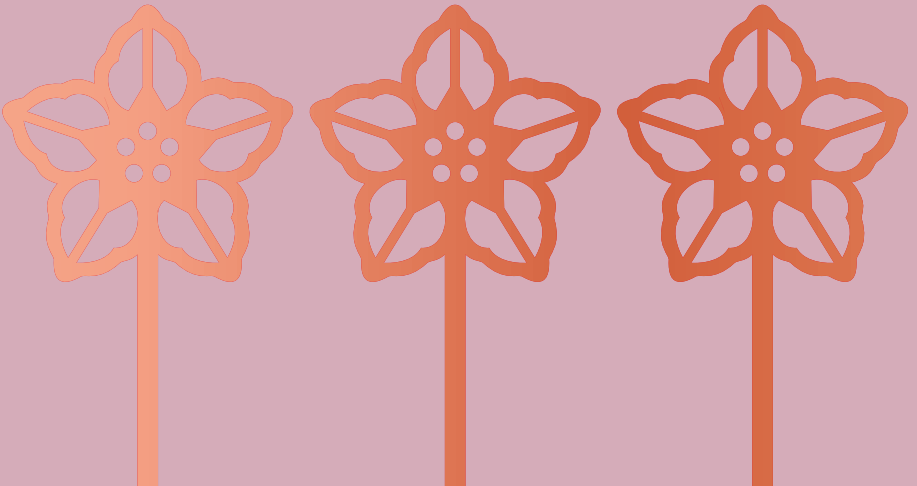




THE NATIONAL
FAMINE MUSEUM
STROKESTOWN PARK

Campaign for the National Famine Way





*from them - and what must we do - Our families
really and truly suffering in our present and we
cannot much longer withstand their cries for food
We have no food for them our potatoes are rotten*



Support is also needed for the development of the National Famine Way - a unique and historic trail that walks in the footsteps of 1,490 - mostly women and children - forced famine emigrants who left Strokestown in 1847. They walked 165km to Dublin to board some of the worst Famine Ships to North America. Over one third did not survive the journey, finding a watery grave in the Atlantic Ocean. The others went on to build new lives in North America.

They became known as Strokestown's 'Missing 1490'. This Trail honours their memory and the memory of all Famine Emigrants. The heritage trail is marked with 32 pairs of bronze cast children's shoes and is supported with a Passport/Guide, map and app telling the story of their last journey on Irish soil.

An in-depth professional study has highlighted the critical next steps for future development and awareness building of this unique heritage trail. Our mission is to preserve, protect and share the voices and experiences of these largely forgotten forced emigrants and the tragic but also powerful role they played in Ireland's story.

The National Famine Way needs your philanthropic support to continue to develop the trail and make sure that this heritage trail is a permanent landmark on Irish soil. In the next 5 years we need to raise at least €255,000 to ensure this new heritage trail is fully established and accessible to all.