire maidir le deontais a thugann an Roinn Iompair Turasóireachta agus Spóirt do thionscadail chaipitil.
- Aonad Comhairleach Pleanála - Comhairle pleanála agus ionchur maidir le tionscadail aonair agus nósanna imeachta beartas in aonaid ghnó OOP ar fad. Déanann ár saineolaithe inmheánacha pleanála an obair seo d'Oifig an Ailtire Stáit/Príomh-Ailtire faoi mhaoirseacht an APA.

CUSPÓIR: Cleachtas a spreagadh a uas-mhéadaíonn éifeachtúlacht fuinnimh i bhfoirgnimh phoiblí

Tá OOP ag leanacht ag forbairt an fheachtais éifeachtúlachta fuinnimh 'Optimizing Power @ Work' i bhfoirgnimh an Rialtais Láir agus na hEarnála Poiblí. Sa chlár an Rialtais Láir, baineadh amach sábháil fuinnimh bliantúil de 25% (275 foirgneamh) (chomh maith le thart ar €8.7m a shábháil ar chostas bliantúil). Tá clár na hearnála poiblí leathnaithe anois go dtí os cionn 70 foirgneamh, ina bhfuil eagraíochtaí éagsúla lonnaithe, agus dá bharr seo tá sábháil fuinnimh bliantúil de 10.25% á bhaint amach.

Maidir le spriocanna fuinnimh OOP féin, léirigh "Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2020 um Fheidhmiú Éifeachtúlachta Fuinnimh san Earnáil Phoiblí" de chuid Údarás um Fhuinnimh Inmharthana Éireann (SEAI) go bhfuil an eagraíocht ag sábháil 20.9% d'fhuinneamh agus tá 14GWH de príomhfhuinnimh atá bainteach leis seo á shábháil, chomh maith.

I 2020 chuir OOP i gcomhpháirtíocht le ÚFIÉ arís, agus ag fáil maoinithe ón Roinn Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil (DCCA) clár oibreacha iarfheistithe ar fáil i bhfoirgnimh Thithe an Rialtais. Cuireadh maoiniú de €3m ar fáil i 2020.



4.3 Bainistiú na nEastát - Seirbhísí Oidhreachta

Is í OOP an phríomhghníomhaireacht a dhéanann cúram de chaomhnú agus chur i láthair ár sealúchas cultúrtha agus oidhreachta agus tá sí freagrach as cothabháil laethúil, oibriú agus cur i láthair ár Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta agus Sealúchas Stairiúil atá faoi chúram an stáit.

De ghnáth, cuireann OOP féin nó an Oifig i gcomhar le páirtithe áitiúla seirbhísí do chuartheoirí ar fáil ag 70 ionad; tháinig laghdú mór air seo i 2020 de bharr an tionchar a bhí ag Covid-19. Ag cuid de na hionaid is mó cáil, tá freagracht orainn chomh maith i leith chothabháil agus fás plandaí chomh maith leis an timpeallacht a chosaint don fhóra agus fhána atá faoi chosaint mar aon le cúram a dhéanamh de bhailiúcháin shuntasacha déantán, ealaíne agus stairiúla. In ainneoin na srianta a bhí i bhfeidhm i 2020, leanadh ar aghaidh ag déanamh cúraim díobh seo. Leanadh freisin ag déanamh cothabhála ar Shéadchomharthaí Náisiúnta atá faoi chúram an stáit agus cuireadh roinnt tionscadal caomhnaithe chun cinn, ach ag an am céanna, cloíodh go hiomlán le srianta víris an Rialtais maidir le obair thógála.

Cé gur cuireadh isteach ar ghnáthphatrún oscailte na láithreán don phobal, bhí rochtain ag an bpobal ar go leor páirceanna OOP le linn na dianghlása, mar thacaíocht riachtanach do shláinte an phobail agus d'fholláine mheabhrach agus choirp. Cé gur tháinig laghdú mór ar an líon cuairteoirí chuig na suíomhanna de bharr threoirilinte um chosc an víris, measadh gur chóir roinnt seirbhísí a bheith ar fáil ar bhonn tosaíochta chun tacú le hearnáil na turasoireachta agus feabhsaíodh an tacaíocht seo trí dheireadh a chur le táillí iontrála ag mórchuid na suíomhanna.

CUSPÓIR: Na hionaid oidhreachta, na foirgnimh, na páirceanna agus gairdíní atá faoinár gcúram a chosaint agus a chaomhnú, agus béim a leagan ar chaighdeán an chaomhnaithe

Lean OOP ag déanamh cothabhála agus cúraim de na Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta agus de na sealúchais Oidhreachta atá faoi chúram an Stáit, in ainneoin na ndúshlán oibríochtúla a bhain le Covid-19.

Cúirt Ioma: Thosaigh OOP ar an dara céim de mhóroibreacha móra ar Chúirt Ioma, Co. Laoise, atá á mhaoiniú ag an gcéad incrimint den Chiste Athnuachana agus Forbartha Tuaithe.

Rinneadh oibreacha mar a leanas:

- Tosaíodh ar athchóiriú mór ar urlár na talún agus bhí uasghrádú suntasach ar chórais thógála i gceist anseo.
- Cuireadh obair ar an ngarraí imfhálaithe i gcrích.
- Fostaíodh Blackwoods & Associates chun Plean Bainistíochta Caomhnaithe a ullmhú don eastát ar fad.

Cúirt Dhún Ar Aill: In ainneoin shrianta Covid, chuir OOP oibreacha i gcrích ar na Tailte Pléisiúir agus ar na Gairdíní Imfhálaithe i 2020, agus tá daoine ábalta taitneamh a bhaint as na saoráidí seo nuair a thugann siad cuairt ar an Teach agus na Garraithe i nDún Ar Aill.

Garrán Áine: Fuair OOP maoiniú ó chlár CAFT (RRDF) agus d'fhostaigh siad comhlacht Ailtireachta Howley Hayes. Chuir siadsan foireann ildisciplíneach le chéile chun Máistirphlean a ullmhú don láthair iomlán agus chun scéim a réiteach d'athchóiriú an tí féin agus na foirgnimh eile ina thimpeall agus ansin an plean sin a ullmhú don phróiseas pleanála. Rinneadh tuilleadh oibre ar an mbailliúchán plandaí sna Garraithe agus táthar ag súil go n-osclófar na garraithe go hoifigiúil i mí Bealtaine 2021.

TIONSCADAIL CHAOMHNAITHE AR SHÉADCHOMHARTHAÍ: Ag cloí le bearta Covid-19 an Rialtais, lean an obair ar roinnt tionscadal caomhnaithe, daingnithe, deisiúcháin agus sláinte agus sábháilteachta ag láithreacha Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta, ina measc:

- Caisleán Phort Omna
- Mainistir Chliara ar Oileán Chliara
- Mainistir an Dún Mhóir
- Inis Cathaigh
- Teach an Phiarsaigh agus an Muileann Nua
- Mainistir Sheireapúin
- Prióireacht Cheannais
- Prióireacht na nDoiminiceach ag Lothra
- Caisleán Eas Géitine
- Caisleán Bhéal Átha Málais
- Caisleán Chúirt an Bharraigh
- Mainistir Chill na Malach
- Mainistir Bhaile an Sceilg
- Cloigtheach Ráth Tuaidh
- Mainistir Shligigh
- Cairlinn (críochnaíodh tionscadal rochtana, sábháilteachta agus cur i láthair do chuairteoirí i rith na bliana)
- Caisleán Ros Comáin (faoi dheireadh na bliana, críochnaíodh tionscadal chun deis a thabhairt do dhaoine dul suas staighre nua chuig ceann de cheithre thúr an Chaisleáin agus beidh sé réidh le hoscailt don phobal nuair a cheadófar é sin a dhéanamh.)

Gradam na mBrat Glas: I 2020, bronnadh roinnt mhaith Brat Glas ar OOP chomh maith le Creidiúnú Idirnáisiúnta ar Fheabhas Pháirceanna, as a mbainistiú páirceanna agus spásanna glasa ag Faiche Stiabhna, Baile an Chaisleáin, Doire Fhionnáin, Oileán an Chuilinn, Reilig Mhíleata Ghráinseach Ghormáin, Gairdíní Náisiúnta Cuimhneacháin Cogaidh na hÉireann agus Páirc an Fhionnuisce.

Staidéar um Iompar agus Soghluaisteacht Pháirc an Fhionnuisce: I mí Iúil, bhunaigh an tAire Stáit in Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí, an tUasal Patrick O'Donovan TD, Grúpa Stiúrtha ar a raibh Cathaoirleach Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí agus Príomhfheidhmeannaigh an Údarás Náisiúnta Iompair, Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar ullmhú staidéir maidir le roghanna iompair agus soghluaisteachta. Is í an aidhm atá leis an staidéar ná sláine Pháirc an Fhionnuisce mar shaoráid fóillíochta don phobal a chinntiú mar aon le rochtain inbhuanaithe a chur ar fáil do chách.

Críochnaíodh an Staidéar i 2020 ag pointe rithábhachtach i stair na Páirce, go háirithe de bharr go raibh tóir ag na sluaite daoine, níos mó ná mar a bhí riamh cheana ar an bPáirc le linn Phaindéim Covid-19. Thug sé deis athbhreithniú agus measúnú a dhéanamh ar roghanna a rachaidh chun leasa Pháirc an Fhionnuisce agus na ndaoine a bhaineann úsáid aisti anois agus sa todhcháí.

Bithéagsúlacht: I 2020, chríochnaigh éiceolaithe ó Choláiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath, iniúchadh a mhair ar feadh bliana ar an mbithéagsúlacht ag Áras an Uachtaráin. In ainneoin briseadh dhá mhí ar shampláil le linn an Earraigh, de bharr shrianta Covid-19, léirigh an staidéar go bhfuil 14 gnáthóg ar leith ar an suíomh 130 acra i mBaile Átha Cliath ina bhfuil 800 speiceas éagsúil plandaí, ainmhithe agus fungas.

Ba é aidhm an staidéir an bhithéagsúlacht ar an suíomh seo a mheas chun go mbeifí ábalta aon athruithe a rianú, chomh maith le moltaí a dhéanamh maidir le cur leis agus caomhnú níos fearr a dhéanamh ar an bhfiadhúlra atá ar an suíomh seo. Cuireadh an tuarascáil faoi bhráid an Uachtaráin, Michael D. Ó hUiginn i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2020 agus tá plean ullmhaithe ag OOP chun na moltaí atá leagtha amach sa tuarascáil a chur i bhfeidhm.



CUSPÓIR: Ár láithreáin oidhreachta a chur i láthair agus míniú a thabhairt orthu chun an leas is fearr a bhaint astu agus a chinntiú go gcuirfidh siad leis an turasóireacht agus go mbainfidh cuairteoirí taitneamh astu agus go gcuirfear lena n-eispéireas oideachasúil chomh maith

Déanann foireann OOP a ndícheall eispéiris léirmhínithe fíora, ar ard-chaighdeán a chur ar fáil ag ár n-ionaid Oidhreachta ar mhaithe le cuairteoirí agus turasóirí chomh maith le hinfheistiú agus athnuachan a dhéanamh in infreastruchtúr turasóireachta agus í mar aidhm againn caighdeán eispéiris na gcuairteoirí agus na dturasóirí ag na suíomhanna seo a fheabhsú. Cé go raibh na páirceanna oscailte den chuid is mó, tháinig laghdú suntasach ar líon na gcuairteoirí chuig na foirgnimh oidhreachta i rith 2020 mar gheall ar shrianta Covid-19.

De bharr gur coinníodh teagmháil rannpháirtíochta ar leibhéal éigin le cuairteoirí agus le daoine eile ar spéis leo suíomhanna OOP, glacadh le cineálacha cur chuige nua, agus baineadh úsáid as acmhainní ar líne, go háirithe chun cainteanna, taibhíthe agus imeachtaí eile a chur ar fáil i rith an tséasúir agus, go háirithe, le linn Sheachtain na hOidhreachta.

Ionad Féachana Nua – Ionad an Bhlascaoid, Dún Chaoin

Ar an 28 Iúil 2020, d'oscail Patrick O'Donovan T.D., an tAire Stáit ag OOP Ionad féachana iontach ar Shlí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin, ag Ionad an Bhlascaoid atá suite ar bharr aille. Tá an tIonad á réachtáil ag OOP i nGaeltacht Chiarraí. Thóg Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí i gcomhpháirtíocht straitéiseach le Fáilte Éireann an t-ionad nua iontach seo a chuireann go mór le hinfreastruchtúr turasóireachta Leithinis an Daingin. Is iad comhlacht Ailtireachta Paul Arnold a dhear an tIonad.

Tá sé seo ann de bharr infheistiúcht mhór a rinne na comhpháirtithe straitéiseacha Fáilte Éireann, OOP agus an Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus na Meán faoin straitéis 'Tionscadal Éireann' 2040 an Rialtais. Tá sé mar aidhm ag an tionscadal borradh inbhuanaithe a spreagadh in earnáil turasóireachta na hÉireann, ioncam níos airde a chinntiú agus poist a chruthú ar fud na hÉireann. Mar chuid de thionscadal Ionad an Bhlascaoid, rinneadh athchóiriú ar theach an scríbhneora iomráitigh, Tomás Ó Criomhthain ar an mBlascaod Mór chomh maith le huasghrádú mór ar na taispeántais ag Ionad an Bhlascaoid agus ar an Ionad Féachana, atá díreach oscailte.

Is pointe fócais atá ann freisin do chuireoirí chuig Leithinis an Daingin ar Shlí an Atlantaigh Fhiáin chun Oileáin an Bhlascaoid a fheiceáil ar bhealach slán sábháilte. Tá an siúlbealach agus an tIonad Féachana oiriúnach do dhaoine de gach aois agus cumais agus tugann a leithéid seo deis do raon cuairteoirí Éireannacha agus Idirnáisiúnta cuairt a thabhairt ar áiteanna iontacha den chineál seo. Léiríonn an tionscadal chomh tiomanta agus atá OOP maidir le hoidhrecht agus cultúr an Bhlascaoid Mhóir.



Brú na Bóinne/Sí an Bhrú

Ar nós a lán ionad eile de chuid OOP, bhí Ionad Bhrú na Bóinne agus Láithreán Oidhreachta Domhanda EOECA ag Sí an Bhrú dúnta ar feadh an chuid is mó den bhliain de bharr shrianta Covid-19. In ainneoin sin, chuir foireann an Ionaid imeachtaí agus taispeántais ar fáil ar líne:

Feabhra 2020

Reáchtáil OOP i gcomhar le Cumann Réalteolaíochta na hÉireann sraith oícheanta amhairc ar na réalta ag Cnóbha, a leag béim ar thábhacht Chnóbha agus Sí an Bhrú agus suíomhanna eile i nGleann na Bóinne ó thaobh na Réalteolaíochta de.

Meitheamh 2020

Léirigh alt a foilsíodh san iris eolaíochta tábhachtach, *Nature*, torthaí ainlíse eolaíoch an-suntasach maidir le hiarsmaí daonna a fuarthas ag Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta ar fud na tíre. Rinne foireann idirnáisiúnta seandálaithe agus géineolaithe faoi stiúir Choláiste na Tríonóide an taighde seo agus tugann sé léargas nua ar shéadchomharthaí Bhrú na Bóinne agus tuamaí pasáiste eile de chuid na hÉireann, m.sh. fuarthas amach go bhféadfadh sé go raibh fear fásta a adhlacadh i Sí an Bhrú thart ar 3,200 RC mar dhuine den scothaicme sóisialta a bhí i gceannas.

Meán Fómhair 2020

Sheol an tseirbhís treorach ag Brú na Bóinne seirbhís gréasáin oideachais nua do scoileanna agus deardh agus foilsíodh acmhainní nua ar líne, saor in aisce do mhúinteoirí agus do mhic léinn.

Mí na Nollag 2020

Chraol Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí Grianstad an Gheimhridh beo ó Shí an Bhrú i Láithreán Oidhreachta Domhanda Bhrú na Bóinne ar 3 mhaidin; 20, 21 agus 22 Nollaig. D'oibrigh OOP le Fáilte Éireann agus leis an Roinn Gnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádála i bpoiblíú na hócáide ar fud an domhain agus fuarthas aiseolas an-dearfach. Arna chur i láthair ag Clare Tuffy, OOP agus an Dr Frank Prendergast, bhí an-tóir ar na craoltaí agus taifeadadh gur breathnaíodh 2,632,000 babhta ar an ócáid ar chainéil ar líne OOP.

Sceilig Mhichíl

Níor osclaíodh Sceilig Mhichíl, an dara Láithreán Oidhreachta Domhanda EOECA atá faoi chúram OOP, don phobal i rith shéasúr 2020 mar a bhíodhas ag súil leis. Ina ainneoin sin, leanadh den obair ar an oileán féin agus rinne foireann bheag oibre tascanna cothabhála riachtanacha agus tosaíodh ag obair arís ar thionscadal an Tí Solais.

Leanadh den obair ar Phlean Bainistíochta 10 mbliana a réiteach, ag teacht le rialacha EOECA do Láithreáin Oidhreachta Domhanda. Faoi dheireadh na bliana, seoladh dréachtphlean i gcomhair chomhairliúchán poiblí agus táthar ag súil go bhfoilseoidh an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta an phlean i 2021.

Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath

De bharr phaindéim Covid-19, cuireadh srianta ar oibreacha a bhain le cuairteoirí chuig an gCaisleán i 2020; mar sin féin, d'éirigh leis an bhfoireann líon suntasach imeachtaí agus taispeántas a reáchtáil agus chuir siad clár nuálach gníomhaíochtaí ar fáil ar líne ar fud na meán sóisialta ar fad. Bhí an Caisleán ina shuíomh tábhachtach le haghaidh taibhithe agus bhain lucht féachana in Éirinn agus go hidirnáisiúnta taitneamh as maorgacht an Chaisleáin de thoradh an chláir a cuireadh ar fáil ar líne i gcomhar le príomh-eagraíochtaí ealaíne na hÉireann

Is áit thábhachtach é Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath do ghnó Rialtais chomh maith. De bharr riachtanais um scaradh sóisialta, chuir OOP Lár-Ionad Comhdhála Hibernia i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath ar fáil do chruinnithe comh-aireachta chun deis a thabhairt do na hairí a ngnó a dhéanamh ar bhealach sábháilte. Ina theannta sin, rinneadh uasghrádú agus athchóiriú ar roinnt seomraí in aice leis an ionad comhdhála, agus cuireadh ar fáil iad do na páirtithe comhrialtais éagsúla.

Mórthaispeántais

Deireadh Fómhair 2019 – Feabhra 2020**Birds, Bugs and Butterflies: Lady Betty Cobbe's 'Peacock' Worcester Porcelain**

D'inis an taispeántas seo an scéal faoi choimisiniú fhoireann iontach de phoircealláin Worcester do Theach an Droichid Nua, Domhnach Bat ó 1763 ar aghaidh, agus an ceangal a bhí idir seo agus ceardaithe Éireannacha mar na ceannaithe sceana, Thomas Read. Léiríodh freisin cá ndeachaigh an poircealláin seo ina dhiaidh sin le linn Chogadh Saoirse na hÉireann agus na hiarrachtaí atá á ndéanamh le déanaí chun na píosaí a thabhairt le chéile arís.

Deireadh Fómhair 2019 – Eanáir 2020**Gailearaí Theach an Chóiste, Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath: Ireland Glass Biennale**

Léirigh an taispeántas leathbhliantúil seo a cuireadh ar siúl i gcomhar leis an gColáiste Náisiúnta Ealaíne agus Dearthóireachta an chuid is fearr de chleachtas comhaimseatha déanamh gloine in Éirinn agus spreag sé tuiscint níos forleithne ar an acmhainneacht chruthaitheach a bhaineann le gloine.

February 2020 – October 2020**100 Years of Women in Politics and Public Life**

Scrúdaigh an taispeántas seo 100 bliain de rannpháirtíocht na mban sa pholaitíocht agus sa saol poiblí in Éirinn. Thug an taispeántas léargas ar scéalta na mban iomráiteach agus ar scéalta na mban nach raibh an oiread sin eolais fúthu, ach a chuir go mór le saol polaitiúil agus poiblí na hÉireann le céad bliain anuas.

Márta 2020 – Eanáir 2021**Splendour and Scandal: The Office of Arms at Dublin Castle**

Scrúdaigh an taispeántas seo oifig rúnda Rí Armas Uladh agus a chomharba, oifig Phríomh-Aralt na hÉireann. Breathnaíodh ar ghníomhaíochtaí éagsúla le linn na 150 bliain a raibh na hoifigí seo lonnaithe i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath, ó goideadh Rísheoda na hÉireann go dtí gur cruthaíodh stát neamhspleách na hÉireann agus dearadh bhratach an Aontais Eorpaigh.

Imeachtaí

18 – 26 Eanáir**Tradfest – Printworks/An Séipéal Ríoga**

Féile bhliantúil, ar siúl ar feadh seachtaine ag ceiliúradh Ceol traidisiúnta na hÉireann. Grúpaí ó gach cearn den domhan agus ó gach cearn den tír ag seinm don phobal, inár n-ionaid.

14 Feabhra**Ceolchoirm le Ceolfhoireann Aireagail na hÉireann – Printworks**

Sheinn Ceolfhoireann Aireagail na hÉireann sians 7 le Beethoven chun comóradh a dhéanamh ar 250 bliain ó rugadh an cumadóir.

17 Meán Fómhair**Oíche Chultúir i gomhpháirtíocht le RTÉ**

Scannánú ar dhamhsa comhaimseartha istigh in Árasáin an Stáit. Craoladh é seo ar RTÉ nuair a bhíodhas ag seoladh na hOíche Cultúir ar an 17 Meán Fómhair.

27 – 28 de Mheán Fómhair**Sárcheol i dTithe na hÉireann – An Seipéal Ríoga**

Scannánú ar fhéile cheoil bhliantúil. Sruthaithe do dhaoine a raibh ticéid acu, sa bhaile.



Músaem Chill Mhaighneann

De bharr Covid-19, bhí srianta móra ar oscailt an Phríosúin i 2020, ar nós mórchuid na suíomhanna eile; mar sin féin, d'éirigh leis an bhfoireann oibre anseo líon mór imeachtaí a reáchtáil agus chruthaigh siad timpeall 60 físeán go himmheánach, a cuireadh suas ar líne ina dhiaidh sin. Scrúdaigh na gearrscannáin seo stair an fhoirgnimh agus thug siad deis do chuartheoirí áiteanna a fheiceáil nach mbeadh le feiceáil ag an bpobal de ghnáth. Breathnaíodh ar scéalta áirithe i roinnt de na físeáin, mar shampla, scéal na Invincibles. Baineadh úsáid as na físeáin seo mar cheann de na príomhbhealaí ina ndearna OOP comóradh ar dhátaí suntasacha le linn 2020.

Roinnt imeachtaí eile:

Dáta	Imeacht	Teideal	Cuntas
24 Eanáir	Tradfest – Imeacht i dTeach na Cúirte	'Last Night's Fun'	Saothar an fhile Ciarán Carson á cheiliúradh i bhfocail agus le ceol ag na ceoltóirí Stephen Rea agus Neil Martin agus ag an aisteoir Stephen Rea
25 & 26 Eanáir	Tradfest – Imeacht sa Phríosún	Ceolfhoireann Cheol Tíre na hÉireann	
13 Feabhra	Irish Times	Phótaisheisiún i gcomhair Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan	
Feabhra - Aibreán	Taispeántas	Athchúrsáil, Athearraíocht, Athshamhlaíocht: Athrú Réada ó bhun i bPríosún Chill Mhaighneann	Bhí earraí ó bhailiúchán Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann ar cuireadh athrú ó bhonn orthu ar taispeáint sa taispeántas seo. Cuireadh béim ar leith ar an mbealach ar úsáid na príosúnaigh na hacmhainní a bhí ina dtimpeall le linn dóibh a bheith i ngéibheann agus ba mhinic a léiríodh clisteacht agus samhlaíocht thar na bearta ina saothar.
14 Iúil	Taibhiú/craoladh Beo	Fontaines DC	Ba léiriú beo ar líne é seo leis na Fontaines DC as Sciathán Thoir aitheanta an Phríosúin. Craoladh é mar chuid de shraith <i>Other Voices</i> de chuid RTÉ.
19 Deireadh Fómhair	Scannáin Yellow Asylum	Scannánú do Thionscadal na nÉireannach Aontaithe	

Taispeántais agus Imeachtaí ar líne:

Dáta a seoladh	Teideal	Cuntas
14 Deireadh Fómhair 2020	Taispeántas um chomóradh céad bliain ar mharú Sheán Treacy	Cuireadh taispeántas ar siúl ag comóradh mharú Sheán Treacy céad bliain ó shin, ar an 14 Deireadh Fómhair 1920, mar chuid den taispeántas buan. Bhí roinnt earraí suntasacha sa taispeántas seo a bhain leis an marú, ina measc ceann de na bróga a chaith sé nuair a caitheadh é agus dlaoi dá chuid gruaige a thóg a chara agus agus a chomrádaí, Dan Breen. Bhí leagan den taispeántas seo le feiceáil ar líne, ar shuíomh Gréasáin 'Cogadh na Saoirse' de chuid RTÉ.
21 Samhain 2020	Taispeántas um chomóradh céad bliain mharú Dick McKee, Peadar Clancy, Conor Clune	Cuireadh taispeántas ar siúl ag comóradh mharú Dick McKee, Peadar Clancy, Conor Clune céad bliain ó shin, ar an 21/22 de mhí na Samhna i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath, i ndiaidh Dhomhnach na Fola 1920, mar chuid den taispeántas buan. Bhí réada ar nós fainne cuimhneacháin a rinneadh don bhean a bhí geallta le McKee agus cárta comhbhróin a d'fhág Micheál Ó Coileáin ar chónraí McKee agus Clancy sa taispeántas. Bhí leagan den taispeántas seo le feiceáil ar líne, ar shuíomh Gréasáin 'Cogadh na Saoirse' de chuid RTÉ.
30 Nollaig 2020	Dónall Ó Conaill agus éirí amach Theach na Cúirte, Cill Mhaighneann, 30 Nollaig 1820.	Rinne an taispeántas seo, a bhí i bhfoirgneamh Theach na Cúirte comóradh dhá chéad bliain ar éirí amach faoi cheannas Dhónaill Uí Chonaill ag cruinniú de Shaorshealbhóirí Chontae Bhaile Átha Cliath ar an 30 Nollaig 1820.
24 Meitheamh 2020	Bród Bhaile Átha Cliath 2020 – Clár Older than Pride <i>Turas Staire Fíorúil a bhain le pobal LADTI ar Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann I</i>	Thaifead muid turas 'fíorúil' staire de Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann a bhain leis an bpobal LGBTQIA+ mar chuid d'fhéile ar líne 'Bród Bhaile Átha Cliath' 2020. Bhí seisiún beo Ceisteanna agus Freagraí, le Brian Crowley i ndiaidh an turais.
24 Meitheamh 2020	Seachtain na hOidhreachta 2020 <i>Iníúchadh ar Ealaín agus Oideachas Príosúnach i mBailiúchán Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann</i>	Sa chaint ar líne seo, breathnaíodh ar ábhar ó bhailiúchán Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann a bhain le hiarrachtaí oideachais agus ealaíne na bpríosúnach le linn dóibh a bheith faoi ghlas. Tugadh deis do phríosúnaigh polaitiúla scileanna nua a fhorbairt agus foghlaim óna chéile, fad agus a bhí siad sa Phríosún. Is minic a bhíodh ealaín, ceardaíocht, oideachas agus cruthaitheacht mar bhealach chun déileáil leis an leadrán agus leatrom a bhaineadh le bheith faoi ghlas i bpríosún. Cuireadh an chaint ar fáil trí leathanaigh Facebook Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann, agus ar chainéal YouTube OOP.
20 Lúnasa 2020	Seachtain na hOidhreachta 2020 <i>Séiseanna Thomas Moore's i bPríosún Chill Mhaighneann agus i Músaem an Phiarsaigh</i>	Scrúdaigh an físeán seo, a coimisiúnaíodh go speisialta, an chaoi a bhfuil baint ag Príosún Chill Mhaighneann agus Músaem an Phiarsaigh le trí cinn de shéiseanna cáiliúla Éireannacha Thomas Moore. San fhíseán seo, taispeánadh na trí amhrán á gcanadh ag na deirfúracha Teresa agus Mary Louise O'Donnell in atmaisféar speisialta Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann agus Músaem an Phiarsaigh. Cuireadh ar fáil é ar leathanaigh Facebook Músaem an Phiarsaigh agus Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann, agus ar chainéal YouTube OOP.
12 Meán Fómhair 2020	Dublin Festival of History <i>Stair Chill Mhaighneann a bhaineann le LGBTQIA+</i>	Sa chaint ar líne seo, tugadh turas staire fíorúil a bhain leis an bpobal LGBTQIA+ ar Chill Mhaighneann agus cuireadh réada i láthair ó mhúsaem Phríosún Chill Mhaighneann a bhí bainteach leis an bpobal LGBTQIA+.

Teach Bhaile An Chaisleáin

Márta 2020

Seoladh Sheomra Bhantiarna Chill Dara

I mí an Mhárta 2020, d'oscail Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí i dteannta Fhondúireacht Bhaile an Chaisleáin Seomra Bhantiarna Chill Dara, i mBaile an Chaisleáin go hoifigiúil don phobal.

Lúnasa 2020

Cosán Draíochta Bithéagsúlachta

I mí Lúnasa 2020, d'oscail OOP cosán draíochta nua atá oiriúnach do theaghlaigh, le téama na bithéagsúlachta, sna Gairdíní Pléisiúir i mBaile an Chaisleáin. Tá eolas tugtha go dátheangach i rith an chosáin agus tugtar na cuairteoirí ar chamchuart chun go bhfeicfidh siad an Bithéagsúlacht atá anseo i mBaile an Chaisleáin.

Deireadh Fómhair 2020

Sárshaothair Mezzo

Oíche Shamhna, thug Compántas Náisiúnta Ceoldrámaíochta na hÉireann i gcomhar le hOifig na nOibreacha Poiblí léiriú sármhaith leis an Soprán Mezzo, Sharon Carty ón nGailearáí Fada, i dteannta Cheolfhoireann Chompántas Náisiúnta Ceoldrámaíochta na hÉireann a bhí in áiteanna éagsúla de bharr riachtanais a bhain le scaradh sóisialta.

Caisleán Rath Fearnáin

In ainneoin shrianta Covid in 2020, bhí ról tábhachtach ag Caisleán Rath Fearnáin i saol cultúrtha na Príomhchathrach. Cuireadh réimse taispeántas agus imeachtaí ar fáil, ina measc:

Féile Bowie Bhaile Átha Cliath: Silhouettes and Shadows

Anseo, bhí taispeántas portráidí agus dealbhóireachta le Sara Captain (RA) agus Maria Primolan (an Iodáil) chomh maith le caint ó Sara Captain faoi thionchar na gluaiseachta réamh-Rafaeilíteach ar David Bowie.

Tradfest

Míreanna ceoil le Shane Hennessy, Michelle agus Louise Mulcahy, Micheál Ó Raghallaigh, Maurice Lennon, Ciara Brennan agus Chris Dawson.

They went and saw a palace hanging from a silken thread

Taispeántas de shaothar Sven Sandberg, coimeáda faoi chúram Berlinin Opticians Gallery.

Courageous Women Castle to Castle

Ócáid ar líne ina raibh comhráite, scéalaíocht agus léirithe le healaíontóirí, staraithe agus aoichainteoirí, ag díriú ar scéalta na mban sa stair agus a dtionchar ar ár saol inniu arna chur i láthair ag Smashing Times International Center for the Arts and Equality.

Caisleán Chairlinne

Cuireadh mórchuid na hoibre ar an mórthionscadal ag Caisleán Chairlinne i gcrích i 2019 chun rochtain shábháilte a chur ar fáil do chuariteoirí chomh maith le seirbhís ateangaireachta. Beidh an suíomh á bhainistiú agus á choimeád ag comhpháirtíocht le hlontaobhas Loch Cairlinne, a sheol Aire Stáit OOP, an tUas. Patrick O Donovan i 2020.

Carraig Phádraig

Lean OOP den obair ar thionscadal ar cuireadh tús leis i 2019, i gcomhpháirt leis an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht, Fáilte Éireann agus Comhairle Co. Thiobraid Árann chun suíomh a fháil d'ionad Fáiltithe do Chuariteoirí i gCaiseal. Cuideoidh an tionscadal seo, a bhfuil Fáilte Éireann ag tacú leis, chun cuíchóiriú a chur ar rochtain do chuariteoirí agus beifear ábalta seirbhísí nua-aimseartha a chur ar fáil do chuariteoirí ag an suíomh tábhachtach seo a bhfuil an-tóir air. Faoi dheireadh na bliana, ceapadh cuibhreannas gairmiúil, faoi stiúir chomhlacht Ailtireachta Caomhnaithe, a bhfuil an-taithí acu ar an gcineál seo oibre, chun anailís a dhéanamh ar chúig shuíomh sa bhaile leis áit is fearr don Ionad nua a aimsiú.





Seirbhísí do Chuariteoirí

Rinneadh roinnt dul chun cinn maidir le seirbhísí éagsúla do chuariteoirí i rith na bliana:

Seirbhísí do na Bodhair/Daoine a bhfuil Deacrachtaí Éisteachta acu:

Eagraíodh turais i dTeanga Chomharthaíochta na hÉireann (ISL) ag 12 suíomh i 2019 ach cuireadh na turais seo ar ceal i 2010 de bharr na srianta a bhain le Covid-19. Tosófar ar na turais seo arís nuair a bheidh cead sin a dhéanamh.

Oiriúint do Dhaoine le hUathachas

Ceann de spriocanna a bhí ag OOP, i 2020, ná feabhas a chur ar ár seirbhísí ag láithreáin oidhreacht do chuariteoirí atá ar speictream an uathachais agus rinneadh a lán oibre i 2020 chun an sprioc sin a bhaint amach. Sa todhcháí, beidh sé leagtha amach inár bpleananna go nglacfaidh muid páirt i bpróiseas dian creidiúnaithe ionas go mbeidh ár láithreán oidhreacht ainmnithe go hoifigiúil mar láithreán atá oiriúnach do dhaoine le huathachas. Thapaigh muid an deis le linn 2020 chun cur lenár gcuid tuisceana agus eolais agus thosaigh muid ag déanamh na n-ullmhúchán atá riachtanach chun ár sprioc a bhaint amach.

Chuaigh AslAm, Carthanacht Uathachais na hÉireann, i dteagmháil le príomhfhoirne túslíne OOP i mí Feabhra, agus ina dhiaidh sin, cuireadh seisiún oiliúna ar siúl chun cabhrú le foireann na láithreán cur chuige nua a fhorbairt chun dul i ngleic leis an leagan amach nua.

Bhí orainn gníomhaíochtaí pleanáilte, ina measc ár gcéad turas oiriúnaithe do dhaoine le huathachas ar Áras an Uachtaráin ar an 4 Aibreán a chur ar ceal de bharr shrianta Covid-19. Lean an oiliúint ar líne dár bhfoireann treorach agus díriodh go speisialta ar Threoirlínte Sóisialta a chur ar fáil do gach láithreán. Cuireadh iad seo ar fáil ar shuíomh Gréasáin Oidhreacht Éireann sa dara leath den bhliain. Leanfar ag déanamh tuilleadh oibre chun aitheantas iomlán a bhaint amach do sheirbhísí do dhaoine le huathachas i 2021.

Oiliúint don Fhoireann Treorach 2020

Cuireadh roinnt cúrsaí oiliúna ar líne ar fáil dár bhfoireann treorach i rith 2020:

Soláthraí	Foireann Treorach	Bainisteoirí Treorach	Líon rannpháirtithe
Fáilte Éireann	Barr feabhais i dtaca le Seirbhís do Chustaiméirí Buneolas maidir le Garchabhair RGCS Sláinte & Sábháilteacht	Ceannasaíocht Foirne Éifeachtach	350
AslAm	Oiliúint Feasachta ar Uathachas Ceardlanna Feasachta ar Uathachas/seimineár gréasáin: Tuiscint a Fhorbairt Cuimsiú Uathachais in obair OOP		273 60
OOP	Dínit san Ionad Oibre (5 sheisiún)		75
Public Relations Institute of Ireland	Ceardlanna Scéalaíochta Físe Soghluaiste (2 sheisiún) <i>(Tugann an oiliúint seo comhairle agus traenáil maidir le gearrthóga a thairfeadh do na meán shóisialta ar ghléasanna soghluaiste, tá sé seo úsáideach don fhoireann a bhíonn ag uasdátú na meán sóisialta do shuíomhanna nó dóibh siúd a mbíonn baint acu le himeachtaí ar líne m.sh. Seachtain na h Oidhreacht 2020)</i>		8
Gnóthaí Poiblí Éireann	Cúrsa oiliúna maidir leis an gcaoi ar cheart le déileáil le Cuairteoirí Cancracha.		15

Clár Forbartha Turasóireachta

Leanadh leis an obair le linn na bliana ar an gClár Caipitil um Fhorbairt na Turasóireachta (2016-2020) i bpáirt le comhpháirtithe straitéiseacha, Fáilte Éireann agus an Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta (RTRÁO). Ar na tionscadail ar leanadh leo le linn na bliana, bhí:

- Athchóiriú agus buan-thaispeántas nua ag Ionad Cuairteoirí Achaidh Chéide, Co. Mhaigh Eo; thosaigh obair ar an suíomh i rith na bliana ach cuireadh stop leis de bharr shrianta Covid ní ba dheireanaí sa bhliain. Táthar ag súil tús a chur leis an obair in athuair i 2021 chomh luath agus a cheadófar sin a dhéanamh.
- Athchóiriú ar an bhfoirgneamh agus an léirmhíniú ag Ionad an Cheathrú Mhóir, Co. Shligigh; ní dheachaigh an obair a bhí le tosú ar an suíomh chun cinn i 2020 ach cuirfear tús leis an tionscadal seo i 2021.
- Áiseanna nua do chuairoteoirí ag Sí an Bhrú, Co. na Mí; Thosaigh an obair ar an tionscadal seo sa chéad chuid den bhliain ach de bharr shrianta Covid-19, stopadh na hoibreacha agus tosófar ar an tionscadal in athuair i 2021 chomh luath agus a cheadófar sin a dhéanamh.
- Léirmhíniú nua ag Dún Aonghasa agus láithreáin eile in Árann, Co. na Gaillimhe; cuireadh siar an obair thógála anseo de bharr shrianta Covid-19, tosófar ar an tionscadal in athuair i 2021 chomh luath agus a cheadófar sin a dhéanamh.
- Máistirphlean Bhaile Átha Cliath curtha i gcrích agus dul chun cinn déanta ar thionscadal Thúr na dTaifead.
- Dul chun cinn maidir leis na moltaí a d'eascair as athbhreithniú um Éispéreas na gCuairoteoirí i bPáirc an Fhionnuisce, rinneadh dul chun cinn ar mhórthionscadal Dhún na hArmlainne.
- Dul chun cinn ar an Ionad nua do Chuairteoirí ag Casino, Marino, Co. Bhaile Átha Cliath.
- Áiseanna do chuairteoirí ar an mBlascaod.
- Ionad Féachana íontach ag Ionad Cuairteoirí an Bhlascaoid, Dún Chaoin curtha i gcrích.

Leanadh leis an obair ullmhúcháin le linn na bliana ar fhorbairt na chéad chéime eile de thionscadail mholta idir trí chomhpháirtí: OOP, RCOG agus Fáilte Éireann.

Clár Seirbhísí Digiteacha

Cuireadh roinnt tionscadal chun cinn i rith na bliana:

Athdhearadh ar Shuíomh Gréasáin Oidhreachta Éireann

Is é [heritageireland.ie](https://www.heritageireland.ie) an príomhthairseach faisnéise OOP do chuairteoirí. Rinneadh athdhearadh iomlán ar an suíomh agus rinneadh é a athsheoladh i 2020.

Tá an suíomh Gréasáin nua ar ardchaighdeán, agus tá cuma mhealltach, cheannasach agus shuimiúil air. Léiríonn an suíomh gréasáin na láithreáin oidhreachta atá á mbainistiú ag OOP, tugann sé cuntas ar na seirbhísí atá ar fáil agus spreagann sé cuairteoirí ón tír seo agus ó thíortha eile iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar na seirbhísí seo. Léiríonn an suíomh seo freisin an obair a dhéanann OOP i gcúram agus i gcaomhnú ár láithreán agus ár mbailiúchán oidhreachta.

Cartaí Oidhreachta ar díol Ar Líne

Cuireadh Cartaí Oidhreachta OOP ar díol ar líne i rith mhí Lúnasa 2020 – [heritageireland.ie/visit/heritage-card/](https://www.heritageireland.ie/visit/heritage-card/). Ní raibh na cartaí seo ar fáil roimhe seo ach amháin ó shuíomhanna cuairteoirí ina n-íoctar táillí nó ar an bhfón.

In ainneoin na srianta ar oscailt láithreán do chuairteoirí, b'údar misnigh an méid cartaí a díoladh. Díoladh 709 cárta ar líne suas go deireadh na bliana. Díoladh 72% díobh sin i mí na Nollag, 10% i mí na Samhna, 5% i mí Dheireadh Fómhair, 7% i mí Mheán Fómhair agus 7% i mí Lúnasa.

Áirithintí Ar Líne

De bharr gur dúnadh nó gur ciorraíodh roinnt láithreán do chuairoteoirí i rith na bliana, baineadh úsáid as na háiseanna ar líne go príomha chun cabhrú le bainistiú an líon daoine a ligeadh isteach ag aon am ar leith. Mar sin féin, i 2020 rinneadh tuilleadh oibreacha ullmhúcháin ionas go mbeidh na háiseanna seo ar fáil do chuairoteoirí ag na láithreáin seo a leanas amach anseo, agus beidh áirithint ar líne i bhfeidhm i suas le 14 láithreán ar fad nuair a thosóidh na gnáthsheirbhísí arís:

- Daingean Rinn Chorráin
- Ionad an Bhlascaoid



CUSPÓIR: Eolas agus scileanna a fhorbairt agus a chaomhnú maidir le tógáil thraidisiúnta, ailtireacht chaomhantais, caomhnú agus cosaint láithreán, léirmhíniú oidhreachta mar aon le bainistiú agus cúram a dhéanamh do na bailiúcháin

I measc na bpríomhoibreacha i 2020, bhí:

Clár Printíseachta Sna Ceirdeanna

Lean Clár Printíseachta Sna Ceirdeanna OOP a réachtáladh i gcomhar le SOLAS ag forbairt agus ag déanamh dul chun cinn i 2020.

Seo a leanas na sonraí maidir le printísigh sna Seirbhísí Oidhreachta suas go Mí na Nollag 2020:

Líon.	Aonad Gnó	Ceird Phrintíseachta
1	SCT (BMS)	Siúinéir agus Saor Adhmaid
9	Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta	Saor Cloiche agus Snoíodóir Cloch
2	Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta	Siúinéir agus Saor Adhmaid
1	Príomh-Cheardlann Innealtóireachta, BMS	Oibrí Miotail
2	Brainse an Troscáin	Déantóir agus Críochnaitheoir Adhmaid

I rith 2020, cháiligh 4 Phrintíseach mar Shiúineirí & Saortha Adhmaid sa SCT (BMS).

I ndiaidh phróisis roghnúcháin i ndeireadh 2020, ceapfar na Printísigh seo a leanas in OOP i mí Eanáir 2021.

Líon.	Aonad Gnó	Ceird Phrintíseachta
2	Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta	Siúinéir agus Saor Adhmaid
1	Séadchomharthaí Náisiúnta	Saor Cloiche agus Snoíodóir Cloch

Bhí feachtas ar siúl i SCT, Bhaile Átha Cliath i 2020 chun Printísigh i gceird na Siúinéireachta agus Saor Adhmaid a earcú agus táthar ag siúl go gceapfar printísigh i 2021.

Bainistiú na mBailiúchán

Is í OOP atá mar choimeádaí roinnt bailiúchán an-suntasach agus luachmhar. I 2020, d'fhostaigh OOP Cláráitheoir um Bhailiúchán Stairiúil do na Seirbhísí Oidhreachta mar chuid dár gcur chuige gairmiúil i leith ár gcuid oibre sa réimse seo.

Déanaimid cúram dár mbailiúcháin agus dár láithreáin de réir chaighdeán gairmiúil na músaem. Faoi láthair, tá ocht sealúchas de chuid OOP páirteach i gClár na Comhairle Oidhreachta um Chaighdeán Mhúsaem d'Éirinn (CCMÉ), a chuireann caighdeán ghairmiúla i gcúram bailiúchán chun cinn. Tá Baile an Chaisleáin, Farmleigh, Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath, Caisleán Rath Fearnáin agus Scoil Éanna lán-chreidúnaithe. I 2020, d'éirigh le Príosún Chill Mhaighneann, Gailearaí na Gléibe agus Caisleán Chill Chainnigh lán-chreidiúnú a bhaint amach den chéad uair.

I dteannta an chláir chreidiúnaithe seachtrach, rinne OOP an-dul chun cinn maidir le córas nua um bhainistiú bailiúchán do Bhainistíocht na Seirbhísí Oidhreachta agus Ealaíon. Déanfaidh an áis úrscóthach seo caighdeánú ar chóras taifeadta na réad agus na ndéantán san eagraíocht, a chinnteoidh go mbeidh ardán láidir inoiriúnaithe ar fáil chun an riocht ina bhfuil réad ar leith, an áit a bhfuil sé agus aon sonraí ábhartha eile a thairfead, ionas go mbeifear ábalta rialú coimeádta níos fearr maidir leis na sócmhainní go léir atá faoinár gcúram a chur i bhfeidhm, agus go mbeidh léargas níos fearr agus níos éasca le fáil ag lucht spéise, ar nós bainisteoirí, taighdeoirí srl. orthu.

CUSPÓIR: Clú agus cáil phoiblí a chruthú agus a chothú de bharr ár sárchaighdeán i gcúrsaí oidhreachta trí chur chuige den scoth a fhorbairt i leith chaomhnaithe agus chur i láthair na Struchtúr Cosanta agus na n-eastát cultúrtha atá faoinár gcúram

Tá Seirbhísí Oidhreachta OOP freagrach as cothabháil agus creatlach na Struchtúr Cosanta agus na bhFoirgneamh Stairiúil ina bhfuil Forais Chultúir agus Ranna Stáit agus Rialtais Ionaithe.

I measc na n-oibreacha a rinneadh i 2020, rinne Seirbhísí Cothabhála Foirgníochta OOP cothabháil laethúil ar an Eastáit Stairiúil. Rinneadh mionoibreacha caomhnaithe agus uasghráidithe mar aon le tionscadail chaipitil mhóra, ina measc, oibreacha atá mar chuid de Chlár na bhForas Cultúir 2040. Chun an obair seo a chur i gcrích, fuarthas saineolas ón eagraíocht féin agus ó chonraitheoirí seachtracha chun deisiúcháin chaomhnaithe a dhéanamh ar ghnéithe riachtanacha, ar nós, díonta agus ábhair ar nós cloch agus brící, obair phlástair agus siúinéireacht ar fud an eastáit. Tá gnéithe ar leith i roinnt de na foirgnimh seo a dteastaíonn oibreacha caomhnaithe an-speisialaithe a dhéanamh orthu, mar shampla, gloine dhaite, mósáic, iarann teilgthe agus painéil adhmaid, ón ré Seirseach agus Vichteoiriach, chomh maith le foirgnimh thábhachtacha stáit ón 20ú haois.

Rinneadh oibreacha Caomhnaithe éagsúla chun creatlach stairiúil foirgneamh a chothabháil, a chosaint, a dhaingniú agus a dheisiú, mar shampla, rinneadh athchóiriú fairsing ar ingearchlónna Theach an Chustaim. Rinneadh daingniú cloch ag Geataí an Cheartais, i gCaisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath agus deisiúcháin ar chruinneachán aitheanta na gCeithre Cúirteanna. Rinneadh oibreacha ar dhíonta Theach Laighean, an Ard-Mhúsaem agus Fhoirgneamh an Luas i bhFaiche Stiabhna.

Lean na Seirbhísí Oidhreachta ag obair ar thionscadail le comhghleacaithe i seirbhísí M&L OOP, sna Rannóga Dóiteáin agus Struchtúir, áit a raibh oibreacha riachtanacha ag teastáil chun an struchtúr stairiúil atá ann a láidriú. Rinneadh bearta dóiteán a fheabhsú ionas go mbeadh daoine níos sábháilte agus go mbeadh na foirgnimh slán agus cosanta go fadtéarmach agus rinneadh uasghráidú ar fhearaí M&L. Tosaíodh ar chlár oibreacha cosanta dóiteán i dTeach Uíbh Eachach, oibreacha ar Ionad na gCuairteoirí ag Teach an Chustaim agus uasghráidú ar na seirbhísí ag Casino, i Marino. Críochnaíodh oibreacha chun rochtain a thabhairt do chách, ina measc, uasghráidú rochtana do chathaoireacha rothaí sa Roinn Fiontar Trádála agus Fostaíochta, 23 Sráid Chill Dara.

Chuir Seirbhísí Cothabhála Foirgníochta OOP tionscadail i gcrích go díreach, tionscadail éagsúla ar nós, suiteáil an Pangur Bán, cnuasach dealbhóireachta le Imogen Stuart, a osclaíodh i 2020 in Ionad Cuairteoirí Áras an Uachtaráin. Rinneadh obair fheistithe do rannóg um Bhainistíocht Ealaíne i Sráid na gCaorach Mór, Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath agus clár dúshlánach oibreacha cosanta, deiceanna oibre agus ardáin chun cnámharlaigh míolta móra ar crochadh agus eiseamail mhóra i Músaem Stair an Dúlra a bhaint anuas go sábháilte agus cuireadh áiseanna seachtracha ar fáil ionas go bhféadfaí an tionscadal uathúil seo a chur i gcrích.

Chabhraigh na Seirbhísí Oidhreachta le grúpaí eile maidir le tionscadail sa réimse poiblí, ar nós, cuireadh bealach isteach nua ar fáil ó Shráid Haiste Uachtarach go Gairdíní Uíbh Eachach agus rinneadh suiteáil ar chuimhneachán Chosantóirí an Líne Thosaigh a d'oscail Simon Coveney i mí na Nollag i nGairdín Theach Uíbh Eachach. Athosclaíodh spás taibhithe cuimhneachán WB Yeats i bhFaiche Stiabhna i mí Iúil, tar éis obair chaomhnaithe ar an dealbh *Knife Edge* de chuid Henry Moore agus rinneadh athchóiriú ar na cosáin, na céimeanna, na lochtáin agus na bealaí isteach agus amach.

Teach Laighean

Críochnaíodh Athchóiriú ar an gcuid de Theach Laighean ón ré Seirseach, i 2019. Rinneadh oibreacha éagsúla ath-imeasctha i 2020, ina measc, tugadh an Seomra Ceirmeachta, an áit a raibh an Seanad Ionaithe ar feadh tamaill, ar ais don Ard-Mhúsaem. Rinneadh cáipéisí a ullmhú do na chéad céimeanna eile d'oibreacha caomhnaithe agus deisiúcháin agus díriodh ar dtús ar chreatlach fhoirgneamh na Dála.

Tar éis don Roinn Cultúir, Oidhreachta agus na Gaeltachta Clár na bhForais Chultúir 2040 a sheoladh tosaíodh ag ullmhú tionscadail oibreacha caipitil do na Forais Chultúir éagsúla a bhfuil OOP freagrach astu, i gcomhpháirtíocht leis an Roinn agus leis na forais Chultúir.



Cé gur lean OOP le hoibreacha riachtanacha fabraice istigh sna foirgnimh seo, caithfear féachaint air seo i gcomhthéacs na bpleananna iomlána maidir le caomhnú, inrochtaineacht agus inbhuanaitheacht, athmheasúnú dinimiciúil ar ról na bhfoirgneamh oidhreachta tábhachtacha seo don chéad ghlúin eile agus cosaint agus léiriú na mBailiúchán Náisiúnta. Cuireadh roinnt tionscadal agus tionscnamh aonair chun cinn i 2020.

Músaem Stair an Dúlra

I 2020, leanadh ar aghaidh le hoibreacha cumasaithe chun taispeántais Stair an Dúlra a bhaint anuas, sula dtosófar na hoibreacha athfheistithe atá beartaithe. B'obair chasta a bhí i gceist anseo, ar nós, na cnámharlaigh míolta móra nár bogadh ó suiteáladh iad (i 1909 ar a dhéanaí) a aistriú. Táthar ag oscailt agus ag imscrúdú an dín chun eolas a fháil maidir leis an díon agus táthar ag déanamh moltaí do thionscadal na n-oibreacha caipitil chun an Músaem a athchóiriú go hiomlán.

Músaem Náisiúnta Ailtreachta

Críochnaíodh an chéad chéim de na hoibreacha ar an díon agus oibreacha sábháilteachta i 2020. Tá dul chun cinn déanta ar ullmhúchán don dara céim um Dheisiúcháin an Rotunda agus ar uasghrádú inmheánach eile agus táthar ag fanacht anois go maolófar Srianata Covid chun leanacht le hoibreacha ar an láithreán. Tá Straitéis an Tionscadail Chaipitil maidir le caomhnú iomlán fabraice, inrochtaineacht agus seirbhísí agus cur i láthair bhailiúcháin an mhúsaem ag an gcéim réamhphleanála.

Leabharlann Náisiúnta

Críochnaíodh imscrúduithe (2ra Céim) an tionscadail Athshamhlaithe na Leabharlainne Náisiúnta i 2020, rud a chuidigh le hullmhúchán na gcáipéisí i gcomhair na gcéad chéimeanna eile, Conradh d'Fhabraic Seachtrach an Sciatháin Thiar agus an síneadh atá le cur leis agus spásanna do thaispeántais phoiblí, áiseanna agus rochtain oiriúnach do chách. Leanadh le hoibreacha cumasaithe eile chomh maith ionas go mbeidh an Leabharlann ábalta feidhmiú le linn na bpríomhoibreacha tógála.

An Gailearaí Náisiúnta

Leanadh le clár de mhíon-oibreacha uasghrádaithe in ionad an Ghailearaí Náisiúnta i rith 2020. Tá athbhreithniú á dhéanamh faoi láthair ar na chéad chéimeanna eile de mhíon-oibreacha caipitil atá beartaithe don Ghailearaí.

Gailearaí Crawford

Tá Gailearaí Ealaíne Crawford ina cheannródaí maidir le Clár Náisiúnta Infheistíochta na bhForas Cultúir de bharr an dul chun cinn atá déanta le bliain anuas. Is é an chéad Fhoras Cultúir a bhunaigh Grúpa Stiúrtha agus a chomhaontaigh Meabhrán Tuisceana tríthaobhach le hOOP agus leis an Roinn Turasoireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus na Meán. Is í an chéad chéim shuntasach eile sa tionscadal seo ná an Cás Gnó Deiridh a chur i gcrích, agus chuige seo tá comórtas earcaíochta ar bun faoi láthair chun Seirbhísí Foirne Dearaidh Comhtháite faoi stiúir Ailtire a cheapadh le haghaidh Ghailearaí Ealaíne Crawford agus an Réimse Poiblí ina thimpeall. Táthar ag súil go ndéanfar an ceapachán seo go luath sa dara leath den bhliain.

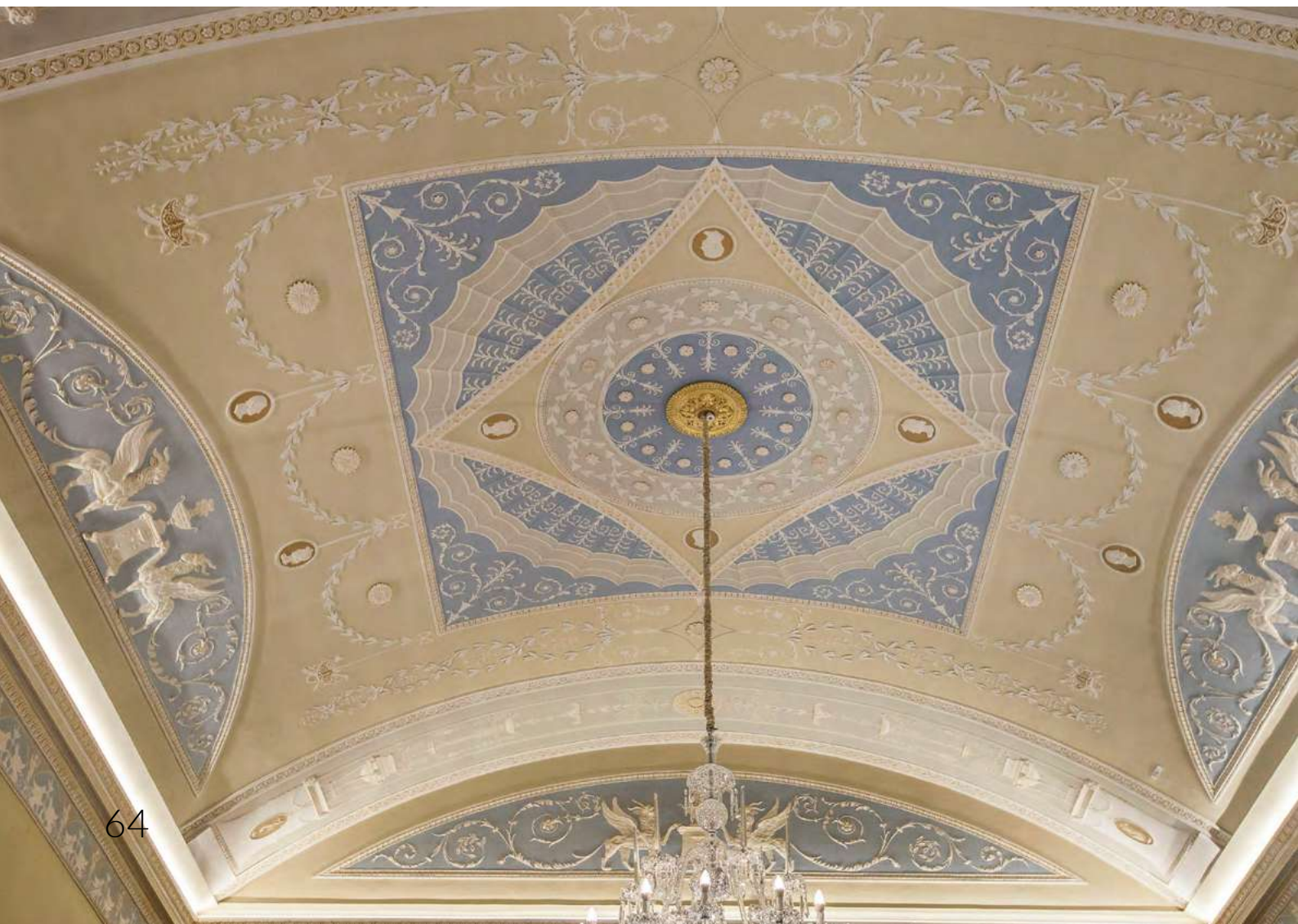
An Ceoláras Náisiúnta

Tá cás gnó tionscadal athfhorbartha an Cheolárais Náisiúnta beagnach críochnaithe. D'ullmhaigh OOP dréachtscéim de na roghanna éagsúla don chás gnó. Rinneadh imscrúdú agus oibreacha oscailte suntasacha ar an láithreán sa dara leath de 2020 chun creatlach stairiúil agus sláine struchtúrach na ngnéithe foirgníochta éagsúla ar an láithreán a mheas. Fostaíodh seirbhísí speisialtóra chun riocht agus deisiúchán na (façade) n-aghaidheanna plástair, cloiche agus brící a mheas mar aon leis na fuinneoga stairiúla agus an díonsoilsiú, riocht an adhmaid sa díon agus sna hurláir agus an fhadhb le taise san íoslach a iniúchadh. Rinneadh suirbhé topagrafach agus tomhaiste iomlán ar an bhfoirgneamh agus tá samhail Revit mhionsonraithe den ionad á ullmhú. Ceapadh na comhairleoirí amharclainne agus fuaime (Theatre Project & Sound Space Vision) le hobair a dhéanamh ar an tionscadal an mhí seo. Meastar go gcuirfear an cás gnó i gcrích le linn na míosa seo chugainn.

Seirbhísí Oidhreacht atá ag Dul ar Aghaidh – Tionscadail Seirbhísí Caomhnaithe agus Cothabhála Foirgneamh:

I rith 2020, leanadh den obair, ag cloí le bearta Covid-19 an Rialtais, ar roinnt tionscadal caomhnaithe, daingnithe, deisiúcháin agus sláinte & sábháilteachta ag láithreáin OOP. Ina measc, bhí:

- Caisleán Bhaile Átha Cliath, an Túr Taifeadta, Gates of Justice, Bloc M, san áireamh
- Teach Uíbh Eachach; Cuimhneachán Chosantóirí an Líne Thosaigh, san áireamh
- Na Ceithre Cúirteanna, Cruinneachán, díon Chúirt Shráid na Seansaireachta, san áireamh
- Teach Laighean
- Teach an Chustaim (Athchóiriú Ionad nua do Chuairteoirí, san áireamh)
- Ospidéal Ríoga Chill Mhaighneann
- Tithe an Rialtais
- 23 Sráid Chill Dara
- Ard-Mhúsaem na hÉireann, Sráid Chill Dara, Dún Uí Choileáin
- Músaem Stair an Dúlra
- An Leabharlann Náisiúnta
- Gailearaí Náisiúnta na hÉireann
- Casino i Marino
- Cúirt Ioma
- Geataí Pháirc an Fhionnuisce
- Faiche Stiabhna; Athchóiriú ar Chuimhneachán Yeats agus Oibreacha ar Dhíon na leithreas i bhfoirgneamh an Luas
- Gáirdíní Uíbh Eachach; bealach nua isteach ag Sráid Haiste
- Gáirdíní Cumhneacháin Cogaidh
- Másailéam Heywood



4.4 Seirbhísí Corparáideacha

Is é ról Rannán Seirbhísí Corparáideacha OOP ná tacaíocht éifeachtúil agus éifeachtach a chur ar fáil ionas go mbeidh ar chumas na heagraíochta i gcoitinne ár gcuspóirí straitéiseacha gnó a bhaint amach. Cuidíonn na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha leis na rannáin de chuid OOP le hiad féin a chur in oiriúint agus dul i ngleic le dúshláin éagsúla inmheánacha agus sheachtracha a thagann chun cinn. Tá ocht nAonad Gnó i gceist maidir leis na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Acmhainní Daonna, Cumarsáid, Preasoifig, Airgeadas, TFC, Córais um Bhainistiú na nEastát, Aonad Beartais agus Foilseachán Rialtais agus Seirbhísí Toghcháin.

Is é cuspóir na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha ná feabhas a chur ar fheidhmiú ár ndualgas maidir le seirbhís phoiblí, trí thacaíocht agus oiliúint chuí agus forbairt a dhéanamh ar ár bhfoireann oibre.

Cuireadh réimse leathan tacaíochta ar fáil i 2020, ina measc:

- Chuir rannán na nAcmhainní Daonna (AD) a lán tacaíochta ar fáil d'fhostaithe agus do bhainisteoirí ar ghá dóibh dul i dtaithe ar bhealaí nua oibre le linn na leibhéil éagsúla de shrianta Covid-19. Cuireadh tacaíocht ar fáil do na baill foirne sin a aithníodh mar oibríthe riachtanacha agus mar bhaill foirne a raibh orthu tosú ag obair ón mbaile, araon.
- Thacaigh AD le forbairt agus le feidhmiú Staffwise, tionscnamh comhoibríthe trasfheidhmiúil a d'fhorbair an foireann bainistíochta sonraí um Bhainistiú Riosca Tuile agus a ullmhaíodh chun dul i ngleic le géarchéim Covid-19, chun a chur ar chumas na foirne a suíomh oibre a logáil. Ainmníodh Staffwise do Ghradam Feabhais agus Nuálaíochta na Státseirbhíse.
- Bogadh earcaíocht agus roghnú ar líne, láithreach, de bharr go raibh ar bhaill foirne dul i mbun cianoibre, agus i dteannta próisis nua roghnúcháin, laghdaíodh amlínte agallaimh ó thréimhse sheachtainí go tréimhse roinnt laethanta.
- I rith 2020, leanadh ag cur tacaíochta ar fáil do riachtanais ghairmiúla agus phearsanta na foirne trí imeachtaí agus acmhainní oiliúna a chur ar fáil go fíorúil ar líne.
- Reáchtáladh tionscnaimh folláine agus rannpháirtíochta ar líne i rith na bliana, ina measc, imeachtaí an Chlub Sóisialta, cothú sláinte agus Cruinniú Nollag fíorúil.
- I 2020, lean an Oifig ag tacú agus ag cosaint comhionannais agus cearta daonna ár bhfoireann oibre trí pholasaithe comhionannais Bhainistíocht Acmhainní Daonna, cláir oibre agus ár samhail Comhpháirtíochta a chur i bhfeidhm.

Na príomhspríocanna a baineadh amach i réimse Theicneolaíocht na Faisnéise agus na Cumarsáide

- Seirbhísí oibre cumaisc (ina measc físchomhdháil deisce, ríomhairí glúine, gléasanna soghluaiste srl.) a sholáthar d'fhoireann OOP chun a chur ar chumas na foirne a gcuid oibre a dhéanamh ón mbaile le linn phaindéim Covid-19.
- Sonraíocht agus feidhmiú gach seirbhís TFC in oifig nua atá beartaithe i mBaile Átha Cliath d'OOP, ag 1GQ.
- Cleachtadh soláthair a chríochnú agus páirt de sheirbhís nua Cumarsáide Aontaithe a fheidhmiú (8X8).
- Pleanáil chun bonneagar tábhachtach TFC a athlonnú san Ionad Sonraí Ioncaim.
- Uasghrádú ar an bPríomhchóras párolla.
- Cleachtadh soláthair do Sheirbhísí Priontála Bainistithe curtha i gcrích
- Cuidiú leis na Seirbhísí do Chuariteoirí le Suíomh Gréasáin nua Oidhreacht Éireann a chur ar fáil.
- Tionscadail phiolótacha éagsúla iniúchta ar láithreáin, iniúchtaí ar chrainn, anailísíocht sonraí srl.
- Teicneolaíocht seimineár gréasáin a úsáid le haghaidh seimineár agus comhdhálacha foirne.

Príomhspriocanna a bhain Aonad na Cumarsáide amach:

- Suirbhé cumarsáide foirne
- Foilsíodh ceithre eagrán den iris inmheánach, 'Obair' de chuid OOP
- Polasaí meán sóisialta OOP curtha i gcrích
- Ollchlár poiblí OOP agus taighde um pháirtithe leasmhara curtha i gcrích
- Tionóladh 4 cheardlann meán sóisialta
- Oiliúint i gcomhair fhísleiríthe
- Anailís agus tuairisciú meán curtha i gcrích
- Tháinig méadú as cuimse ar staitisticí a bhain leis na meáin shóisialta
- I 2020, sháraigh na meáin shóisialta na meáin thraidisiúnta den chéad uair
- Tháinig laghdú mór ar fhoilseacháin na meán traidisiúnta, go háirithe foilseacháin réigiúnacha agus tuaithe ar chuir Covid-19 isteach go mór orthu.

Achoimre ar Thuarascáil Bhliantúil um Rialachas

Caighdeán um Rialachas Corparáideach Ullmhaíodh Creat Rialachais OOP de réir na bprionsabal agus na riachtanas atá leagtha amach sa [Chaighdeán Rialachais Chorporáidigh don Státseirbhís](#).

Na hAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí, 1995 agus 2001 De réir an Chóid Chleachtais um Rialachas Comhlachtaí Stáit, cláraíonn comhaltaí boird agus baill foirne ainmnithe a leasanna i ngnóthais eile i ndearbhú bliantúil faoin Acht seo. Ní ghlacann Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí le cleachtais éillitheacha.

Acht um Nochtadh Cosanta 2014 De réir Alt 21 (1) den Acht, tá beartas um nochtadh cosanta ó bhaill foirne atá, nó a bhí, fostaithe ag OOP i bhfeidhm agus an chaoi le déileáil le nochtadh den sórt sin. Ní bhfuair OOP aon nochtadh cosanta sa bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig 2020.

Coinbhleachtaí Leasa Tá nósanna imeachta cuimsitheacha i bhfeidhm ag OOP chun monatóireacht agus bainistíocht a dhéanamh ar choinbhleachtaí leasa, a d'fhéadfadh a bheith i gceist i gcás ball foirne agus bhaill an Bhoird Bainistíochta. Faoin Acht um Brústocaireacht a Rialáil 2015, d'fhoilsigh OOP liosta dá gcuid oifigeach poiblí ainmnithe mar atá riachtanach faoi Alt 6 (4) den Acht sin.

Cumarsáid Tuigean OOP an gá atá le comhoibriú lenár bpáirtithe leasmhara. Cuireadh breis acmhainní ar fáil don rannán cumarsáide agus don Pheasoifig, go háirithe i bhfianaise an tábhacht a bhain le cumarsáid inmheánach de bharr shrianta phaindéim Covid-19.

Róil na nAire agus na hArd-Bhainistíochta & Sannadh Freagrachtaí I mí Iúil, ceapadh an tAire Stáit, Patrick O'Donovan, TD, mar an tAire atá freagrach as Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí.

Bainistíú Fáisnéise Tá Oifigeach Cosanta Sonraí in OOP agus cuirtear oiliúint ar an bhfoireann maidir le riachtanais chosanta sonraí, mar fhreagra ar cheisteanna agus trí fhíseáin faisnéise, pholasaithe agus dhoiciméid eile atá ar fáil ar inlín OOP.

Bord Bainistíochta agus Struchtúir Rialachais eile

Bord Bainistíochta (BB) Tá an Cathaoirleach, beirt Choimisinéirí, Stiúrthóir um Bhainistíú an Riosca Tuile, Stiúrthóir na Seirbhísí Corparáideacha, Ceannasaí Pleanála agus Bainistíocht Eastáit agus an tAiltire Stáit mar bhaill den Bhord Bainistíochta.

Iníúchadh, Dearbhuithe Agus Socruithe um Chomhlíonadh

Iníúchadh Inmheánach Tá Aonad Iníúchta Inmheánaigh (IAU) ainmnithe ag OOP, a chuireann dearbhú neamhspleách oibiachtúil ar fáil don Oifigeach Cuntasaíochta agus é mar aidhm aige feabhas a chur ar luach oibríochtaí OOP agus cur lena luach.



Iníúchadh Seachtrach Déanann Oifig an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste (OCAG) iníúchadh ar chuntas leithreasa Vóta 13 Oifig na nOibreacha Poiblí, faoi alt 3 den Acht Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993.

Seirbhísí Comhroinnte Chuir Oifigeach Cuntasaíochta na seirbhísí comhroinnte litir dhearbhair ar fáil maidir leis na socruithe um rialú agus iníúchadh inmheánach chomh maith le tuairiscí ar na hiniúchtaí ar oibríú rialuithe le linn 2020.

Ráiteas um Rialú Inmheánach Déanann Ráiteas an Oifigigh Chuntasaíochta um Rialú Inmheánach a foilsíodh sa Chuntas Leithreasa Bliantúil, cur síos ar an gcóras rialaithe inmheánaigh atá i bhfeidhm ag OOP. Tá Ceannasaí na Seirbhísí Airgeadais, baill an Bhoird Bainistíochta agus Bainisteoirí Sinsearacha freagrach as a chinntiú go bhfuil córais agus rialuithe airgeadais cuí i bhfeidhm chun dearbhú réasúnach a chur ar fáil don Oifigeach Cuntasaíochta ar ábhair den chineál sin.

Comhlíonadh an Chóid Caiteachais Poiblí (CCP) Faoin CCP, ní mór d'OOP a chinntiú go mbítear cúramach le cistí poiblí agus go bhfaightear an luach is fearr ar airgead. Chuir an Oifig Tuarascáil Dearbhaithe Cailíochta bhliantúil le chéile chun comhlíonadh an Chóid Chaiteachais Phoiblí a mheas.

Bainistiú Riosca Is cuid bhunúsach de Rialachas Corparáideach OOP é an bainistiú riosca agus tá sé rithábachtach chun torthaí straitéiseacha a bhaint amach. I 2020, rinne OOP uasdátú ar a Beartas um Bhainistiú Riosca chun Pleananna Leanúnachais Gnó athbhreithnithe a thabhairt isteach agus tugadh isteach clár r-Rioscaí i gcomhar leis an OPOFR (Oifig Phríomh-Oifigeach Faisnéise an Rialtais).

Sláinte agus Sábháilteacht Tá an OOP tiomanta sábháilteacht agus folláine na bhfostaithe a chinntiú trí áit shábháilte oibre a chur ar fáil agus trí chloí leis an Acht um Shábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas ag an Obair 2005 agus le cóid chleachtais agus treoirlínte ábhartha, mar is cuí.

Maoirseacht ar Ghnáthaimh Soláthair I 2020, bunaíodh rannán comhairleach soláthair nua san Aonad Rialachais agus Luachála chun cabhrú agus tacú le foireann na hOifige rialacha soláthair Eorpacha agus Náisiúnta a chomhlíonadh, monatóireacht a dhéanamh ar chomhlíonadh agus feidhmíocht soláthair ar fud na hOifige agus chun cur le rannpháirtíocht idir iad féin agus an Oifig um Sholáthar Rialtais (OSR) le gnáthaimh soláthair a fheabhsú agus úsáid éifeachtach a bhaint as creatáil.

Clár Conarthaí OOP

Ag deireadh na bliana 2020, bhí breis agus 728 conradh le luach de €264,185,586 cláraithe ar an gClár Conarthaí.



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