



Service Learning in Ireland:

Sponsored by the University College and Division of University Engagement

Program Dates: May 11 – 24, 2020

Location: Our community partner is the Irish Heritage School, an award winning organization that helps Irish communities preserve their unique cultural heritage. The location is Birr in County Offaly. Students will stay with local host families.

Service Activities: We will be working side by side with community members from Birr 20/20, Birr Growery, Birr Men’s Shed and the Camcor Water Trust. Service activities will focus on the development of a community set of public buildings in the town. Projects will be helping renovate historic buildings adjacent to Johns Hall. The work that we complete will be featured in a community-wide event that we organize for the local residents.

About Birr: Birr is a quintessentially classic, small, friendly, and safe Irish town located in the center of the country. The community dates to the 6th century when Saint Brendan of Birr founded a monastery. Birr Castle is 400 years old and has been home to the same family for 14 generations. Birr is a designated Irish Heritage Town due to the abundance of Georgian architecture and is home to many shops, pubs, and restaurants.

Excursions: Group excursions include visits to Clonmacnoise and other medieval sites, Lough Boora Parklands, and Slieve Bloom Mountains, a trip to the Wild Atlantic Way in the Burren including the Cliffs of Moher, as well as a trip to Dublin that includes a visit to the Book of Kells at Trinity College Dublin.

Cost: \$1950 (includes food, lodging, excursions and airfare).

Trip Leaders: Dr. Linda Maule, Dean of the University College, Dr. Nancy Rogers, Vice President of University Engagement.

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