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Spirituality Institute for
Research and Education

Pilgrimage and the Evolution of Spiritual Tourism

Date: Friday, 9th March 2018
Time: 10:00 - 16:15 (Registration 9 a.m.)
Venue: Tourism & Leisure Education Building, Cork Road Campus, Waterford Institute of Technology.



This inaugural conference is organised jointly by the Spirituality Institute for Research and Education (SpIRE), Dublin & the Department of Languages, Tourism, and Hospitality at School of Humanities at Waterford Institute of Technology, Waterford.

They invite you to a day of lively discussions, stimulating keynote addresses, and inspiring sessions.

The theme, **Pilgrimage and the Evolution of Spiritual Tourism**, pushes us to think about and beyond the edges of our current understandings and practices around pilgrimage. For example:

How is the notion of pilgrimage prompting us to re-conceptualize our understanding of spiritual tourism?

How will integrating the current interest in pilgrimage into tourism initiatives challenge and re-invent current practice?

What new research and practice frontiers lie ahead as we contemplate the next decade of pilgrimage tourism?

Keynote speakers include:

Dr Dee Dias, Centre for Pilgrimage Studies Director, York University and Principal Investigator, AHRC 'Pilgrimage and England's Cathedrals, Past and Present' project.

Dr Stefano Dominioni, Director of the European Institute of Cultural Routes, Luxembourg, who oversees the certification by the Council of Europe of cultural routes in the field of European heritage.

John G O'Dwyer, author of *Pilgrim Paths in Ireland: From Slieve Mish to Skellig Michael* (Collins Press, 2017)

All attendees should register regardless of status (presenter, participant, scholar, practitioner, public). Registration fee (€75) includes attendance at the conference sessions, conference folder, coffee breaks and lunch but not accommodation. Registration will take place through [Eventbrite – click here](#).

There will be an optional tour of cultural sites of Waterford and an evening meal on Thursday, 8th March at a cost of €30.

[The Spirituality Institute for Research and Education](http://spiritualityinstitute.ie/) was established in Dublin in 2015 to contribute to the academic study of spirituality in higher education colleges, and promote the phenomenon of 'spirituality and'. The term 'spirituality and' refers to spirituality and healthcare, spirituality and tourism, spirituality and leadership, etc., which are all signs of a new spiritual consciousness across the globe. Visit: <http://spiritualityinstitute.ie/>

The [Department of Languages, Tourism, and Hospitality](https://www.wit.ie/) is part of the School of Humanities at Waterford Institute of Technology. The conference will take place in the Tourism and Leisure Education Building, a centre of excellence which is amongst the finest of its kind in Europe. Visit: <https://www.wit.ie/>

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