

Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology Special and Unique Collections
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Creator: John Connolly

Title: The Life Saving Foundation Collection

Dates: 20th and 21st Century

Language of materials: English

Collection summary: The collection consists of over 310 physical books and audio visual materials.

Biographical note: The collection was created by John Connolly, Secretary of the Lifesaving Foundation.

Collection description: The Lifesaving Foundation is an international charity devoted to saving lives from drowning. The Foundation's primary aim is to promote and support evidence-based research into drowning prevention and rescue.

The Lifesaving Foundation has formed a drowning research partnership with Waterford Institute of Technology's School of Health Sciences. The long-term aim of the partnership is to establish a permanent world class drowning research centre at WIT. The immediate aim is to reduce drowning death numbers through researching the concept of self-rescue in life threatening situations. This is being undertaken in co-operation with An Garda Síochána and An Garda Síochána Retired Members Association. Initial funding will be provided through the Doherty Police Research Fund.

Status: The collection has been catalogued and is available on Waterford Institute of Technology Library Management System KOHA, the standard used is the MARC record format (**MA** chine-Readable Cataloguing record)

Digitized copies: Digital copies of collection material are not available online. For information about obtaining digital copies, please contact Special Collections, Luke Wadding Library, Waterford Institute of Technology.

Access restrictions: This collection is available as a library loan and is available at the Luke Wadding Library.

Rights note: Materials maybe subject to copyright.

Custodial history: Originally housed in the home of John Connolly, Secretary of the Lifesaving Foundation.

Acquisition note: On Thursday 1st February 2018, a large donation of drowning books was made to WIT Libraries by John Connolly, Secretary of the Lifesaving Foundation as part of the launch of a research partnership between Waterford Institute of Technology's School of Health Sciences and The Lifesaving Foundation. This donation of books and audio visual materials will be known as the Lifesaving Foundation Collection. WIT will continue to work with the Lifesaving Foundation in building and developing the collection which will become a pivotal hub for drowning research in the South East of Ireland and which will in turn act as a beacon for national and international audiences focused on saving lives from drowning. There is no formal Deposit/Donation agreement signed.

Physical Location of the collection: Luke Wadding Library, Basement level.

Link to resources on KOHA Library Management System: https://witcat.wit.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?idx=se%2Cwrdl&q=lifesaving+foundation&sort_by=title_az