You are registered to attend the GLOBE Learning Expedition and/or GLOBE Annual Meeting in Killarney, Ireland. Below are some helpful tips to refer to as you prepare to travel to the meeting as well as basic information about what to expect when you arrive.

Map of Ireland
Map of Killarney

Upon Arrival
Depending on what airport you are flying into, there are several ground transportation options. Please go to this link to plan your ground transportation. 
Check out the infographic on traveling to Killarney from Dublin as an easy reference.

The Conference Hotel
Gleneagle Hotel and Apartments
Muckross Road
Killarney, V93 V6WF, Ireland
Tel: +353 064 66 36000

Shuttle Service
The shuttle bus will be free of charge from the Killarney train station to the hotel. The schedule and frequency for arrivals and departures will be extended based on actual train arrivals and departures. The shuttle bus meets all trains, so look for the Gleneagle shuttle.

GLOBE Registration Desk
The GLE Registration desk will be open during the following hours:
30 June: 7:15 am - 9:00 am and 12:00 noon - 4:30 pm
1 July: 7:15 am - 4:45 pm
2, 3 and 5 July: 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
4 and 6 July: 7:30 am - 12:00 noon
**Annual Meeting - 01 July 2018**
The Annual Meeting starts at 8:45 am on 01 July in the Brehon Banquet Suite 1. Pre-registration is required. Lunch will be provided for participants registered for the Annual Meeting.

**Safety Meeting for Students and Teachers Sunday, 1 July 2018**
On Sunday, 01 July at 2:45 pm, we are having a safety meeting for students, teachers, chaperones, and other interested adults in the Mangerton room of the Gleneagle Hotel. This meeting will end in plenty of time to get on the 5:00 pm bus for the opening parade and reception. Make every effort to attend! If you are unable to make it, we will have slides you can view later.

**GLOBE Ball Rolling/Parade Through Downtown Killarney/Opening Networking Event**
The GLOBE Learning Expedition Opening Event will occur on 1 July 2018 in the evening. **Buses will load and depart at 5:00 pm** from the Gleneagle Hotel for transport to the Killarney House. Once on the bus and when you arrive at the Killarney House you will be given instructions on how to line up for the parade that will take place through the town of Killarney. The parade will be followed by a Welcome Reception at the Killarney House and gardens. During the reception there will be welcomes from GLOBE (Dr. Tony Murphy, Dr. Julie Malmberg, Anthony Purcell); the Killarney House (Pat Dawson); and the US Embassy in Dublin (Kevin Furey). These evening events will conclude at about 8:45 pm. Bus transportation back to the hotel will be provided.

**GLOBE Learning Expedition General Sessions**
The general sessions of the GLOBE Learning Expedition will begin on Monday 2 July at 8:45am in the INEC. Remember that if you are staying at the Gleneagle, **your room rate includes breakfast** at the Flesk Restaurant. The Flesk starts serving breakfast at 7:00 am each day. If you are **not staying at the Gleneagle Hotel then breakfast is on your own** and at your own expense.

**Agendas**
Final agendas will be available when you get your packets at registration, but here are draft agendas for multiple aspects of the week:

- [Summary Agenda](#)
- [Annual Meeting Agenda](#)
- [Professional Development Agenda](#)
- [Adult Web Sessions](#)
General Weather Info and What to be Prepared for During Field Site Visits
July is the warmest month in Killarney with an average temperature of 61° F (16° C) during the day and 55° F (13° C) during the evening. July is also typically one of the driest months but there still is a good chance for rain and/or fog on any given day. Weather is unpredictable in Ireland so bring layers of clothing as this is the best way to deal with weather changes. There will be a lot of time spent outside, especially for the students so they should bring raincoats, hats, and appropriate shoes for outdoor wear, as well as walking to town. Daylight will be long at this time of the year; sunrise is at 5:00am and sunset is at 10:00pm, resulting in about 17 hours of daylight (not sunshine though but daylight!).

Midges and Ticks
Midges are a nuisance, and ticks can be a real danger. To avoid being bitten, follow these simple steps:

Walk in the middle of the path to avoid picking up ticks from vegetation. Try not to sit on the ground in vegetated areas. Check your clothes and skin frequently and especially before going to sleep.

Keep covered. Midges and ticks cannot bite through fabric. Tuck your trousers into your socks and wear light-colored clothing so ticks and midges are easier to see. If you have them, wear your insect-repellent clothing. If you do not, bring and regularly apply insect repellent with DEET.

WiFi Availability
Ireland is well connected on WiFi. All the Dublin city buses and Irish Rail trains have free WiFi for your travel. In addition, the Gleneagle hotel offers free WiFi as do most restaurants in Killarney.

Group Photo and Closing Event
The Group Photo will be held in front of the nearby Brehon Hotel (weather permitting) at 6:00 pm on Thursday 5 July 2018.

The closing networking event (banquet) will begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday 5 July. If you would like to invite friends or family to join you for the final banquet at the GLE on Thursday, 05 July at 7:00 pm, registration is now open. The cost is $55 USD for each
additional guest for the banquet. Please note that if you have already registered, you do not need to register separately for the banquet. This cost is already included in your GLE registration. Also, additional banquet guests may only attend the banquet. Registration for the entire GLE is full.

In order to add banquet guests to your registration, follow these steps:

1. Login to the registration site. https://www.regonline.com/globelearningexpedition2018-BanquetGuest
Use the email address and password you used to register initially. If you forgot your password, select the "Forgot Your Password?" link.
2. You will then see your name (and potentially other registrants) listed on a general registration page. Click on the blue button that says "Continue".
3. On the next page, click on the link that says "Make Changes to Additional Banquet Guests" - this will you take you to where you can add additional people for the banquet only.
4. Enter the number of extra banquet guests in the "Quantity" box and hit continue.
5. Enter your credit card information and hit "Finish" at the bottom to complete your purchase. You will receive an email confirmation.

We will include tickets for the extra banquet guests in the name badges of the registered individuals. A GLE name badge or ticket will be required for all people attending the banquet. The deadline for adding guests to your registration is Friday 15 June.

**Meals provided with your Registration Fee**
All group meals provided during the GLE will be prepared according to Halal practices and standards. However, meals provided in the hotel restaurants (including breakfast each morning) cannot be guaranteed to meet Halal practices and standards. Meals provided include:

- 01 July: Heavy hors d'oeuvres
- 02 July: Lunch, Dinner, Snacks
- 03 July: Lunch, Dinner, Snacks
- 04 July: No meals provided
- 05 July: Lunch, Dinner, Snacks
- 06 July: No meals provided

Remember that breakfast is included with your hotel reservation if you are staying at the Gleneagle Hotel and Apartments.
Restaurants in the Hotel
-The Flesk Restaurant located in the Gleneagle
-O’D’s located in the Gleneagle

Money and Currency Exchange Opportunities
The country of Ireland uses Euros as their official form of currency. There are currency exchange offices and ATMs located at the airports and throughout Killarney.

Presenters
All presenters (students and adults) should bring their presentations on a thumb drive/flash drive. Conference laptops will be available in each presentation room and presenters should upload their presentation onto the conference laptop prior to the start of their presentation session. Moderators will be able to assist in each presentation room. In each room, we will have a laptop, projector, and screen. We will not have audio capability, so please do not bring videos to share. Additionally, there is no printing onsite. If you need to share any printed material, plan on printing it ahead of time and bringing it with you.

What to Wear
July is the warmest month in Killarney with an average temperature of 16°C (61°F). Even though July is one of Killarney’s driest months, it rains frequently, on average, about 76.2 millimeters (3 inches) of rain for the month.

In general, the GLOBE Learning Expedition is a casual event. We suggest you bring a GLOBE logoed shirt (if you have one) to wear in the opening event parade through downtown Killarney (see above “GLOBE Ball Rolling/Parade….”) For students and chaperones participating in the field site excursions, plan to wear long pants, hats, long sleeves and sturdy shoes. Rain gear may be needed. If you would like to participate in stream activities, also bring waders or boots that can get wet. For the final banquet, traditional wear is encouraged. This event is traditionally more formal than the rest of the week. During the week, general business casual is perfectly acceptable. Be comfortable. Dress in layers as the weather can change quickly. Climate control in the meeting rooms take time to adjust, so you’ll want to be prepared.

Release Forms
All participants need to submit activity, behavior, and media release forms. If your forms are not completed, your on-site registration process will be greatly delayed. If student forms are not completed (and signed by either a parent or legal guardian) students will be unable participate. The forms can be found here:
Send completed forms to meetings@globe.gov.

Fun Activities
Looking for fun things to do around Killarney before or after the GLE? Or for your free time on Wednesday afternoon? We've prepared an Activity Guide to help you with your planning. Also, you can learn more about Ireland here!

Don’t Forget Your Travel Adapter Plug!

We look forward to seeing you in Ireland.