

corrymeela⁺

*“We are Corrymeela
and you are always
welcome.”*



Welcome



Dear Friends,

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to Corrymeela.

If you are visiting Corrymeela for the first time you may have questions regarding our community, where you will be staying, how to get here or other details.

We hope this Welcome Brochure will answer many of those questions. Searching our [website](#) or watching our [video](#) will also give you useful information.

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by Pádraig Ó Tuama

**It is both a dignity and
a difficulty
to live between these
names,**

**perceiving politics
in the syntax of
the state.**

**And at the end of the day,
the reality is
that whether we
change
or whether we stay
the same**

**these questions will
remain.**

**Who are we
to be
with one
another?**

and

**How are we
to be
with one
another?**

**What to do
with all those memories
of all those funerals?**

and

**What about those present
whose past was blasted
far beyond their
future?**

**I wake.
You wake.
She wakes.
He wakes.
They wake.**

**We Wake
and take
this troubled beauty forward.**



About Corrymeela

Corrymeela is Northern Ireland's oldest peace and reconciliation organisation. We began before "The Troubles" and continue on in Northern Ireland's changing post-conflict society. Corrymeela has over fifty years of experience working alongside fractured communities and groups who are finding their relationships difficult, as well as addressing relational, societal and structural power dynamics. Our residential centre on the north coast of Ireland hosts over 10,000 people a year, as well as a lived community of volunteers and staff.

We work alongside people from youth and school groups, family and community organisations, faith communities, Universities and political parties. At the heart of our efforts is hope. Through hospitality, welcome, and radical inclusion, our mission is to be a "safe harbour" in which anxious or fractured communities are able to encounter each other in a transformative way. To find out more about our work see the [Programmes](#) section of our website.

By choosing to stay at Corrymeela you are helping to secure the future of our reconciliation work around the world. Thank you!

Our Volunteers - Here to Help!

Corrymeela's work is made possible by the 80,000 hours of volunteer time freely given every year. Our volunteers come from all over the world and live on-site. During your stay they will be here to welcome you, to host you and to facilitate or assist with your programme as needed. Please feel free to ask our volunteers if you have any questions or requests while you are here.



Travelling to Corrymeela

Corrymeela is located 60 miles north of Belfast, 2 miles outside the beautiful seaside town of Ballycastle.

By Air

There are 3 airports you can consider flying to:

- Belfast City (60 miles from Corrymeela) - [Airline & Destinations](#)
- Belfast International (45 miles from Corrymeela) - [Airlines & Destinations](#)
- Dublin (155 miles from Corrymeela) - [Airlines Terminal 1](#)
[Airlines Terminal 2](#)
[Direct bus service to Belfast](#)

By Boat

There are 2 ports you can consider sailing to:

- Belfast (57 miles from Corrymeela) - [Stenaline service from Cairnryan and Liverpool](#)
- Larne (40 miles from Corrymeela) - [P&O service from Cairnryan](#)

By Public Transport

Whether you are travelling on from an airport, port or elsewhere you may wish to use public transport to reach us. There is no direct bus or train to Ballycastle, however if you are willing to make connections, you can plan your journey using the [Translink Journey Planner](#).

By Car

You can also reach Corrymeela by car, it takes about 1 hour 20 minutes to drive from Belfast, you can find directions [here](#).



Residential Buildings

If you are coming to stay at Corrymeela you will be welcomed into one of our two residential buildings; the Main House and the Davey Village. Both have lounges, meeting spaces and dining facilities, a selection of which can be seen below. Please find more photos of our buildings, spaces and facilities in the [Galleries](#) section of our website. While you will be hosted by Corrymeela staff and volunteers, during your stay you are warmly invited to consider this space your home and make it so, whether that be helping yourself to a cup of tea or giving a hand with the dishes.



Dining Room, Main House



Kenbane Lounge, Davey Village



Fitzpatrick Room, Davey Village



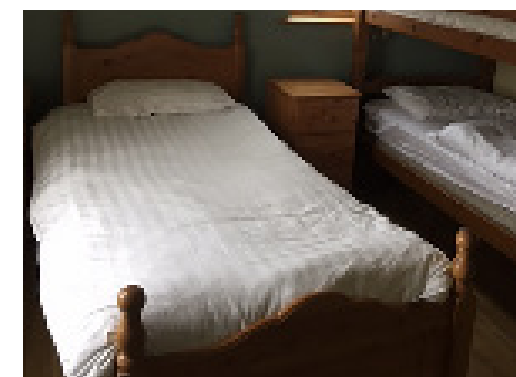
Lounge, Main House

Bedrooms

Most of our bedrooms are set up as shared accommodation however we do have some single rooms which may be available upon request. In the Main House there is a sink and mirror in every bedroom and shared bathrooms on each floor. In the Davey Village each of our bedrooms is ensuite. Please note Corrymeela does not provide bath or shower towels but a range of hand drying arrangements are in place in the toilet facilities onsite. **Guests should bring their own towel** with their personal belongings.

As part of creating an environment of openness and trust, bedrooms at Corrymeela are intentionally designed so they can be locked when you are inside the room, but cannot be locked from the outside when you leave. We ask that you respect the privacy and space of others in their rooms. If you have any valuables you do not wish to leave in your room there is a safe deposit at reception where they can be stored.

On your day of departure you are asked to vacate your room by 10am, unless otherwise agreed. As part of community life we ask that before you leave you help by stripping and remaking your bed using the 'bed roll' with which you will be provided. This allows you to welcome in Corrymeela's next set of guests, just as the previous guests assisted with your welcome by making your bed!





Our Daily Rhythm

Worship

Morning worship: 9am Monday - Saturday
12:30pm Sunday

Evening worship: 9pm Tuesday - Thursday & Saturday
10pm Friday

You are warmly invited to join us in the Croí where we come together twice a day for worship or reflection. Morning worship involves a 30 minute Quaker-style silent reflection which concludes with a short liturgy. Evening worship involves a 10-15 minute space of reflection, led by community members, volunteers, staff members or guests. Our evening worships vary in style and format depending on who is leading.



Small Croí

Meals

Breakfast: 8:30am
Lunch: 1pm
Dinner: 6pm
(Unless otherwise specified by your programme.)

As a guest you are considered part of our community so we ask for volunteers to help with washing dishes and clearing tables after each meal. To ensure that all of our guests can enjoy tasty food, whatever their dietary needs, we ask that you only take a vegetarian, dairy-free or gluten-free option if you have previously requested it.

Night Round

12am (Midnight)

To keep the site safe and secure the main doors of each building will be locked at midnight for the night. If you are staying in the Davey Village you will be provided with a code that allows you to enter the building after midnight. However, all guests staying in the Main House are asked to be back in the building by midnight. You are of course free to stay up and use the lounges and dining rooms etc. as long as you wish.



Other Information to Note

WIFI

The communal areas of our buildings are equipped with WIFI and you will be given the password on arrival.

Drugs and Alcohol Free Site

At Corrymeela we believe in the importance of making our community a safe and welcoming space for everybody. Because of the sensitive nature of some of the groups we welcome we are a drugs and alcohol free site. However, if your programme allows, you may have the opportunity to visit the pubs in town where there is often live music.

Our Scenic Location

Whether it is hiking up Knocklayde Mountain, walking along the coast or swimming in the sea, Corrymeela's scenic location makes it a great place to explore the outdoors. However if you wish to do so, it is important to note that our weather is notoriously unpredictable so please bring suitable footwear, raincoats and swimwear to embrace the wind, rain and sunshine as it comes!



If you have any further questions please feel free to contact us at either of our centres:

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We can't wait to welcome you to Corrymeela, see you soon!