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Stories from Abroad

London, England

Meet Maggie Essner, a junior at Notre Dame, who created this [video](#) as she reminisces about her time in London this past spring.

"I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to study abroad in London! Despite the semester getting cut short, I was able to travel to five different cities with my friends and explore a ton of London each week. I am very grateful for Notre Dame's program and impressed with how immersive the classes were and the chances we had to see theatre productions, take guided walks with our professors, and visit some pretty impressive museums. Hopefully, I'll have the chance to return to the UK someday, but for now, I have some pretty great memories to last me."



News



Chinese community responds to COVID-19

In response to the global pandemic, members of the University of Notre Dame community with connections to China have donated nearly \$40,000 for personal protective equipment. The donations are intended for health workers and others in St. Joseph County who are responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. [Read more](#) about the efforts of students, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff to source goods and resources for the local South Bend community.

Student Voices

Students share their experiences

When Notre Dame students left for spring break, they did not anticipate not being able to return. They were shocked to hear on March 11 that the classes were going to go online. Many students in the US stayed home, but the study abroad students made plans to immediately return back to the US. Junior [Tatiana Perneti](#) is studying abroad in [Angers, France](#) this spring and writes about her experience. She joins several other ND students who share stories during this challenging time.



Happenings

Ciara's Irish Coffee Cake

Method

Preheat oven to 175C (350F/325F).

Cake

1. Brew a strong pot of coffee.
2. Beat butter and sugar together until creamy.
3. Add 1 tbsp of coffee.
4. Crack each egg into the mixture separately, beating well after each one.
5. Add and incorporate the flour gradually, powder, and 2 tbsp of cocoa powder.
6. Add 1 tsp vanilla extract, 2 tsp of baking powder, and 2 tbsp of cocoa powder.
7. Mix until well incorporated and add butter to a bowl and spread around.
8. Put in the oven for 40mins without opening the oven.
9. Check and add 10 mins if it is still wobbly/just spring to touch.

Icing

10. Combine icing sugar and butter and beat until it forms a ball.
11. Add milk, vanilla extract, and another dose of coffee (to taste).
12. Let the cake cool before icing. Add cocoa powder and whisk to discover.
14. Enjoy with a cup of coffee!

Dublin, Ireland

Despite not currently being able to host students in Ireland, the [Dublin Global Gateway](#) and [Kylemore Global Center](#) have been connecting with the Notre Dame community virtually to share a bit of Irish culture through food. Visit the [Dublin](#) and [Kylemore](#) Instagram pages to find several delicious recipes and then try your hand at making Eimear's Traditional Irish Scones, Ciara's Irish Coffee Cake, and Chef David's Millionaire Shortbread.

Share your results with Dublin and Kylemore on Instagram by tagging them in your photos or videos - [@unddublin](#) and [@undkylemore](#)! Follow all of Notre Dame's Global Gateways and Centers on social media to see how staff abroad are engaging with Notre Dame students virtually.

Features

Tips for Staying at Home

Meet [Emilia Stawicki](#), from the [London Global Gateway](#). Emilia's job at the front desk of Fischer Hall has changed dramatically since she started working from home. [Read her top tips](#) for keeping yourself happy and healthy when you can't leave the house.



NDI Staff Overseas



Meet Robert Black

Robert Black has been working as a program manager at the [Dublin Global Gateway](#) since 2018. He oversees undergraduate academic programming in Dublin, providing pastoral, academic, and administrative support to the Notre Dame students across our host institutions: Trinity College Dublin, Dublin City University, and University College Dublin.

Robert also organizes immersive cultural programming to encourage Dublin Domers to encounter Ireland outside of the traditional diasporic experience. He loves watching students grapple with Ireland's complicated and often misunderstood history, identity, and culture.

As a Notre Dame alumnus, Robert is blessed by the familial community around O'Connell House, the vibrant faith community at [Newman University Church](#), and the international community of Notre Dame students who gather each semester for the Pan-European retreat at the [Kylemore Global Centre](#). In his free time, he finds joy in shaking the chandeliers teaching Irish ceili dancing to students at O'Connell House.

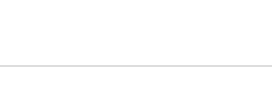
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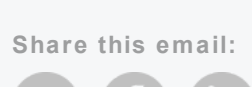
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