The **Oral History Network of Ireland** (OHNI) is pleased to announce its **2020 conference** on the theme of ‘Storytelling and Oral History’. Allowing participants to tell their unique stories in their own words is key to the work of oral historians. This conference offers oral history practitioners an opportunity to reflect on the role of storytelling in interviews, the factors that shape it, and the future uses of those stories after the interview. The conference will take place in **Maynooth University** on **19 and 20 June 2020**.

Continuing OHNI’s tradition of inviting keynote speakers of international renown, we are delighted to welcome **Professor Lynn Abrams, Chair in Modern History, University of Glasgow**. Lynn’s research interests span women’s, gender and oral history of the modern period in Britain and Europe. She is the author of *Oral History Theory* as well as studies deploying oral history methodology including *Myth and Materiality in a Woman’s World: Shetland 1800-2000* and *The Orphan Country: Children of Scotland’s Broken Homes 1800-present*. She is currently working on a book on post-war womanhood in Britain and is leading an AHRC research project on the history of knitted textiles in Scotland.

**Contributions are welcome in a range of formats:**

- Standard conference papers (20 minutes)
- 10-minute presentations for our ‘Moments’ panels, focusing on outstanding or memorable individuals, experiences, and/or incidents that influenced or changed the way the presenter practices oral history
- Posters and visual presentations

While we welcome proposals on any topic related to oral history, we are particularly interested in proposals that take an imaginative approach to the ‘Storytelling and Oral History’ conference theme. Potential **topics** could include (but are not limited to):

- How and why we tell stories
- Memories as stories
- The role of oral tradition
- Unlocking hidden stories
- Digital storytelling
- Storytelling in group interviews
- Performing stories
- Place-based stories
- Shaping stories through identity
- Preserving stories

**SUBMIT A PROPOSAL**

To propose a paper, please submit an abstract (of not more than 250 words) along with your name, the name of your group, organisation or institution, and your email address to info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie **before Friday 21st February 2020 at 5pm**. All proposals must demonstrate a clear engagement with oral history and/or personal testimony and we actively encourage the use of audio clips. The conference committee’s decision on successful abstracts will be communicated to potential presenters in March.

Registration for the conference and further information will shortly be posted on our website. For further queries please contact us through info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie.