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May Newsletter

EXCITING NEWS



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A FESTIVAL OF DRAMA

Threshold

JUNE 30 – AUGUST 2, 2026

THE SMILING PUBLIC FIGURE:
WIT, SATIRE AND IRONY IN W.B.
YEATS

The Threshold Festival 2026 schedule is here!

We are so excited to share what we have been working on - and trust us, you are not going to want to miss this. Packed with fantastic events across the weekend, each day features a **free public lecture**, a **banquet dinner**,

and an **exclusive performance**.

Threshold promises lectures, musical performances, readings, and conversations that make Yeats's wit audible. This is the weekend of the summer — come join us!

[Click here to see the Schedule](#)

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STUDENT

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Niamh Smyth

Major: Political Science and FTT

Minors: Sport, Media, and Culture

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"I loved my semester in Galway this spring!

My favorite part of the program was how close-knit our group became. There were only 24 of us, and the team at Kylemore did such a great job keeping us connected through all the trips and activities. I'm going back to Notre Dame with so many new friends! I also got to take classes for my major that I never would've been able to take at Notre Dame, like Ocean and Marine Politics and Contemporary Issues in Irish Media.

My favorite trip was to the North of Ireland. I loved seeing the beautiful and powerful murals and learning from people who lived through that history firsthand."

PHOTO OF THE SEMESTER



Galway Study Abroad student, Ryan Hyer, blew us away with this incredible shot!



Honorable mention to these runner ups



"The Circle of Life"

"Sheep Traffic Jam"

RECENT EVENTS



Spring Laudato Si' Pilgrimage

At the end of April, we hosted our Spring Laudato Si' pilgrimage, led by Sr. Damien Marie Savino. We took a boat trip to Inchagoill, the largest island on Lough Corrib, to see some of Ireland's most important early Christian remains.

Sr. Damien Marie delivered a beautiful reflection on the element of water as a "parable" - a physical reality through which divine light shines. We ended Saturday night with a fun traditional music performance that got everybody dancing, and closed the weekend with an early morning hike to the Sacred Heart statue!





Women in Leadership



At the beginning of May, we wrapped up our very first **Women in Leadership** programme, facilitated by Leslie Marquard and Sue Callaghan. It was an incredible few days spent with a truly powerful and inspiring group of women.

We were lucky enough to enjoy beautiful weather throughout, which meant participants got to experience some of their sessions outside in the sunshine. It was a lovely backdrop for such meaningful work!





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Nicolas Lehner
*Research Professor,
Physics & Astronomy*

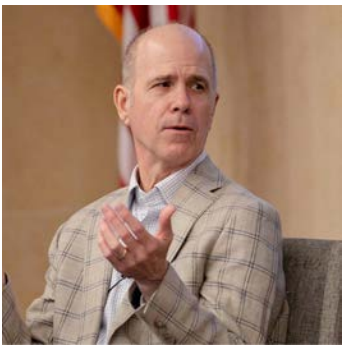
Faculty, Galactic Metal Cycles Conference 2026

Professor Nicolas Lehner organized a conference called "**Galactic Metal Cycles**" in Kylemore this month. He brought together a fascinating group who thoroughly enjoyed the week of lectures and discussions as well as some hikes.

About Kylemore and the conference, Professor Lehner said: "This was my second workshop at Kylemore Abbey, and it reinforced why this venue is so special. Bringing together 33 researchers from diverse fields—all studying how metals are produced and recycled in the universe—created genuine cross-disciplinary engagement in that remote, stunning setting. My most valuable moments came during informal conversations between sessions. When participants told me it was the best workshop they'd attended, I knew why: the exceptional staff, the setting, and the spontaneous exchanges over meals and hiking. Kylemore delivered the kind of cross-disciplinary collaboration we had hoped to foster."

COMING SOON

Check Out Upcoming Programming from ND Kylemore!



Write Like You Teach

Dates: August 7 - 13, 2026

Applications Close: July 7, 2026

Apply now!

[Learn more](#)



Self-Guided Writing Program

Dates: August 24-28, 2026

Applications Close: June 5, 2026

[Learn more](#)



Capture Your Life's Fire: A Memoir Writing Workshop

Dates: September 8-13, 2026

Applications Close: August 1, 2026

[Learn more](#)



Laudato Si' Pilgrimage: Inis Bó Finne (Inishbofin) with Professor Arun Agrawal

Dates: October 2-4, 2026

Book your spot now!

[Learn more](#)

Inspirational Leadership at Kylemore



Coming up in October 2026

What does it take to develop entrepreneurial leaders?

It might not be what you think. Paul Slaggert unpacks why technical expertise alone isn't enough.

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Threshold Festival 2025 - recapped.

Watch the highlights and look ahead to what this year's festival has in store.





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