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## Digitisation of the Reverend Thomas Goff Diaries

<b>Name of Institution/Organisation</b>	Institute of Art, Design + Technology
<b>Who led the initiative?</b>	The Library
<b>Date and timeframe of the initiative</b>	Academic Year 2023-24
<b>What was the reach of the initiative?</b>	The project has international reach to historians interested in this period of Irish history. The Reverend Thomas Goff Diaries are of historical interest and significance as valuable primary source material.
<b>Aims/Objectives</b>	Our aim was to digitise the Reverend Thomas Goff Diaries which had been bequeathed to IADT. Reverend Goff was a Church of Ireland Minister, landowner and army chaplain who resided on what is now the IADT campus. Goff was a prolific diarist, writing nine volumes covering the years 1796 to 1844, and extending to more than 185,000 words. The digitised diaries, along with a transcript, are stored and permanently preserved within the IADT institutional repository, Illustro. The diaries are fully discoverable and are held under a Creative Commons licence (CC BY-NC 4.0) allowing re-use by interested parties.
<b>Rationale and Identified Needs</b>	The Reverend Goff Diaries are a significant primary historical resource. The diaries are in a fragile condition. Digitisation ensures that this valuable collection is permanently fully accessible and discoverable to the public. The diaries are an important research, teaching and learning asset.

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<b>Frameworks, Policies, or Strategies Aligned (internal, local or national)</b>
This project aligns with many local, institutional, national and international policies and strategic plans around Open Access and digitisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Principles on Open Access (2012)</li> <li>• European Commission Recommendation on access to and preservation of scientific information (2018)</li> <li>• National Framework on the Transition to an Open Research Environment 2019</li> <li>• UNESCO Recommendation on Open Science (2021)</li> <li>• HEA National Forum Digital Transformation Pillar</li> <li>• National Action Plan for Open Research 2022 – 2030 (2022)</li> <li>• Impact 2030 (2023)</li> <li>• IADT Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> </ul>

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