

Public Access to content held in the TG4 Archive

TG4 is a public service broadcaster that wishes to disseminate its content widely. Accordingly we have put in place appropriate measures to deal with and service reasonable requests for public access to the content held in our archive.

Here you will find TG4's policy with regard to public access to the content held in our archive, a statutory duty laid down in the Broadcasting Act 2009.

The TG4 archive for the period 1996-2007 is currently being digitised and catalogued. On completion, this project will greatly improve access to content from the initial period of TG4's broadcasting. As that project is implemented and completed, so will public access to our archive improve and extend in scope.

Here is how to avail of the TG4 Public Access to Archive scheme.

1. Complete the form below and e mail it to cartlann@tg4.ie In this initial enquiry, you will provide details of the programme that you wish to access, the exact title of the programme, and the date of broadcast on TG4, if possible. You will immediately receive an acknowledgement of your enquiry.
2. We will endeavour to answer your query within 10 working days. Our response will detail the estimated numbers of hours involved in searching/posting the content and the charge(s) payable by you should you wish to proceed with access. You will also be notified as to whether the rights involved permit a copy of the content to be made available to you to keep and the additional copying charges involved should you wish to obtain a copy to keep.
 1. If you wish to proceed with access, you will be required to pay in advance the fee(s) applicable.
 2. After you have paid the applicable fee(s) to TG4, you will be advised as to your options for gaining access to the content you have specified. This may entail having access to it for a period of 14 days on-line or of viewing it at TG4 Headquarters at a time to be agreed with TG4. You will not be able to copy or download the content. If TG4 is permitted to provide you with a hard copy of the content for your personal use and you wish to obtain such a hard copy, you will have been informed in advance of the copying charge(s) involved. If you are content to pay these charges in advance, a copy will be made and provided to you for your personal use.

Explanatory Note:

Access is the objective of these arrangements, the ability to view the content. It is often the case that TG4 does not have permissions to make or sell copies of content in its Archive. Much of the content in the Archive has significant restrictions on TG4 that limit or prohibit the making or selling of hard copies to the public. This is also the case for content held by other broadcasters.

In relation to charges, the Broadcasting Act permits broadcasters to levy charges for public access but the Act prohibits us from making a profit on this. The charges that TG4 levies for public access are to cover its own costs for search and retrieval and do not exceed those costs