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Ballycastle Open Events

St Patrick's Weekend Retreat

Friday 13 – Sunday 15 March

The Wind at Our Backs:

The Celtic Spirit in All Creation.

Explore Celtic Spirituality, ranging from the Trinity to thin places, from solitude to community, from High crosses to the Breastplate Prayer. There will be presentations and sharing, as well as time for reflection, prayer and worship. Led by Dick Rice, former Jesuit priest, and Rosemarie Whithead, former Franciscan sister.

Interfaith Service Weekend

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 March

Join other young adults from different faith backgrounds for community service work, discussions, reflections and making new friends. Led by Corrymeela, and modelled on the Interfaith Youth Core programme.

Easter Youth Conference

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 April

A weekend residential programme for 18 – 25 year olds, this is a great opportunity to make friends and be introduced to Corrymeela's work. The programme will be designed and led by young people in Corrymeela's existing People Understanding Borders (PUB) group, assisted by Corrymeela Youth Coordinator, Ivan Cross.

Radical Love

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 May

A retreat for members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities to explore issues of faith and spirituality in context with personal sexuality.

Corrymeela Friends Weekend

Friday 15 – Sunday 17 May

A fun-filled weekend of fellowship, study and learning for friends of the Corrymeela Community. All are welcome.

Knocklayd Open Events

A Quiet Lenten Retreat

Friday 6 – Sunday 8 March

Christ said, 'Come away with Me and rest awhile'. Led by Gerry Cassidy, CSSR and Anne Jack, Corrymeela Community.

Lenten Quiet Days

Wednesday 11/18/25 March 2009

Seasonal Reflection in Knocklayd. All are welcome.

Gardening Weekend

Friday 3 – Sunday 5 April

Enjoy a weekend working in Knocklayd's beautiful gardens in exchange for food and accommodation. Led by Kate Graham, Carol Press, and the Corrymeela Community.

Parents, Children and Sexual Identity

Friday 17 – Sunday 19 April

A weekend, led by parents, for parents struggling with issues around the sexual identity of a son or daughter. Led by Una Lount, Brian Treacy, and the Corrymeela Community.

Raising the Voice

Friday 1 – Sunday 3 May

The Knocklayd writers invite you to their writing weekend. Led by Damien Gorman, acclaimed writer.

Painting for Pleasure

Friday 29 – Sunday 31 May

These weekends are for those who enjoy painting/art and wish to experience the changing seasonal beauty of Knocklayd and Glenshesk. Led by Raymond Bakewell and the Corrymeela Community.

Knocklayd Open Day

Saturday 6 June • 10.30am – 5.00pm

We invite you to experience the best of the Knocklayd Centre. Join us for all, or part of the day.

Writing for Pleasure – 'Just Write'

Friday 26 – Sunday 28 June

A weekend of reminiscing for those who would like to begin, or continue, to write 'My own life story'. Led by Corrymeela community members Una Lount and Gill Michael.

Belfast Open Events

Sample a Little Taste of India

Friday 27 February • 7.00pm – 9.00pm

The Indian Community Centre

Sample a little bit of India. Join us for an Indian Evening at the Indian Community Centre, 86 Clifton Street, Belfast in aid of Vishwas Udgirkar's volunteer year with Corrymeela. Tickets are available at £10 from Corrymeela House, telephone 028 9050 8080 and will include food.



Notable speaker receives prestigious award

Donald Shriver, Corrymeela Summer Festival keynote speaker, has been awarded the prestigious 2009 Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion.

Shriver, who is an ethicist and a former president of Union Seminary in NYC, has contributed many notable publications in religion and reconciliation over the course of his career.



Most recently his book *Honest Patriots: Loving a Country Enough to Remember Its Misdeeds* (Oxford University Press, 2005) garnered mention and recognition. It was described, 'Despite its somber topic, *Honest Patriots* is a book that fosters hope – hope that by facing our past sins we can move constructively and redemptively into a better future.'

An award well deserved, congratulations Donald!

The last issue reviewed the success of Corrymeela's 2008 Summer Festival. It was moving to be in the audience when Shriver addressed the crowd on public commemoration and amnesia.

Speaking to that which is dear to my heart, Shriver talked eloquently about how members of society carry with them the memories and spirits of the past. Shriver posed questions about 'joint' public mourning for the people of Northern Ireland.

Shriver questioned – 'Is there a public memorial design that does justice to all sides of the conflict and/or which expands public empathy for 'the other side?' – I don't know. I would welcome responses to the Linen Memorial, www.linenmemorial.org, a 'living' memorial, created since 2001.

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