

ROBERT BOYLE

SUMMER SCHOOL 2012



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First Robert Boyle Summer School

Lismore, Co. Waterford
15 - 18 July



What is the Summer School?



The Summer School is a celebration of the life, works and legacy of Waterford-born Robert Boyle. Starting on July 15 with an evening BBQ and continuing over four days with talks, walks and discussion, the school is a place where scientists and non-scientists can meet and discuss matters relating to our modern world. This year is particularly significant as it's the 350th anniversary of "Boyle's Law".

Who was Robert Boyle?



Born in Lismore Castle, the 14th child of the "Great Earl of Corke", he was one of the most important intellectual figures of the 17th century. He wrote widely on religion and theology and funded the first translation of the bible into Irish. It is as a scientist however that he is best remembered, known around the world for "Boyle's Law" and regarded as the 'Father of Modern Chemistry'.

Who Should Attend?



This summer school will attract people interested in exploring different aspects of culture. It is not a "scientific conference" and will make this fascinating and often neglected area of our heritage accessible to all. Come and join us for a fun interesting break in this beautiful heritage town.

Programme of Events



Lismore, Co. Waterford
15 - 18 July

Sunday 15 July

Opening Celebrations 7pm

BBQ at the Castle Yard in Lismore Castle

Monday 16 July - Morning Session

The Reinterpretation of Robert Boyle

Professor Michael Hunter FBA, Emeritus Professor of History at Birkbeck College, University of London

Robert Boyle and the Early Society

Dr. Keith Moore, Librarian Royal Society

The "Incomparable Lady Ranelagh": Science and the Life of Boyle's Older Sister

Dr. Michelle DiMeo, Marion L. Brittain Postdoctoral Fellow at the Georgia Institute of Technology

In the afternoon, there will be a costumed re-creation of Boyle's experiments to commemorate the 350th anniversary of Boyle's Law.

In the evening there will be panel discussion related to the day's proceedings

Tuesday 17 July- Morning Session

Boyle as Alchemist

Prof. Lawrence M. Principe, Drew Professor of Humanities at Johns Hopkins University

The Boyle Family's Domestic Medical Remedies

Dr. Michelle DiMeo, Marion L. Brittain Postdoctoral Fellow at the Georgia Institute of Technology

The Scientific Justification for Robert Boyle's Herbal Remedies

Ingrid L. I. Hook, Lecturer in Pharmacognosy, Trinity College Dublin

In the afternoon, there will be a guided tour of the Lismore Castle Gardens: believed to be the only original Jacobean Gardens in Ireland. Here you will learn about the plants and herbs grown for the household including those cultivated for medicinal purposes.

Pre-dinner talk: Robert Boyle's Predictions for the Future of Science

Professor Jonathan Ashmore, FRS, Bernard Katz Professor of Biophysics University College London

After Dinner there will be panel discussion related to the day's proceedings

Wednesday 18 July - Morning

Exploring the heritage of Lismore Area

A guided tour of the Blackwater Valley and surrounding countryside

Booking Information

Full Information at www.robertboyle.ie

Special package rate for all talks - €50

For bookings, information about travel, accommodation or the programme, contact the Lismore Heritage Centre at **058 54975** or ehoward@lismoreheritage.ie