

**SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus, Waterford - Special and Unique Collections**  
**Revised edition of the Finding aid Template: 27th August 2024**

**Creator:** John Connolly

**Title:** The Lifesaving Foundation Collection

**Dates:** 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Language of materials:** English

**Collection summary:** The collection consists of over 350 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 SETU's School of Health Sciences. The long-term aim of the partnership is to establish a permanent world class drowning research centre at SETU. 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 the SETU Library Management System KOHA, the standard used is the MARC record format (**MA**chine-**R**eable **C**ataloguing record)

**Digitized copies:** Digital copies of collection material are not available online. For information about obtaining digital copies, please contact Kieran Cronin, Special Collections, Heritage & Outreach Librarian, SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus. Email: [kieran.cronin@setu.ie](mailto:kieran.cronin@setu.ie).

**Access restrictions:** Materials in the collection may be subject to privacy restrictions. Requests to use the material must be made in advance of a research visit, please contact Kieran Cronin, Special Collections, Heritage & Outreach Librarian, SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus. Email: [kieran.cronin@setu.ie](mailto:kieran.cronin@setu.ie).

**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 (now SETU Libraries) by John Connolly, Secretary of the Lifesaving Foundation as part of the launch of a research partnership between the School of Health Sciences and The Lifesaving Foundation. This donation of books and audio visual materials will be known as the Lifesaving Foundation Collection. SETU 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:** SETU Luke Wadding Library, Cork Road Campus, Basement level.

**Link to resources on KOHA Library Management System:** [https://libsearch.setu.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?idx=se%2Cwrdl&q=lifesaving+foundation&sort\\_by=title\\_az](https://libsearch.setu.ie/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl?idx=se%2Cwrdl&q=lifesaving+foundation&sort_by=title_az)