

# "Sailing to an Island": the poetry of Irish and Scottish islands

For generations islands have been an inspiration to Irish and Scottish poets. This lecture will explore how island poems have helped to shape our understanding of nation and community, as well as of spiritual and creative experience.

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A graduate of Trinity College Dublin, where she completed her BA and PhD, Dr Lucy Collins spent a year at Harvard on a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship before taking up a lectureship at the University of Cumbria. In 2008 she was appointed to UCD. Her recent publications include the anthology *Poetry by Women in Ireland 1870-1970* (2012) and a co-edited collection of essays *Aberration in Modern Poetry* (2011). She has published widely on poets from Ireland, Britain and America and has a particular interest in gender issues and in ecocriticism. A co-edited anthology, *The Irish Poet and the Natural World: An Anthology of Verse in English from the Tudors to the Romantics*, is due for publication in 2014.

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