Walking Whid/ Walking Story

Oein DeBharduin,
inaugural recipient of the Thinking on Tuam residency

Culture Night Friday 18 September 2020 at 4pm

The Route in Text form

Before we start: Please start this Walking Whid by collecting your free hot drink from The Leaf and Bean Café on Bishop Street. You must show the Walking Whid page on the Create Website to obtain this drink. Then proceed to the top of Bishop Street where it meets Sun Street and Curragh Park. This journey starts at the River.

Start at the crossing of Bishop Street and Curragh Park

We invite you to look at the River, take a seat and enjoy the space and listen to the introduction by Oein.

Head down Bishop Street

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Stop 1: Your next stop will be the Broken Wheel of St. Jarlath Sculpture on Bishop St, on the grounds of St. Jarleth's College and Cathedral of the Assumption

We invite you to listen to Oein Speak about the Sculpture, the Cathedral St. Jarlath's College and the Convents whilst here. You're next stop will be The Palace Grounds.

Stop 2: Please cross the road and head to your next stop at The Palace, to the rear of SuperValu.

We invite you to explore this space safely and listen to Oein discuss its history, see the 1916 – 1966 monument and The Chair of Tuam, The Bible School and Georgian House and Geraghty's Shop.

Head back to Bishop Street and walk down towards the Town Square.

Stop 3: Your next stop will be Tuam Town Hall.

We invite you to look again at the façade and listen to Oein's retelling of the buildings lore. You will also hear about The Bronze Sculpture

Please head towards Shop Street, which should be to your left now. We invite you to stroll down Shop Street until you reach the bridge at the end of the street.

Stop 4: We invite you to rest here and listen to Oein's recounting on Waterslade House and Bridge House.

Please head to the left of the bridge.

Stop 5: Your next stop will be The Little Mill Museum. Here you will hear Oein speak to the Mill's past and its present.

You will then safely cross the road to the park across from The Mill.

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Stop 6: Your next stop will be The Anne Marie McHugh Remembrance Park. We ask you to take a moment to reflect and remember here in honour of Anne Marie and her family.

Stop 7: We then ask you to exit the park and walk up the road to your right until you reach the top of the hill. Your next stop is Chapel Lane.
We invite you to stroll Chapel Lane with Oein's words playing.

Stop 8: Please continue to the very top of the hill and take a right. You are heading towards your next stop which will be Temple Jarleth on High Street.

Stop 9: After listening to Oein Speak on Temple Jarleth's History please continue down High Street Road, your next stop will be St. Mary's Cathedral. Here you will listen to Oein speaking of The Cathedral and the Abbey of the Holy Trinity.

Stop 10: Our next stop will be Church View House on the Galway Road.
Please head down along the Galway Road and you will pass the Railway Lines and a row of houses. Continue along Church View until you come to a yellow building and the Train Station.

You are now at Church View House also known as 'Bru Bhride'

We invite you to hear Oein recall this building's history within the town.

Final Stop / Stop 11: Please cross the road, as your next stop will be Tuam Train Station and Grove House. This will be our final Stop on Walking Whid.

We thank you for journeying with us tonight. A special thanks to Culture Night 2020 and the Arts Council for supporting this project and to Oein DeBharduin who has mapped this journey for us. We look forward to more travels through Tuam with you all.

This Walking Whid is inspired by the history and story of Tuam. We would like to credit Michael Waldron & Tuam Tidy Town's Tuam Heritage and Nature Trail published in 2015 for text referenced in the Whid. Other resources used for this work were sourced from an assortment of Journal of Tuam Society (JOTS) publications, and Oein's memories of stories told.









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