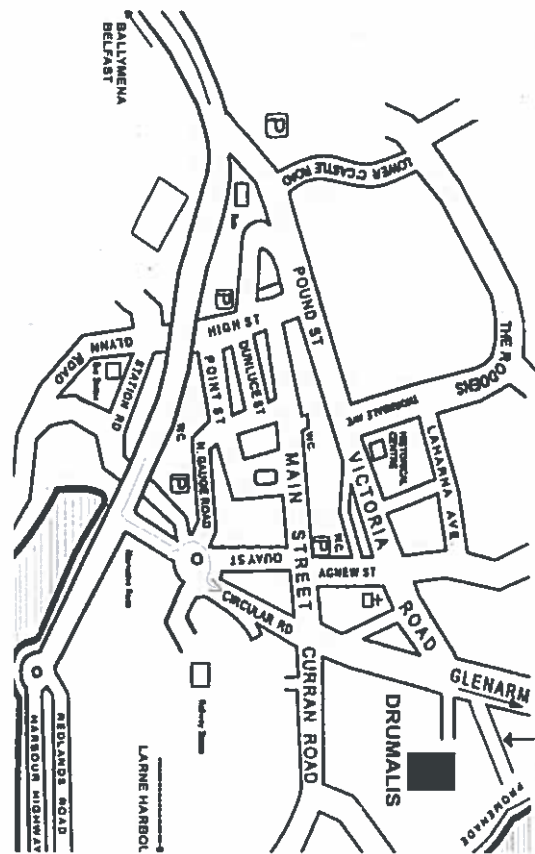


You do not have to be good.
 You do not have to walk on your knees
 For a hundred miles through the
 desert, repenting.
 You only have to let the soft animal of
 your body love what it loves.
 Tell me about your despair, yours, and I
 will tell you mine.
 Meanwhile the world goes on.
 Meanwhile the sun and the clear
 pebbles of the rain
 are moving across the landscapes,
 over the prairies and the deep trees,
 the mountains and the rivers.
 Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the
 clean blue air, are heading home again.
 Whoever you are, no matter
 how lonely, the world offers itself
 to your imagination,
 calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and
 exciting - over and over announcing your
 place in the family of things.

- "Wild Geese", Mary Oliver

DIRECTIONS



By Road: From Belfast take the M2 and leave it at the A8 exit. Just outside Larne leave the A8 by turning left onto Pound Street at the High Rise Flats. Continue straight on, through three sets of traffic lights to the end of Victoria Road, Drumalis gates are directly across the Glenarm Road.

By Public Transport: From Railway, Bus and Harbour follow the signs for the Coast Road. Drumalis is on the right before Bankheads Lane before you leave the town.

If you would like further information about getting to Drumalis, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Drumalis Environment Group

Re-inhabiting the Earth
 Spring Conference 2018



**One Family
 One Common Home**

Drumalis, 23-25 February 2018

facilitated by Gráinne Doherty with
 keynote speaker, Dr Lorna Gold,
 Head of Policy and Advocacy, Trócaire

*An opportunity to extend our understanding
 of family and home to include the entire
 community of life with whom we share
 our common home - planet EARTH
 and to celebrate twenty years of
 environmental activity at Drumalis*

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Celebration 25 February 2018

The weekend will close with
 the presentation of an
 Eco Congregation Award to
 Drumalis in recognition of the centre's environmental
 work over the past twenty years - referred to by
 Sr Catherine Brennan SSL of ECI as
 "a milestone on our eco journey
 well worth celebrating."



About the Conference:

This weekend will develop themes from previous Spring Conferences - Caring for our Common Home, Be the Change, Climate Change, Enough is Plenty, etc. It will connect with the publication of a new papal document on the family, *Amoris Laetitia*, look forward to the World Gathering on the Family in Ireland in 2018, and address some fundamental questions around these themes.

- "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?" - LS 160
- What are the implications for us today of the native American saying that "we do not inherit the world from our ancestors but borrow it from our children?"

We will reflect on our accountability towards those who follow us.

- How does the prevalence of individualism and consumerism in our world today affect those coming after us?
- How can we learn and practise inter-generational justice?

The "gospel of family, joy for the world" will be the focus for the world gathering in Dublin in 2018.

- Can we extend the vision of family beyond the stereotype to embrace the wider community of life, remembering how interdependent and interconnected everything and everyone is?
- Love is the basis of family life. How do we love and care for our common home?

About the Facilitator:

Gráinne Doherty is currently working freelance in pastoral ministry while completing her doctoral studies in theology. Prior to working freelance, she has spent the past couple of decades interweaving the academic and pastoral dimensions of her faith by working as a lecturer in Theology in All Hallows College, Dublin while also working in pastoral leadership at both parish and diocesan level in Ireland. As a lecturer in moral theology, she specialises in Social Justice and has a particular interest in both gender and ecological concerns.

About the Keynote Speaker:

Lorna Gold is Head of Policy and Advocacy in Trócaire. Prior to working in Trócaire, she worked in the Department of Politics at the University of York, where she was the recipient of the Joseph Rowntree Centennial Fellowship and an ESRC post-doctoral fellowship. She has a PhD from the Department of Geography at the University of Glasgow. She writes widely on a broad range of development issues, including the Millennium Development Goals and the relationship between Catholic Social Teaching and ethical business models. She has a particular interest in the changing shape of Ireland's development policy.

Duration:

The weekend will be offered on a residential basis beginning with registration on Friday evening from 5 pm and an evening meal served at 6 pm.

It will also be possible to attend for the day only on Saturday from 9:30 am - 6:00 pm. The conference will end on Sunday with lunch at 1:00 pm.

"Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is first and foremost up to us. What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us?..."
- Laudato Si 116

Cost:

The cost of the weekend is £115 sterling on a residential basis and £95 on a non-residential basis. The cost of attending on Saturday only is £50.

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BOOKING FORM

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Please tick on which basis you would like to attend the conference:

- Residential Non Residential
 Saturday only

Special Requirements

(dietary, ground floor accommodation, etc)

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A non-refundable and non-transferable deposit of £30 is required with each booking made payable to DRUMALIS for those staying on a residential or non-residential basis. This will be counted as part of the total cost. Confirmation of booking will only be issued on receipt of SAE. Please return completed Booking Form and deposit to Drumalis, 47 Glenarm Road, LARNE, County Antrim, BT40 1DT.

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