

# Harp Teacher Training with Janet Harbison

**in Glencolmcille, Co. Donegal 2019**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday – Saturday) Week 1**  
**June 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday – Saturday) Week 2**



**This course is open to all harp players (all traditions) interested in oral teaching of the Celtic / Lever / Irish harp.**

No preparation is required and a course manual is included.

**Glencolmcille** is particularly famous not only for its wild Atlantic coastal scenery and dramatic mountain landscape (where a James Bond movie was filmed), but its music, community and spiritual history. With many ancient Stone-age archaeological sites (and standing stones), there is also the history and pilgrim trail of the 8<sup>th</sup> Century Saint Colmcille (or Columba) and his Pilgrimage Day is June 9<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> harp week!

Within a minute's walk of the Centre are pubs and coffee shops and a local 'Folk Museum' where many aspects of life in Glencolmcille are preserved. There is also great shopping at the museum and at the Donegal Knitwear factory with pottery and other hand-crafts available to buy.

**The harp courses are based at Ionad Siuil** (pronounced 'un add shool' - the Walker's Centre) where we are also accommodated in a beautifully situated modern building at the bottom of the main street. Accommodation is in twin rooms (for twin and single occupation), and all are 'en suite'. There are also a number of rooms equipped for the disabled. Catering is provided including some evenings when we dine at 'The Rusty Mackerel' in Teelin for great nights at the hub of traditional music in the region.

**Arrive on Saturday from 4pm onwards** – and dinner is at 7pm (will be a salad plate) which, if you arrive later, is reserved for you. You will depart on the final day after breakfast. Fly into Dublin or Shannon and please see the travel advice below.

**Teachers Daily Schedule** (except Day 3 or 4 which is a 'half-day' allowing for a trip out) is:

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| 8am           | Breakfast  |
| 9.30-10.30am  | Warm-up session for everyone – inc. trainee teachers (who will lead later in week)   |
| 10.30am       | Coffee break   |
| 11 – 12pm     | Teachers observe Janet teaching  |
| 12 – 12.45    | Teacher training Lecture #1  |
| 1pm           | Lunch  |
| 2 – 2.45pm    | Full group class   |
| 2.45 - 3.30pm | Teaching practise with course participants   |
| 3.30 – 6pm    | Time out for Teacher Homework! Also for trips, walks, reading, practise, socialising |
| 6 – 7pm       | Teacher training Lecture #2  |
| 7.30 pm       | Dinner (in-house or at the Rusty Mackerel, Teelin with session afterwards)           |
| Later         | Concerts / Lectures / Quiz night / Sessions in-house / Sessions out in local pubs    |

This Teacher Training course runs along-side a regular harp course and you will be invited to try your teaching skills in Teaching Practise with the students on the course. Your Teacher Training Lectures are additional to the regular course (see Teachers' Daily Schedule) and are as follows:

**Teacher Training Lectures #1 to #10** are:

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| Sunday    | #1  | Teaching Irish Harp: The challenges, rewards and achievement                  |
|           | #2  | Teaching methods and values – The whats, whys and wherefores of Oral Teaching |
| Monday    | #3  | Teaching Physical and Aural skills (P.A.L.M.)                                 |
|           | #4  | Teaching Logic and Mental skills (P.A.L.M.)                                   |
| Tuesday   | #5  | Choosing repertoire – whys and wherefores -                                   |
| Wednesday | #6  | Leading & Looping skills 1  |
|           | #7  | Leading & Looping skills 2  |
| Thursday  | #8  | Planning, progress & reporting  |
|           | #9  | Concerts, Competitions, Ceremonial & Community (Session playing)              |
| Friday    | #10 | Review and looking forward.   |

**Evening programme** is:

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| Day 1 | After dinner recital:  | Irish harping from O Cathain to the Cabaret, a many-faceted tradition |
| Day 2 | After dinner recital:  | Introduction to contemporary harp                                     |
| Day 3 | Session out            |   |
| Day 4 | After dinner recital:  | Concerning Carolan  |
| Day 5 | After dinner activity: | Quiz night!   |
| Day 6 | Session in             |   |

There may be sessions out and in after the recitals also...

Afternoon 3 or 4 (depending on the weather) is a trip out for everyone

## Costs:

| <b>WEEK 1 June 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b> Arrive Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup> from 4pm, Depart Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup> after breakfast    |         |
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| <b>THE COURSE: 6 days</b> of Teacher Training with an adult only course (Includes written materials) with lunches (x6) and dinners (x7) | € 882   |
| Twin Room (Shared room with fully private <i>en suite</i> )   | € 245ea |
| Twin room (with single occupation)  | € 350   |
| Lunches for co-travellers not doing the course @ €10  | € 60    |
| Dinners for co-travellers not doing the course @ €16  | €112    |

| <b>WEEK 2 June 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></b> Arrive Sat. 8 <sup>th</sup> from 4pm, Depart Sat. 15 <sup>th</sup> after breakfast  |         |
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| <b>THE COURSE: 6 days</b> of Teacher Training with students of all ages (Includes written materials) with lunches (x6) and dinners (x7) | € 882   |
| Twin Room (Shared room with fully private <i>en suite</i> )   | € 245ea |
| Twin room (with single occupation)  | € 350   |
| Lunches for co-travellers not doing the course @ €10  | € 60    |
| Dinners for co-travellers not doing the course @ €16  | €112    |

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| Harp rental each week                                      | @ € 50 |
| Extra one-on-one lessons arranged with Janet per half hour | @ € 35 |

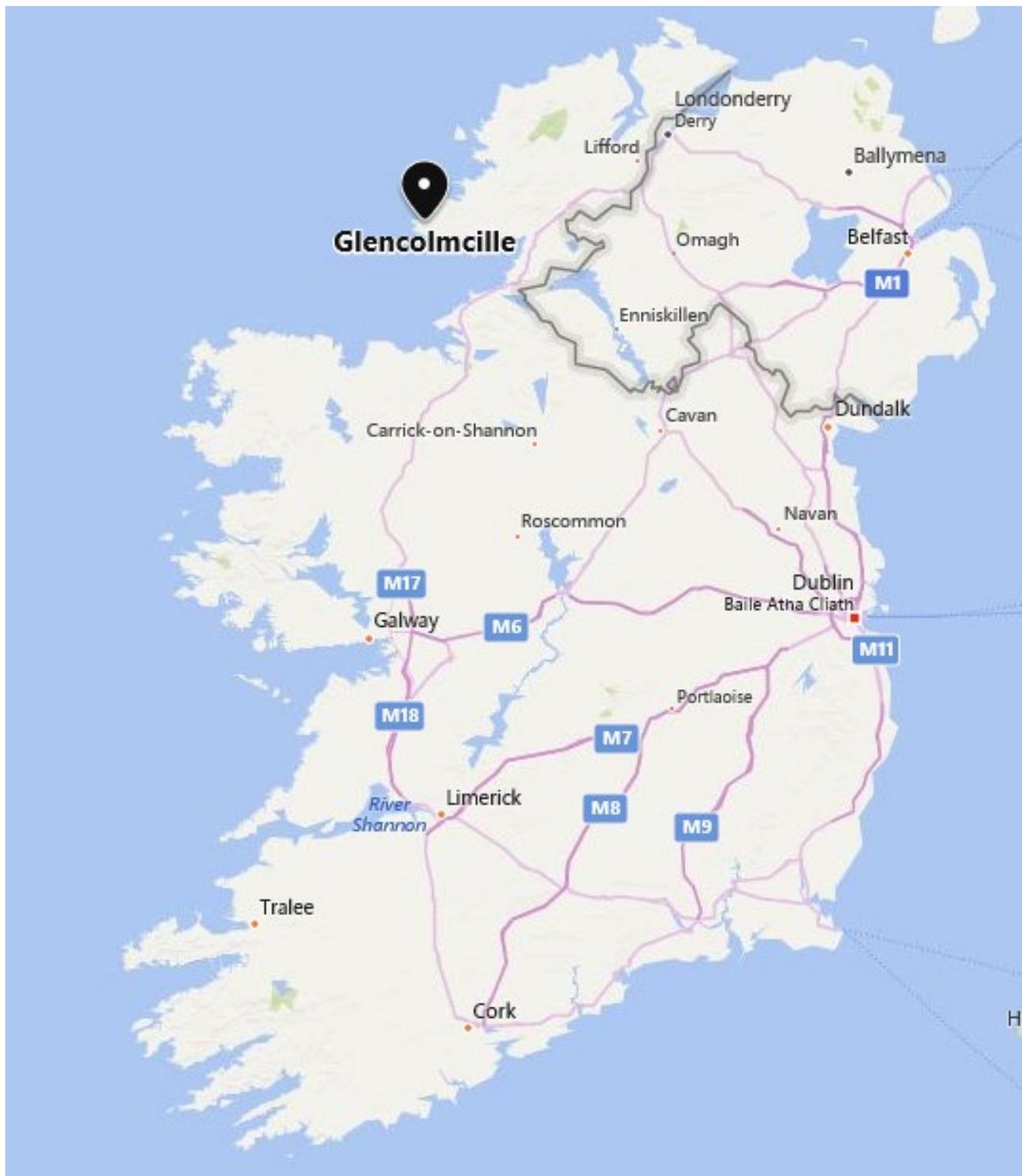
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| <b>DISCOUNT FOR TEACHERS BOOKING BOTH WEEKS</b><br>is less €180 | - €180 |
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## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ADVICE to Glencolmcille, County Donegal

### Arrange to fly into DUBLIN AIRPORT

The Bus Eireann coach just outside the airport arrivals for DUBLIN CENTRAL BUS STATION ('Busarus') where you will take the bus for DONEGAL town. Here you will change for Killybegs and Glencolmcille. See [www.buseireann.ie](http://www.buseireann.ie), email: [info@buseireann.ie](mailto:info@buseireann.ie) or contact Bus Eireann Donegal on +353 (0) 74 9721101. There are also airports at Belfast and Knock but connecting bus transport may be problematic and there are no trains to this region. If arriving at these airports, check out the bus connections and do consider hiring a car!

**Ionad Siul** (The Walker's Centre) is at the bottom of the village of Glencolmcille. Turn left at Biddie's Pub opposite the National School, proceed down the hill and veering left at the war memorial. Ionad Siul is the modern building facing you beside the Fire Station.



## The Glencolmcille Harp Course Gallery

