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STUDENT FOCUS



Libby Garnett, a Notre Dame Senior studying Philosophy and English Literature with a Concentration in Creative Writing, reflects on the Creative Writing Summer Program at Kylemore this July: “Making up characters and making up people, it was very God-like . . . I had never written something not based on real life, and that kind of power was so exciting.”

This program has been more than an academic and cultural experience for Libby—it has been trajectory-changing. After leaving Ireland, she notes that “my brain chemistry was altered as a writer. I went on a family vacation and had to sit in a coffeeshop and write for hours.” Once firmly set on the path to law school, she now finds herself applying to MFA programs in Ireland, a shift that even she didn’t expect.

Stay tuned for our story on Libby, coming soon!

Apply for the 2026 Creative Writing Summer Program!



A Reflection on the Compassionate Care in Medicine Summer Program at Kylemore by Prof. Dominic O. Vachon M.Div., Ph.D.

"This summer, the Compassionate Care in Medicine course was offered through the Notre Dame Kylemore program in Ireland. It focuses on using the science of compassion (i.e., the biology, neuroscience, psychology of compassion) to improve patient care, as well as clinician well-being and burnout. The beautiful setting of Kylemore provided a retreat-like atmosphere where students could reflect on the challenges of helping people in healthcare and their desire to live a life dedicated to healing. They learned not only about the neuroscience of compassion applied to healthcare, but also about how to take care of themselves in this emotionally demanding work.

Every morning, we would engage in very meaningful classes and discussions about this new field of science of compassion applied to healthcare. Then, in the afternoon and evening, we would have wonderful opportunities to explore Ireland for its ancient history, the culture, the landscape, the music, and

its social life both in the Connemara region of Kylemore and Galway. We are looking forward to offering this opportunity again next summer."

Learn More: Summer 2026 Compassionate Care in Medicine!

IN THE NEWS



The Threshold Festival, A Success!

On August 14-17, Notre Dame Kylemore Hosted a Four-Day Festival that Celebrates the Intersection of Irish Literature, Arts, and Culture. This festival embodies The University of Notre Dame's commitment to the arts as outlined in our Arts Initiative.

Story coming soon!

Read About The Event!



Read More About our MFA Fall Program, &

Applications Open Soon for Our Winter MFA Arts Residency, **Jan 11 - Feb 7 2026**

An Overview of Our Latest Programming!



Aug 30-31: Green Sod Bio Summer School

On Saturday August 30 and Sunday August 31, 2025, Notre Dame Kylemore hosted the Green Sod Summer Environmental School, a weekend of lectures, outreach, community involvement, and connecting with the land.

Stay tuned for our story on this event, coming soon!

Read More About the Green Sod Weekend!



Our Galway Semester Study Abroad Students Have Arrived! Students enjoyed a trip to Achill Island and Grace O'Malley's Castle



September 7-13: Capture Your Life's Fire: Memoir Writing with Heather King

As we close out our Heather King Seminar this week, we were really moved by questions of what it means to live, grow, and deal with the challenges and struggles that come with a life fully lived.

To write at Kylemore is an experience centered around reflection, and we truly have a fantastic space where the landscape inspires moving personal contemplation.

We've been honored to welcome such a remarkable group of writers, and we're so grateful to Heather King for her wisdom, guidance, and light throughout this transformative week.





Sign Up Now! Spots Going Quickly!

Fri Oct 10 - Sun Oct 12

Laudato Si' Pilgrimage

In the spirit of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical Laudato Si', Notre Dame Kylemore invites you to journey through some of Ireland's most breathtaking upland landscapes, tracing ancient monuments and sacred wells. Engage in the call for ecological stewardship in this sacred place.

Each Laudato Si' pilgrimage highlights a key site—October's centers on Turlough Hill.

October Pilgrimage Itinerary

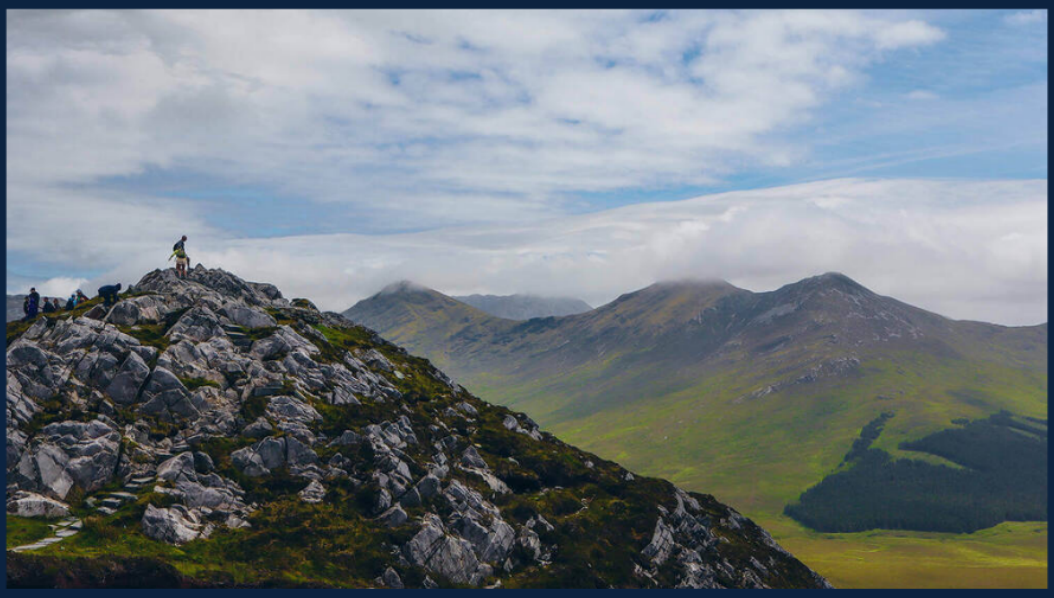


4-hour hike at Turlough Hill with Dr. Tyler Coverdale

Dr. Tyler Coverdale is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame. He received his PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University in 2018 before completing postdoctoral fellowships at Cornell University and Harvard University.

Includes:

Accommodation in ensuite rooms
Discussions and hikes with archeologist Michael Gibbons and Notre Dame guest faculty
All meals are prepared by an in-house chef



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