

Research Project Stage 1 Summary

About the Project

Research project LINLOSS

- LINLOSS is a cross-national study that traces experiences of social loss across two communities in Ireland and Poland between 2005 and 2025

Research aims

- To understand how what we leave behind affects future directions within our communities, families and individual lives.
- To trace and explain the effects of social loss
- To develop a theory of social loss

Research question

- How do the cultural patterns, social ties, and biographical identities we leave behind at moments of loss shape future directions?

Project methodology and timeline

- Biographical and reflexive interviews
- Mapping cultural and institutional change
- Fieldwork timeline: 2024-2027
- Project conclusion: 2028

Stage 1 Summary (2023-2025; 20 months) Completed:



Research team established



Key informant interviews (community leaders from diverse backgrounds)



Study areas selected



Participant observation



Contextual data collection & case identification



45 Semi-Structured Interviews:

- 20 in Ireland
- 25 in Poland



Historical & social context analysis (primary & secondary data)



Ongoing: Initial neighbourhood mapping

Research Team & Study Fields

Research team

- Principal Investigator
- Research Partner
- 1 Senior Postdoctoral Researcher
- 2 Post-doctoral researchers
- 1 PhD student and
- 2 Research Assistants

Study fields:

- Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan, Ireland
- Suszec, Silesian Voivodeship, Poland

Research collaboration:

- Maynooth University and
- University of Silesia in Katowice

Next steps

Stage 1 completed.

Ready to move into Stage 2:

- Selecting families and individuals for the main data collection phase**
- Inviting up to two adults from different generations for a mixed-method biographical interview.**