



SLIGO PARK HOTEL
& LEISURE CLUB ★★☆☆

32nd YEATS WINTER SCHOOL

22nd to 24th
January 2027

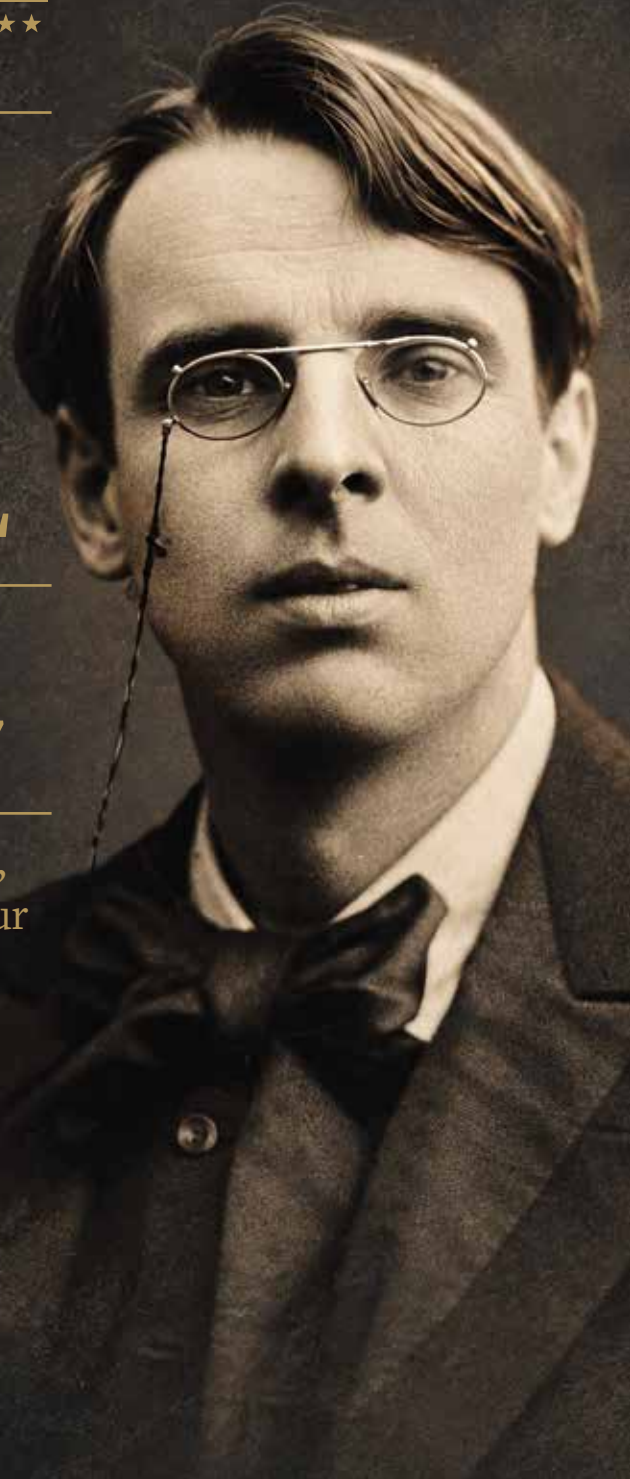
A weekend of relaxation,
lectures, music and a tour
of Yeats Country.

Director: Dr Adrian Paterson
With guests Melinda Szuts and
Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin.

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Yeats
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Sligo 
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Programme 2027

The Yeats Winter School offers an opportunity for reading, exploring and thinking about Yeats's poetry, plays and prose, and for learning more about him and the other creative members of his family, amidst the landscape which inspired them.

Friday 22nd January

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| From 3.00pm | Check in to Sligo Park Hotel at your leisure.
(You will need to make your own arrangements to dine before the first gathering). |
| From 7.00pm | Registration. |
| 8.30pm | Welcome and Poetry Reading by Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin. |

Saturday 23rd January

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| 9.30am | Talk by Dr. Adrian Paterson, Yeats Reading Ulysses |
| 11.15am | Talk by Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin, 'Yeats: Life and Time'. |
| 12.00 noon | Coach will drop residents into town to enjoy lunch at their leisure. |
| 2.15pm | Absorb Sligo: 'The Cradle of WB Yeats' with an open fire, tea and scones;
at the Yeats Building courtesy of The Yeats Society.
Or
Meet the coach at nearby Markievicz Road for a spellbinding tour of Yeats Country. |
| 7.30pm | Dinner at Sligo Park Hotel.

Later in the evening, participants are invited to gather informally for poetry, music, storytelling and shared literary experiences. Bring your instruments and favourite pieces to share. |

Sunday 24th January

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| 10.30am | Talk by Adrian Paterson, 'Rent: the material of Yeats's Crazy Jane'.
Followed by: Talk by Melinda Szuts 'The Guardians of the Tower and Stream:
Dramatizing Yeats's Unfinished Dance Play'. |
| 12.30pm | Departure.

Or plan to stay a 3rd night at €69 B&B per person sharing. |



Director Adrian Paterson

Adrian Paterson is Lecturer in English at the University of Galway where he teaches and writes on literature from the eighteenth century to the present, with particular interest in artistic interactions in modernism and Irish literature. Alongside recent publications on Shaw, Joyce, Eliot, Mallarmé, Hope Mirlees, and Ezra Pound, he has examined Yeats's work for such venues as *Modernism/Modernity* and the *International Yeats Society Journal*. Curator of the multimedia exhibition *Yeats & the West*, and a director at Yeats Thoor Ballylee Society, he has co-edited two *E-rea* special issues on modernist prose and *The Edinburgh Companion to W.B. Yeats and the Arts* (2024). As student and lecturer he has been returning to Sligo for thirty years.



Guest lecturer Melinda Szuts

Melinda Szuts is a Lecturer in Drama and Theatre Studies and a freelance theatre director from Budapest, Hungary. She is a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Research Fellow at Trinity College Dublin, researching an accessible performance pedagogy using movement, voice and sound. Exploring the relationship between physical theatre, dramatic text, and musical performance, Melinda has published widely on the choreography of Yeats's plays, and regularly holds workshops in embodied practice and drama, including for the Yeats International Summer School. Her site-specific productions of Yeats's dance plays *The Only Jealousy of Emer* and *The Dreaming of the Bones* brought them to new audiences across Ireland.



Guest lecturer Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin

Born in Cork, Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin is by many accounts the finest poet living in Ireland today. Co-founder of the literary journal *Cyphers* (1975), she is Professor of English (Emeritus) at Trinity College Dublin, where she taught Renaissance and recent literature. Over ten or so haunting original collections (and more of translations) her rich, distinctive work has won the Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award, the Griffin International Poetry Prize, and the Irish Times Poetry Now Award. The publication of her *Collected Poems* (Gallery Press, 2020) was a landmark event in Irish literature. Formerly Ireland Professor of Poetry, in 2022 she was elected a Saoi, the highest honour bestowed by Aosdána.

Full Weekend Package

Two nights B&B and
one dinner

from €305 per person sharing.

Single supplement €45 per night.

Stay an additional night on Sunday for €69 B&B
per person sharing.

Superior supplement €10 per person per night.

Executive supplement €20 per person per night.

A limited number of places are available for
non-residential attendees and will be allocated
on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information and reservations,
please contact Sligo Park Hotel Reservations.



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