

NEW FEDERATION MEMBERS

The Executive Committee was pleased to welcome the following organisations into the Federation. We hope they will find membership useful and enjoyable.

THE FRIENDS OF F.E. McWILLIAM GALLERY AND STUDIO



The F.E. McWilliam Gallery and Studio is dedicated to the memory of sculptor Frederick Edward McWilliam, one of Ireland's most influential and successful artists. F.E. McWilliam was born in Banbridge on the 30th April 1909. He died in London in 1992 and the executors of his estate donated the sculptor's studio and its contents to the town of his birth.

Featuring a permanent display of McWilliam's work, temporary exhibitions of Irish and international art, a craft shop, café and Banbridge Tourist Information Centre, the F.E. McWilliam Gallery and Studio attracts a wide range of local, national and international visitors.

The Friends, which is now a registered charity, aims to stimulate and promote an understanding and appreciation of art, in particular the work of Frederick Edward McWilliam, and thereby enhance the lives of people of all ages locally, nationally and internationally.

<https://visitarmagh.com/places-to-explore/f-e-mcwilliam-gallery/friends-of-the-f-e-mcwilliam/>

ROE VALLEY ANCESTRAL RESEARCHERS



The Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers (RVAR) is a voluntary organization based in Rascahan House in Ballykelly.

Its main objective is to research local genealogy and the social history of the Roe Valley. They plan to record and celebrate the cultural heritage before it gets lost. The group also want to help individuals from near and far trace their family roots so they too can call the Roe Valley their home!

At present the group is visiting and recording all the grave stones in the area, entering them onto a database so as to have immediate access to previous generations that have lived in the Roe Valley.

The Roe Valley is so rich in culture yet many of its visitors do not know this and there is a distinct lack of tourism information for this area. The group are compiling a tourist map showing some of the many places to visit. There are a number of other local projects which the group hope to start in the near future.

<https://www.facebook.com/RVARLimavady/>