



A European Geoparks Network Week Event

## The Geopark Academy 2024 May 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>

*A multi-disciplinary event connecting research and the local community.*

**Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>** Burren College of Art. *Part of the Burren College of Art 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations*

### **Morning Session:**

09.30 – 10.00: Dr. Eamon Doyle (Geologist, Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark). *“The Fossil Sponge and other new fossil discoveries.”*

10.00 – 10.30: Colin Bunce (Researcher at School of Geography, University of Galway). *“Impacts of the Last Glacial Maximum on the Burren.”*

10.30 - 11.00: Fiona McKenna (PhD student, ATU Sligo). *“Measuring and Monitoring Tourism in Clare to inform Sustainable Destination Planning.”*

Coffee break 11.00 – 11.30

11.00 – 11.30: Dr. Catherine Dalton (Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick). *“Reflecting on Ireland’s Lakes: Past, Present, and Future.”*

11.30 – 12.00: Michael Lynch (Archaeologist). *“Update on the ongoing Excavation of the Mesolithic Stone Axe Manufacturing Site at Doolin, Co. Clare.”*

12.00 - 12.30: Felim O’Toole (Geological Survey Ireland) *“INFOMAR 2023 - Mapping the Seabed off the Burren and Cliffs of Moher.”*

Lunch Break 12.30 – 13.30

### **Afternoon Session:**

13.30 – 14.00: Tejasvi Shah, Maia Shelby Hay, Matilda Krulder (MA students at Burren College of Art) *“Postgraduate Research in Art & Ecology/ Reading Ecology in The Burren.”*

14.00 – 14.30: Dr. Lara Cassidy (Trinity College Dublin) *“Tales from a Small Island: Ancient Genomics on the Atlantic Edge.”*

14.30- 15.00: Enda Gallery (Artist Developer/Artist/Producer) *“Layers of sound; behind the scenes of modern music production.”*

15.30 – 16.00: Dr. John Murray (University of Galway) *“An unusual and enigmatic discoidal fossil from the Cliffs of Moher.”*

16.00 -16.10: Closing Comments.

### **Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**11am – 5pm** Guided mini-bus and walking historical tour of Kilfenora, Lemenagh Castle (no access to inside castle), Kilnaboy, Corofin and Dysert O’Dea with local experts Edel Barry, Frank O’Grady, Tom Keating and Risteard Ua Cronin. Bus leaves from and returns to Kilfenora.

**Booking Essential for either or both days, contact [info@burrengeopark.ie](mailto:info@burrengeopark.ie)**

**Please state for Sat 25<sup>th</sup> if you wish to book a place for morning or afternoon session or both.**