



*The context for leadership
is growing more complex*

*You're expanding your capacity
to engage with it all*

*You've grown beyond
conventional executive programs*

New sources of inspiration are here

THE BURREN

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Burren College of Art, Ireland

To inquire about receiving an invitation:

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“I am in awe of your simply ingenious creative technique of unstructured structure, that had me gleaning the most profound learning of the leadership style that is required in our troubled world today.”

Colleen Anderson
Cape Town, South Africa

“The Retreat filled me with a centeredness and hope in the face of some of the most challenging days in my country. The experience two years ago was deep and remains a touchstone.”

Michele Cahill

Distinguished Fellow in Education and Youth Development, National Center for Civic Innovation, New York, U.S.A

What’s become clear over the past two years is that most leadership programs, with pre-packaged agendas and knowledge from the past, cannot offer today’s leaders what they’ll need to thrive personally, or to engage their organizations effectively, in the future that is emerging.

Since 2014 we’ve been welcoming globally-minded leaders, who are interested in learning to lead in a different way.

Our annual gathering of artists and leaders is an exploration of life and work. Over four days in May, we’ll lift our gaze beyond achievement, and enter new leadership territory. We’ll connect with a kind of leadership that’s needed in an increasingly uncertain world: deeply relational, imbued with artistry, and interdependent with all of life.

We invite you to meet us at the intersection of artistic and leadership practice.

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The Retreat will offer you enriching opportunities for personal reflection and peer inquiry, creative expression, and exploration in the timeless Burren landscape. It's a space where you can:

- Integrate the inner and outer dimensions of your leadership, by tapping new, more creative sources of development
- Inquire with peers who understand your challenges and are willing to assist you in addressing them
- Find renewal and inspiration that will endure when you return to your leadership responsibilities
- Explore how leadership itself can evolve for the sake of future generations

In addition to taking away what you uniquely come to find, you'll leave the Retreat with:

- A clearer view of your current leadership capacity and your next horizon
- Relationships with an international network of peers who will continue to inspire and support
- Powerful insights and practices that will help you and your organization thrive as you lead complex change

“The Retreat turned out to be the ultimate in affirmation of life and purpose—in the humbling company of experienced corporate leaders, entrepreneurs, visionaries.”

Kate Coleman

Oculoplastic Surgeon, Ireland



“The space where a particular brand of learning ends and beyond which the certainties of management theory no longer apply. The creative space. Where new ideas are born.”

Zainab Khan, CEO Seido, Pakistan

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“I couldn’t have known, when looking for an ‘at the edge’ leadership development experience, what an important chapter in my life the four days would be.”

Kate Billing

Founder of Blacksmith, New Zealand

Your Hosts:



MARTIN HAYES

Martin’s unique sound and mastery of his chosen instrument – the violin – create an astonishing and formidable artistic intelligence.



PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA

Padraig is a poet and theologian, ‘an extraordinary person, whose influence extends quietly and gracefully across the world’.



MARY STACEY

Mary is a designer of transformational leadership spaces that evolve forms of leadership that are more relational, imaginative, and systemic.



REILLY DOW

Reilly is an artist and scribe based in Mexico City. She is fascinated by the unplanned, unfolding aspects of group dialogue and collective learning.



BRENDAN DUNFORD

Brendan is an Ashoka Fellow for Ireland since 2011 and in 2018 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by NUI Galway for his work in championing biodiversity.

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“The inspiration I found in those three days is something I return to on a daily basis, whenever the spirit is flagging.”

Eamon Ryan
Green Party Leader, Ireland

“What an extraordinary experience of peace, beauty, challenge, and exploration. I strongly recommend you take on this experience—it is one of a kind.”

Lynette Denny
Chair of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Groot Shuur Hospital, South Africa

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