First Robert Boyle Summer School 2012



Lismore Castle, Co. Waterford 15th - 18th July

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The Summer School is a celebration of the life, works and legacy of Robert Boyle, the "Father of Modern Chemistry" and native of Lismore. Starting on Sunday July 15th 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". It also coincides with the finale of Europe's largest science conference, ESOF, in Dublin.

Who was Robert Boyle?

Robert Boyle, described in his lifetime as the "Philosopher Boyle" 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 by secondary school pupils around the world for "Boyle's Law" and regarded as the 'Father of Modern Chemistry'.

The summer school is for everyone!

The summer school will attract people interested in exploring different aspects of culture. It is not a "scientific conference" but will be of special interest to scientists, engineers, technologists, along with historians, educators and anyone with an interest in the progress of human thought. As well as talks and discussions, there will be a costumed recreation of Boyle's most famous experiments, a guided tour of the castle gardens, a visit to St. Carthage's Cathedral, a walk in the Blackwater Valley and a coach tour of the surrounding countryside. Come and join people with wide interests for a fun interesting break in this beautiful heritage town.