Vision
Teach communities to teach themselves.

Mission
The mission of HFNL is to safeguard and sustain the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Newfoundland and Labrador for present and future generations, as a vital part of the identities of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians, and as a valuable collection of unique knowledge and customs. This is achieved through policies that support initiatives that celebrate, record, disseminate and promote living heritage and help to build bridges between diverse cultural groups within and outside Newfoundland and Labrador.

Heritage NL

Heritage Foundation of Newfoundland and Labrador (HFNL)

NGO accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Relevant projects or initiatives
HFNL plays a key role in working with other bodies to provide training on ICH safeguarding measures and documentation. HFNL has worked with The Rooms Provincial Museum to provide training on community-based research, and run community-based workshops on ethno graphic documentation and the documentation of local traditions. HFNL administers the ICH Inventory for Newfoundland and Labrador, in cooperation with Memorial University of Newfoundland. The ICH Inventory is arranged thematically by domain, and geographically by community/region. Currently, the Inventory contains over 80 folders of ethnographic information, with over 10,500 individual media files documented and archived.

NGO's activity networks
and more information

Main areas of work related to the Convention
• HFNL regularly teaches community workshops and leads community discussions on intangible cultural heritage; promotes ICH through its “Living Heritage” radio show, podcast, and social media; works with community heritage organizations, museums, and archives to digitize existing ICH collections and increase access to collections.
• HFNL teaches workshops on ICH documentation, oral history collection, community heritage asset mapping/Google mapping, and ICH project planning, publishes an online series titled “Occasional Papers on ICH” which promotes safeguarding best practices, case studies, and results of ICH documentary research.
• HFNL disseminates information on community-level ICH with the clear consent of community practitioners; includes information on consent issues in all workshops on ICH inventorying and documentation.

Inventory and documentation.

Community workshops.

Dissemination through its radio show “Living Heritage”, podcasts and social media.

Best practices regarding consent and recognition.

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