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Welcome to our Galway Fall Semester Study Abroad Program!







Our students have arrived in Galway, ready for an unforgettable semester! Their first weekend at Kylemore was filled with action packed adventure—from exploring the breathtaking Killary Fjord and Sheep Farm to hiking up to the Sacred Heart statue.

Our first weekend at Kylemore leads to a perfect start to a semester promised to be packed with self discovery, connection, and the Irish terrain. Our students have come ready and eager to hike the many field trips we have planned. With our local adjunct faculty archeologist Michael Gibbons.







Capture Your Life's Fire: A Memoir Writing Workshop, led by **Heather King**

We welcomed our 2026 'Capture Your Life's Fire' cohort to Kylemore at the beginning of September. Led by Heather King, our wonderful group took part in daily talks, discussions and plenty of quiet writing time. They learned learn tips and techniques to structure their stories and turn their life events into a chronological memoir.

In the evenings, they took part in a sean-nós dancing class, led by the talented Emma O'Sullivan, which was a blast! On their final night, Mary Hayes gave a talk about her artwork, inspired by the Connemara Landscape, and led the group through her in-house exhibition.

Missed this year's programme? **Check out our 2027 dates: 7-12 September 2027**

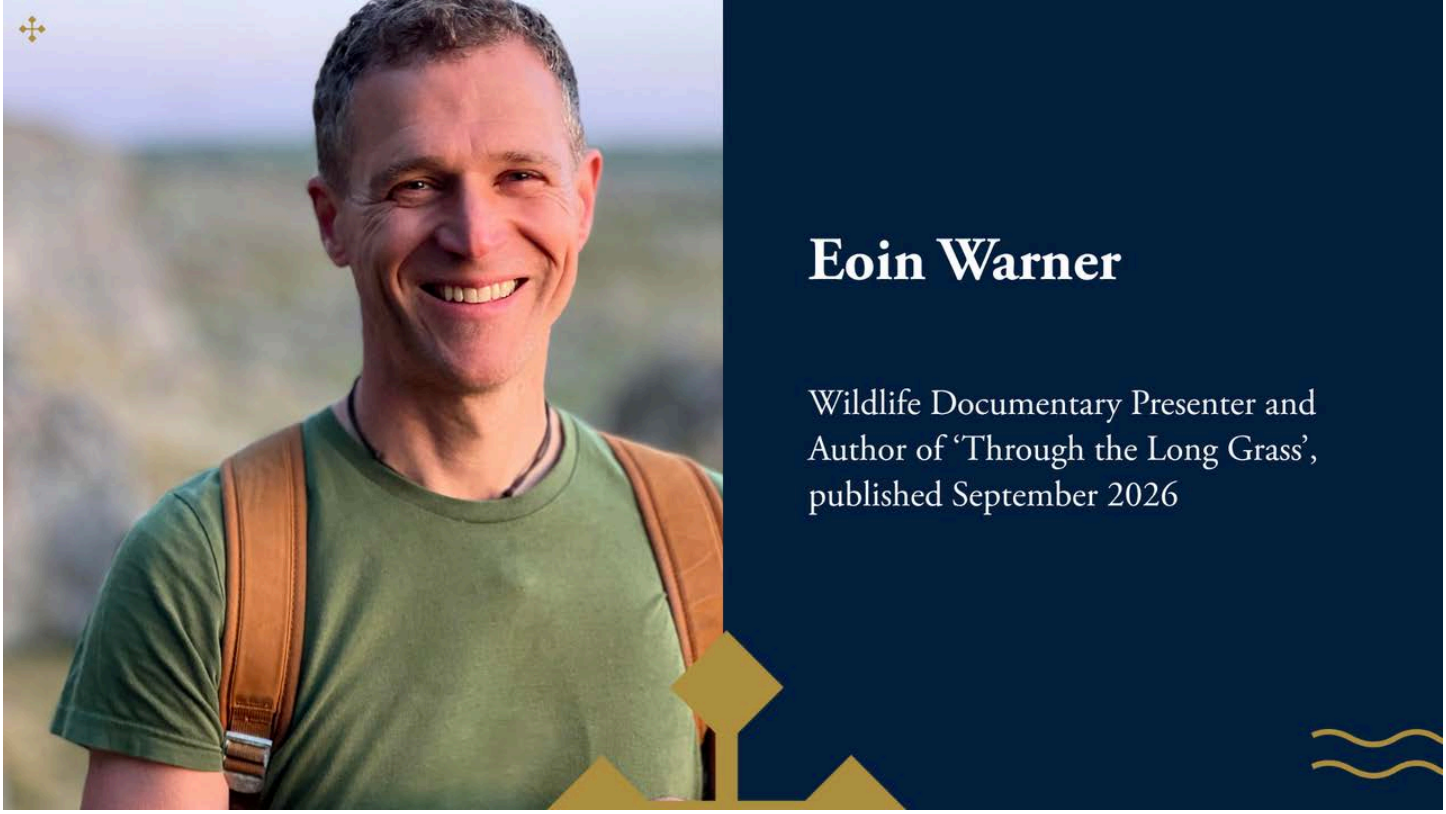
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Upcoming Events



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Join Us for a Fireside Chat with Eoin Warner



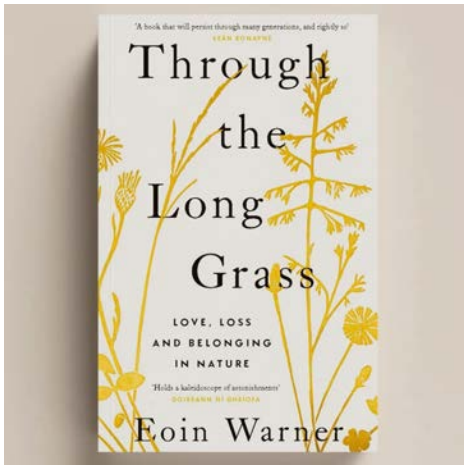
We are delighted to welcome **Eoin Warner** back to Notre Dame Kylemore celebrating the launch of his new book that was partially written during one of Kylemore's writing residencies, *Through the Long Grass,* Eoin will share the stories and inspiration behind the book, exploring how time outdoors has shaped his creativity and deepened his connection to the rhythms of the Irish landscape.

Having attended two writing residencies at ND Kylemore, Eoin wrote several chapters of the book within our own walls—a connection that makes this occasion especially meaningful.

"Kylemore feels as close to a wild landscape as we have in Ireland… walking its pathways was like stepping onto a blank canvas, where the views and quiet gave space for memories and emotions to surface."

We warmly invite you to join us on **Friday, 2nd October** for what promises to be an inspiring and memorable evening.

To attend, please RSVP by emailing **kylemore@nd.edu**.







FACULTY FOCUS



We are absolutely delighted that Professor Arun Agrawal will be joining us in Kylemore to deliver a public lecture on Friday 2nd October as part of the Laudato Si' pilgrimage.

Arun Agrawal is the Pulte Family Professor of Development Policy and inaugural director of the Just Transformations to Sustainability Initiative at the University of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs.

A political scientist holding a PhD from Duke University and an MBA from IIM Ahmedabad, his research focuses on environmental politics, sustainable development, Indigenous knowledge, and community-based conservation, supported by major funders like the NSF, MacArthur, and Guggenheim Foundations. Published in top journals like *Science* and *PNAS*, Agrawal has conducted fieldwork across Asia, Africa, and Latin America, and has held academic appointments at institutions including Michigan, Yale, Harvard, and UC Berkeley.

Agrawal's Latest News

STUDENT FOCUS



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Keira O'Cull

Major - Finance
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We spoke to Keira O'Cull, from Ohio, who is studying abroad at the University of Galway this fall while completing an independent research project through the **Nanovic Sustainability Research Fellowship**. Fun fact: Keira's great-grandparents came to America from Achill Island, so she has always felt a connection to Ireland and enjoyed learning more about her Irish heritage.

"Galway's vibrant tourism economy and strong academic community make it an ideal setting for my research. While my project is still developing, I'm particularly interested in exploring how businesses in Galway's tourism industry can turn broader sustainability goals into meaningful business practices. I'm really enjoying seeing how sustainability is incorporated into all of my classes and experiencing the community's efforts to encourage more environmentally conscious practices.

Through the Notre Dame program, we've had the opportunity to go on hikes at the Aran Islands, Cong, Inchagoill, and Kylemore Abbey. I've especially enjoyed learning about the history of each place and exploring the beautiful parts of Ireland beyond Galway. I'm excited to continue learning about Irish history, experiencing all Galway has to offer, and exploring how a city can turn ambitious sustainability goals into meaningful action throughout the rest of the semester."



COMING SOON

Check Out Upcoming Programming in ND Kylemore!



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

Dates: October 5-9, 2026

Book your spot now!

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Instructor-Led Writing Program: Winter Session with Mike McCormack

Dates: November 30 – December 4, 2026

Apply now!

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Reclaiming Your Creative Voice Art Therapy Workshop with Liz Rackard

Dates: February 14 – 19 2027

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Apply now! Limited spaces left in MFA Art Residencies Winter 2027

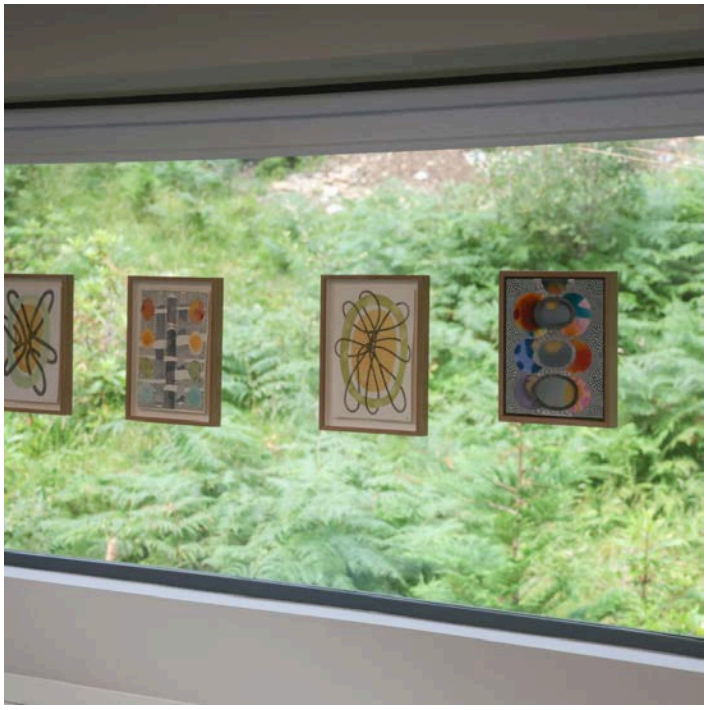


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Applications Close: Friday, November 27, 2026

The residencies are awarded to visual artists who have completed art college and are ideal for those looking to carve out time to dedicate to their work in a quiet, remote, peaceful setting.





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