



## GEOPARK ACADEMY 2025

### Burren College of Art, May 24<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Speakers:

09.30 – 09.45: Welcome and Introduction

09.45 – 10.15: John Sims - “The amazing story of BT Young Scientists in Lisdoonvarna.”

10.15 – 10.35: Students of Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna and BTYS award winners:

Oisín Jackson – “Rainfall and water levels in turloughs in the Burren”

Anna Mae O’Driscoll – “Does the limestone in the Burren keep it as warm as people say”

Béibhinn O’Loughlin – “Looking for tiny fossils hidden in the Burren limestone”

10.35- 11.00: Dr. Eamon Doyle (Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark) – “Newly discovered unusual fossil sharks from the Carboniferous rocks of County Clare”

11 – 11.30: COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 12.00: Declan Kelleher – “Logainmneacha Chill Iníne Baoith” **As Gaeilge agus Bearla**

12.00 – 12.30: James Organ – “Birds of the Corofin Wetlands”

12.30 – 13.00: Phoebe Larkin (Burren National Park NPWS) “New studies on bryophytes, dung beetles and spiders in the Burren National Park.”

13.00 – 13.45: LUNCH BREAK

13.45 – 14.15: Elaine Lynch (Field Monument Advisor, County Clare) – “Recent results from the burials at the enclosure in Ballyganner North and the preliminary results of the excavation of a herdsman house in Fahee North”

14.15 – 14.45: Katherine Doe (Final year student, University of Galway) – “Fascinating fossil conodonts from the Clare Shale Formation.”

15.00 – 15.30: Dr. Gordon Bromley (University of Galway) – “Reconstructing the impact of abrupt climate change in the Burren”

15.30 – 15.45: Q&A/Short break

15.45 – 16.15: Daithí Ó Drónaí – “Sounds of the Burren - Using your own culture to make better art “

16.15 – 16.45: Jenni McGuire (Coole Park NPWS)- “An introduction to lichens in the Burren – A sneak preview of a new NPWS Burren lichens booklet”

16.45 – 17.00: Q & A and closing comments.



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