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*A History
of the Development
of the Gardens at
Lissadell
Demesne*

An Illustrated Talk by
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at the Princess Grace Irish Library

**Monday 14 October 2013
at 19:30**

*My Heart was very far away
I saw Ben Bulbin's ruse and fire
Shining afar o'er Sligo Bay*

Eva Gore-Booth

Overlooking the northern shore of Sligo Bay in north western Ireland, Lissadell Demesne is famous as the birthplace of the Irish patriot Constance Gore-Booth (Countess Markievicz) and was immortalised in the poetry of William Butler Yeats. The Gore-Booth family lived there from the late seventeenth century until 2003 when the estate was sold.



Lissadell went through many changes over the centuries. This lecture charts its rise and development – from its beginnings to its eventual incarnation as one of the largest and most important demesnes in the country in the early 20th century, providing employment for hundreds of people, developing new strains of bulbs, flowers and vegetables and inspiring poets and artists with its beauty and fecundity.

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After studying law at Trinity College Dublin and the Honourable Society of the King's Inns, she practised at the bar in Dublin for a number of years before studying landscape architecture at University College Dublin. She holds a PhD from the School of Architecture of the National University of Ireland for research into the history of Irish demesnes in the 17th century.

Vandra has written and lectured extensively on garden history and is currently finishing a book on Irish Demesne Landscapes 1660-1740.

Reservations are necessary due to the limited number of seats. Entry 10 EUR per person payable at the door.



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