

Rites of Passage Council

The Isle of Inis Mor`, IRELAND



**Nine-Day Ceremonial Encampment With Vision Quest Ceremony
May 17-25, 2009**

A beautiful island off the west coast of Ireland...a place of the Ancestors.

Inis Mor, Ireland is a small secluded island with rolling hills and many, many sacred stones. The Atlantic ocean is to the west with sheer cliffs and crashing waves.... and the Celtic Sea is to the east with lush, soft green fields that meet the sea. Inis Mor is abundant with ancient ruins, tombs/dolmens, hermit's stone huts, forts, holy wells, and sacred sites. For more information about The Isle of Inis more click: www.daramolloy.com

~Reawakening our Indigenous Wisdom and Opening the Heart Of Compassion~

Program Experience Includes:

The Experience of Village Life, Connecting with the Ancient ruins and energies of the Ancestors: dolmens, tombs, stone huts, castles, forts, sacred stones....Ritual Process Healing - Emotional Release/Transmutation, Vision Quest Ceremony, Dancing and Singing, Drumming, Purification Ceremony, Healing For Life Transitions/Expansions, Resolving Past Emotional Wounds, Personal Myth Making and Story Telling, Journeying, The Use Of Initiatory Symbols and Objects, Self Generated Ceremony and Ritual, Four Seasonal Shields Of Initiation, Ecopsychology, Wilderness Safety Procedures, and Psychodynamics Of Fasting, Exposure and Solitude.....

Rites of initiation passages are deeply embedded throughout history and cultures around the world. The fasting prophets of Judeo Christianity, the questing Ancestors of the Aboriginal Dreamtime, the pilgrimages of the Buddha and Mohammed, the great Matriarchal deities, the Prayer Fast Ceremonies of the Celtic tradition and the Vision Quest Ceremonies of Native Americans, all served to assist in shifting one's consciousness as they moved from one station in life to the next, continually asking and answering the question "Who am I?"



Only a short walk behind our Lodge in Ireland

Over the ages we have experienced a decline in many of the meaningful rites of passage and initiation practices for our people. The once sacred and transformative ceremonies and rituals that infused early cultures with a sense of personal vision, community responsibility and a deeply rooted connection to Earth and Spirit have often been replaced by "pseudo-initiations" that do not facilitate or support the needed shift in consciousness required to enter into new life stations and responsibilities such as: conception, baptism, confirmation, graduation, marriage, divorce, change in career, times of psychological or spiritual crisis, expansion of one's awareness and connection with nature and All Our Relations, and the developmental life passages of adolescence, adulthood and elder hood.

With the absence of such initiatory experiences we may unconsciously abandon our personal wisdom and truth; adopting the values and stories of a larger culture that often follows a spiritually devoid mythology of consumerism and economic advancement at the expense of it's children and elders of all species.

***** If you are called** to co-create this ancient initiatory passage at this time in your life, please send along an e-mail or call for more information... If you are interested in receiving a partial scholarship to assist you, please send along an e-mail to one of the Guides to request an Application, and describe your intention for this Initiation at least 12 weeks before the date the program begins.

Program Cost: Sliding Scale: \$1960 - \$3750
To register, send your deposit of \$300 and letter of intention to address below.

Program Cost includes food, transportation, all activities, and lodging once we pick you up at the ferry dock on the island of Inis Mor, Ireland.

You may pay via credit card (add additional 4% of payment) using PayPal on the website: www.RitesofPassageCouncil.com/register or mail your deposit, paperwork and/or tuition payment to:

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Mission Statement

The Rites of Passage Council is a 501 c (3) non profit organization dedicated to supporting personal growth and connection in community. We provide core training and experience with ecopsychology, ritual process healing, ceremonial initiation and Earth-based traditions that support soulful awareness and evolution. We advance no singular spiritual belief system, rather, we support the opening of compassion and a trust in the Spirit of one's own understanding.

Rites of Passage Council Guides



Kedar Brown, M.Ed., LPC, CHT: Kedar is a licensed psychotherapist with over 23 years of clinical practice and a certified Hakomi Therapist. He is co-founder and a ceremonial guide of Rites Of Passage Council, Inc. A 501 (c) 3 non profit organization in Asheville, NC. Kedar blends many creative and expressive forms of depth psychology with more ancient methods of healing through wilderness initiatory passage rites for men, women and teens. Kedar is a guide trained in the pan-cultural methods of vision questing by Steven Foster and Meredith Little in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and has apprenticed with the Men's Leadership Alliance in the Rocky Mountains using methods of ceremonial healing and community building among men. Kedar practices near Asheville NC. Kedar@RitesofPassageCouncil.com

"Kedar is a skilled, compassionate, real professional... a guide trained in wilderness passage rites, who cares for the health of his family and community."
--Steven Foster, Author Book of the Vision Quest

Theresa Sykes-Brittany, MS: Theresa is co-founder and a ceremonial guide of Rites of Passage Council, Inc. With a background in clinical psychology and 20 years experience providing spiritual retreats, Theresa offers her personal and professional insights through guided imagery, journeying energy transmutation, toning, ceremony / ritual, and the process of recovery. Theresa practices near Asheville, NC.
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The Ancestors will be assisting in all Ceremonial Work.