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KYLEMORE



FALL 2025 MFA ART RESIDENCY PROGRAM

This Week!

Excited to welcome our Fall 2025 Residents to Kylemore this week!

Our Spring 2026 MFA Art Residency applications are open, applications close November 15th!

Apply for our Spring 2026 MFA Art Residency Program!

Now Offering Partial and Full Scholarships!

New Deadline: Nov 10!

Instructor-led Writing Program with Author Mike McCormack

November 30 - December 5, 2025

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Student Ambassador

Natalie Gildea

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ND '27, B.S. Neuroscience and Behavior, Glynn Family Honors Program | Irish Language and Literature

"I chose to study in Galway because studying the Irish language has been an important part of my studies at Notre Dame as an Irish Language and Literature minor, and the Irish courses offered at the University of Galway connected well with my goals.

The Irish-speaking community in Galway and the west of Ireland is thriving; I've connected with so many people here just because of our shared interest in the language. In fact, **through the scientific research module I am taking, I'll be able to investigate how Irish speakers learn and remember written materials differently from English speakers.** It's a privilege to be able to contribute to this kind of research.

Beyond my academic experiences, I've also learned a lot from the weekend excursions and events our cohort has done so far. The trip to Achill Island to record a segment for RTÉ stands out to me — it was not only incredible to discover the history embedded in the Irish landscape as we learned about archaeology, but I also enjoyed **getting to interact with the local people in Achill in Irish.** One of my favorite old phrases in Irish is "Is beatha teanga í a labhairt" which means "A language's life is speaking it," and it was really special to see that phrase in action that day."

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A Reflection on the Laudato Si' Program at Kylemore

Dr. Tyler Coverdale
Assistant Professor
Department of Biological Sciences



This October, Dr. Tyler Coverdale visited Kylemore as part of the [Laudato Si' program](#) focused on the impacts and responsibilities of humans in the Anthropocene. Using anecdotes from his research on human impacts in coastal salt marshes and African savannas, Dr. Coverdale's presentation explored the **complex relationships between human activity, ecological systems, and environmental resilience in a rapidly changing world.**

During his time at Kylemore, Dr. Coverdale also met with representatives from the Dúlra Project to learn about local strategies for invasive species remediation in the Connemara region, and joined Notre Dame students on guided hikes led by local archaeologist Michael Gibbons. Kylemore provided an ideal setting for participants to reflect on global trends while experiencing firsthand the deep, local connections between Ireland's natural landscapes and its cultural history.

[Learn More about our *Laudato Si'* Pilgrimages](#)

IN THE NEWS

We had such a blast with our [Inspirational Leadership at Kylemore](#) group this October!





“This experience was transformative, not just inspirational.” Dr. Jane Wathuta, Dean, Strathmore University Law School

Our ILK leadership cohort spanned from global technology and innovation, to healthcare, government, marketing, and sustainability, bringing together senior leaders, chief medical officers, policy advisors, CEOs, and creative directors united by a shared commitment to purposeful leadership and impact.

The next ILK retreat is April 20-24, 2026. Mark your calendars!

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Lokesh Joshi, Vice President for Research and Innovation at the University of Galway, Visited the Notre Dame Campus in attendance of the **Global Partners Conference**, and offered a lecture on his research practices.

"It was a privilege to visit the University of Notre Dame and participate in its Global Partners Conference. The experience was both enriching and energizing, offering a unique opportunity to engage with a vibrant network of global institutions.

The University of Galway and Notre Dame share a longstanding and valued partnership. Being on campus at Notre Dame, learning about its extensive global network, and engaging with distinguished researchers and senior leaders reaffirmed the depth and potential of our collaboration. It became clear that we are only beginning to explore the possibilities that lie ahead between our two institutions and their international partners.

I return to Galway with renewed enthusiasm and a strengthened conviction that, through Notre Dame's Global Network, we can deepen our collaborative ties and contribute meaningfully to global research and innovation."

Check Out Upcoming Programming from ND Kylemore!



Reclaiming Your Creative Voice

A 5-Day Visual Journaling & Intuitive Art Journey with Art Therapist Liz Rackard

Dates: February 15-20, 2026
Applications Close: January 15, 2026



Self-Guided Writers Residency

This independent residency is designed for writers seeking dedicated time and freedom to write.

Dates: March 30 - April 3, 2026

Applications Close:
December 13, 2025



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