



About the project and how you can get involved

rite of passage is a community heritage and public art project celebrating the historic links with Ireland that grew up in the second half of the 19th Century, when for 50 years, Neyland had the sole right to provide steam ferry passenger services to Waterford and Cork.

Brunel Festival Association, working in partnership with spacetocreate community arts, has developed a programme of arts and cultural events to raise awareness of and explore this hidden part of Neyland's history including:

- ≈ A two- phase touring exhibition opening in Neyland Library on Friday 19 September 2008
- ≈ A visual arts project in Neyland Community School running in the Autumn term
- ≈ The recording and performance of a specially composed piece of new music
- ≈ The making of a film to bring the history to life
- ≈ The commissioning of a new piece of public art

We need your help to uncover things that have survived from the period

Do you know of anyone who might have any family connections with Ireland, the Great Western Railway or the passenger ferry services going back to the second half of the 19th Century? We are looking for people who might have a family heirloom with a story to tell. It might be an item of **clothing** or **jewellery** that has been passed down through the generations, an interesting **photograph**, **letter** or **legal document** or even a **musical instrument** or a **piece of furniture**.

If you do think you know of some one, we'd like to hear from either you or them. In return there will be an opportunity to "star" in a short film that will be made through the summer and autumn of 2008 and premiered at the launch of the second phase of the exhibition about the project in November

Aspiring Musicians

Have you ever played a musical instrument? It could be anything from the cello to a recorder, the spoons or drums. Whatever your level of ability, and however long it is since you last played, this could be just the opportunity for you.

Working with experienced musicians in an autumn series of community music workshops a piece of specially composed music based on traditional Welsh and Irish tunes, will be rehearsed, recorded and eventually showcased in a public performance to mark the second phase exhibition.

To get involved or find out more ...

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