

# IAN CANTWELL

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## EDUCATION

### Secondary

Leaving Certificate, 1961-68, Newbridge College, Co. Kildare, Ireland: 2 H. & 4 P.

### Tertiary

B.A. (Hon), History & Geography, 1994-99, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland: II.1 & II.1

M.Sc. Palaeoecology, 1999-2000, Queen's University, Belfast, Northern Ireland: First

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (selected Professional and Voluntary)

#### Professional

1) Simon Community, Cork, Ireland Volunteer and Community Leader, 3 months, 1974

Elected Community Leader after one month with responsibility for a night hostel and long-term residence for the homeless.

2) Irish Marketing Surveys, Dublin, Ireland, Research Assistant, 2 years, 1978-9  
Part-time position that involved sample selection, statistics, interviews and analysis, primarily in the commercial sector

3) Self Employed, Genealogist, Ireland, 6 years, 1980-1985

Trained with the Genealogical Office, Ireland. Researched genealogy and family history for descendants of the Irish Diaspora

4) Colemine Therapeutic Community, Dublin, Ireland, Research, 8 years, 1991-8

A part-time position that involved in-house statistical research on drug addiction and rehabilitation in Dublin. Output was two annual reports on residential and drop-in clients (c. 180 & 1,200 respectively) with occasional research, as requested, on topics such as gender, geographical distributions, and HIV, which covered questionnaire design, interviews, statistical analysis, cartography and reports. Training employees interviewing techniques and questionnaires completion.

5) Roundwood Community Council, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow, Ireland. Social Employment Scheme, Supervisor, 1 year, 1993.

A part-time position with responsibility for community development using local history with five participants. Organized seminars and exhibitions with two reports for Duchas on the history of the Glendalough National Park and Lead Mines.

6) Eneclann, Dublin, Ireland, Contract Historian, 6 years, 1998-2003  
Historical research of families and properties, which included a six month contract, 2003, with the Office of Public Works, Department of the Environment, Dublin, that involved newspaper research on the social impact of floods in Ireland, 1886-2002 for Governmental planning purposes. Managed the newspaper database and weekly reports

7) Duchas Family History Services, Clonakilty, Co. Cork, Ireland, Contract Genealogist, 6 years, 1998-2003  
Historical research of families and properties

8) Salvation Army, Dublin, Ireland, 6 months, 2003-2004.  
Relief Project Worker. Acted as relief on 24-hour call in a night and residential hostel for the homeless. Duties involved reception, assistance and provision of homelessness services and security, 24/7

9) Eneclann, Dublin, Ireland,  
Author of three CD ROMs on Irish Local History databases, 2003 & 2005, see bibliography and website [www.eneclann.ie/publications](http://www.eneclann.ie/publications)

10) FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), Islamabad, Pakistan, 3 months, April-July 2006  
Information Management Consultant. Contract was to research National and International NGOs involved in Livelihood Programs for the 2005 Earthquake-affected regions of NWFP and Kashmir as part of their technical assistance to ERRA (Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority) to assist them identify, co-ordinate and plan Livelihood activities. Report was published ([www.erra.gov.pk](http://www.erra.gov.pk)) as part of their general assistance to the NGO community. Acted as information officer to national and international consultants and created a library with online publications, reports and printed maps.

11) Vietnam News, Hanoi, Vietnam, 5 months May-September 2007  
Copy editor and proofreader for an English language daily and Sunday newspapers. Assisting trainee journalists in career development

12) Mekong Economics, Hanoi, Vietnam, May-July, 2007  
Research, report writer and English language editor on commercial survey of Vietnamese infrastructure and energy. Wrote three reports and edited five others

13) Eneclann, November 2007  
Preparation of index of Memorials of the Dead, Cos. Galway & Mayo for online publication, ([irishorigins.com](http://irishorigins.com) & [findmyancestors.com](http://findmyancestors.com)), c. 8,000 names

14) Eneclann, September 2008 to February 2009  
Preparation of a surname and first-name index (c. 60,000 entries from 67,300 people on 3,300 pages) from Brian J. Cantwell's Memorials of the Dead for online publication ([www.irishorigins.com](http://www.irishorigins.com) & [findmyancestors.com](http://findmyancestors.com)). Designed and published an independent website, [www.iancantwell.com](http://www.iancantwell.com), that includes comprehensive surname, place name and occupational indexes with supporting explanatory texts of three CDs (no. 9).

15) Mekong Economics, Hanoi, Vietnam, April to September 2009  
Contract researcher and editor. Duties primarily included research (such as economic and ODA reviews on Vietnam and Laos for DAC survey on untied ODA), proposal writer, editor (i.e. MDG interim report for the Vietnamese Ministry of Planning and Investment, and a provincial Public Finance Management and Planning) and website design

16) Eneclann & IIMI, October 2009 to February 2010  
Contract surname validation. Validating c. 20,000 baptisms, marriages and burials from Dublin City Parish Registers, 1620-1900 that had been indexed by IIMI, Dhaka, Bangladesh

17) Freelance editor and author in Dubai and Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, May to September, 2013

### **Voluntary**

1) Roundwood and District Historical and Folklore Society, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow, Ireland  
Organization and administration of an annual weekend historical seminar, 1993-7, and editor of annual historical journal, 1994-7

2) Glendalough Monastic Trust, Co. Wicklow, Ireland, 1993-6  
Committee member. Produced occasional community development research reports.

3) ARCAS, Flores, Guatemala, Animal rescue and rehabilitation center, December 2000-January 2001  
Animal care with a report on volunteers, 2000.

4) RCDP (Rural Community Development Program), Chitral, NWFP, Pakistan, one month, July 2004  
English Document Writer. Grant aid applications and press releases on the organization, Juvenile Justice and the Kalash indigenous minority.

5) ARC (American Refugee Committee), Islamabad, Pakistan. 3 months January-March 2006.

Research, Writer, Editor and General Assistance. ARC ran Emergency Health Care, Food & Shelter, WatSan, Psychosocial, Livestock Replacement and Employment Creation programs in the Bir Pani Valley, Bagh, Kashmir for the victims of the October 2005 Earthquake.

6) Dharamsala, India. Freelance editor, September and October 2006  
a] A Guide to Tibetan Medicine (bibliography), b] a community magazine c] a translation of a lecture on Bon Monasteries in Tibet.

7) AMI (Aide Medicinale Internationale), Bandah Aceh, Sumatra, Indonesia. May 2008, 3 weeks  
English language editor of bilingual Health Magazine for local health professionals, the theme was nutrition

8) Edirisa, Kabale, Uganda, March-September 2011 & March-September, 2012, 14 months  
Researched and wrote a tourist guide (*Gorilla Highlands*) of Kabale & Kisoro and co-wrote a film script on Batwa –Bakiga relationships. Published an ebook, *Kigezi Mountain Mosaic*, on the landscape, wildlife, history and culture of Kigezi colonial district was self-published in February 2013. *Gorilla Highlands* was awarded one of the five places in the e-culture and tourism category of the 2013 World Summit Awards as Uganda's official entry.

The gaps since the year 2000 were taken up by extensive travelling in Central America, the Indian sub-continent, South East Asia and Africa. I have visited c. 60 countries and worked in 15 since 1969.

### **COMPUTERS AND APPLICATIONS**

Twenty years experience of word processing, spreadsheets, databases, website design and management ([www.iancantwell.com](http://www.iancantwell.com)); CD, ebook and online publishing.

### **LANGUAGES**

English: Mother tongue  
French and Dutch: Basic conversation

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