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# Welcome to Dublin Book Festival 2023

WE ARE VERY EXCITED to welcome you back to the Dublin Book Festival! We have five days packed with discussions, workshops, walking tours, book launches and so much more.

We have an array of venues hosting DBF events over the five days including National Botanic Gardens, Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park, Chester Beatty, The Glass Mask Theatre, The Wild Duck and many more! We will return to the wonderful Dublin Castle, our festival hub from Friday 10th November - Sunday 12th November.

Explore Dublin's beautiful buildings, walkways, canals, gardens, bookshops and libraries as we celebrate Ireland's finest writers, artists and illustrators.

We are thrilled to be part of Science Week 2023 and our programme features informative and inspiring discussions, walking tours, workshops and family events exploring themes of ecology, sustainability, the climate, the environment, the natural landscape and Ireland's wildlife, and how we as humans interact and have such a profound effect on these.

We hope you enjoy exploring Dublin, day and night, where Ireland's writers will be celebrated by young and old as we immerse ourselves in our magical world of books!



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julianne Siron".

**Julianne Siron,**  
Festival Director

## VENUES

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### THE PRINTWORKS

Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

### IWML

Windmill Quarter,  
Dublin 2

### IRISH WRITERS CENTRE

19 Parnell Square North,  
Dublin 1

### ROYAL HIBERNIAN ACADEMY OF ARTS (RHA)

15 Ely Place, Dublin 2

### MARSH'S LIBRARY

St. Patrick's Close, Dublin 8

### ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY

19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2

### GLASS MASK THEATRE

41 Dawson Street, Dublin 2

### THE WILD DUCK

17-20 Sycamore Street,  
Dublin 2

### DLR LEXICON

Queens Road, Dun  
Laoghaire

### THE DIGITAL HUB

10-13 Thomas Street,  
Dublin 8

### CHESTER BEATTY

Dublin Castle, Dublin 2

### FARMLEIGH HOUSE & ESTATE

White's Road, Phoenix  
Park, Dublin 15

### NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

7-8 Kildare Street, Dublin 2

### THE GUTTER BOOKSHOP

Cow's Lane, Temple Bar,  
Dublin 8

### NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Glasnevin, Dublin 9

### RDS LIBRARY

Merrion Road, Dublin 4

### FIGHTING WORDS

Behan Square, 12-16  
Russell Street, Dublin 1

### MOLI - MUSEUM OF LITERATURE IRELAND

UCD Naughton Joyce  
Centre, 86 St Stephen's  
Green, Dublin 2

### DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES

Coolock Library  
Dolphin's Barn Library  
Phibsborough Library  
Terenure Library  
Raheny Library  
Rathmines Library  
Ballymun Library  
Pearse Street Library  
Ringsend Library  
Central Library



## FESTIVAL INFORMATION

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### BOOKING INFORMATION

All events should be booked via our website: [www.dublinbookfestival.com](http://www.dublinbookfestival.com)

School bookings are made by email:  
[info@dublinbookfestival.com](mailto:info@dublinbookfestival.com)

For booking queries or difficulties contact:  
[info@dublinbookfestival.com](mailto:info@dublinbookfestival.com)

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# MAIN PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER

### RTÉ RADIO 1 ARENA

Paul Lynch and Mike McCormack  
Townhall, 1WML. 7:00pm

### PAPER LANTERNS WRITING WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Online. 7:00pm

## THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER

### LITERARY PRODUCER EVENT

Valerie Bistany and Julianne Siron  
Irish Writers Centre, 11:00am

### THE WATERS AND THE WILD WALKING AND SKETCHING TOUR

Gwen Wilkinson  
Dublin Bikes Station at Hanover Quay  
East, Dublin 2. 1:00pm

### FROM TEN TILL DUSK

Cristín Leach in conversation with Dr.  
Abigail O'Brien PRHA  
RHA Gallery. 1:00pm

### GHOSTLY STORIES

Amy Clarkin, Oein DeBhairduin and  
Anne Doyle  
Marsh's Library. 5:45pm

### EMERGING WRITERS

Aoife Fitzpatrick, Clara Kumagai and  
Declan Toohey in conversation  
with Jan Carson  
The Wild Duck. 5:45pm

### POETRY IRELAND INTRODUCTIONS CÉADLÍNTE

Glass Mask Theatre. 6:00pm

### CULTURE IN A TIME OF WAR

Royal Irish Academy. 6:30pm

### PROPERBOOK 2023: THE BUSINESS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick, Mary Murphy  
and Sarah Webb; Aoife Murray, Ivan  
O'Brien Matthew Parkinson-Bennett  
The Studio, dlr LexIcon. 6:30pm

### HAUNTED TALES

Amy Clarkin and Oein DeBhairduin  
in conversation with Chandrika  
Narayanan-Mohan  
The Wild Duck. 7.15pm

## AT A GLANCE

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### WORDS AND MUSIC

Edel Coffey, Ronan Hession and Megan Nolan in conversation with Kieran McGuinness

Glass Mask Theatre. 8:15pm

### TALKATIVES

Salamay, The Poet Geoff, Cormac Fitz, Leon Dunne, Kestine, Jamie and Freddy Black. Hosted by Dagogo Hart of WeAreGriot and Thembe Mvula

The Wild Duck. 8:30pm

## FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

### ANNUAL IRISH PUBLISHERS CONFERENCE: TRADE DAY 2023

Richard Charkin, Andres Guadamuz, Sinead Brady, Nielsen Book Scan 2022

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 9:00am

### EFFECTIVELY CHAIRING LITERARY EVENTS

Anna Carey

Museum of Literature Ireland. 11:00am

### POCKET FORESTS WORKSHOP

Catherine Cleary and Ashe Conrad-Jones

The Digital Hub. 11:30am

### LUNCHTIME POETRY READINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Majed Mujed (with translator Mustafa Keshkeia), Annemarie Ní Churreáin and Yairen Jerez Columbié

Chester Beatty. 12:00pm

### SHIFTING POETIC LANDSCAPES

Kimberly Campanello, Gail McConnell and Thembe Mvula in conversation with Tapasya Narang

Chester Beatty. 1:00pm

### ALL THE WAY BY THE GRAND CANAL WALKING TOUR

Jo Kerrigan

Patrick Kavanagh Statue, Lock C4, Grand Canal. 1:00pm

### THE UNSETTLING SUPERNATURAL

John Connolly, Sarah Davis-Goff and Deirdre Sullivan in conversation with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 6:00pm

### DUBLIN REVIEW CONVERSATIONS:

#### THE EDIT SUITE

Liam Harrison, Lisa McInerney and Eimear Ryan in conversation with Brendan Barrington

Glass Mask Theatre. 6:00pm



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### **SUNDAY MISCELLANY - A SELECTION, 2018–2023**

Royal Irish Academy  
7:15pm

### **IWC BILINGUAL TAKIN' THE MIC** The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 7:30pm

**LITERARY (UN)BELONGINGS**  
Suad Aldarra in conversation  
with Rita Sakr  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 7:30pm

**POETRY IRELAND**  
**INTRODUCTIONS CÉADLÍNTE**  
Featuring Special Guest Inua Ellams  
Glass Mask Theatre. 8:15pm

## **SATURDAY** **11th NOVEMBER**

**DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES**  
**READERS' MORNING**  
Anne Griffin and Una Mannion in  
conversation with Eoin McNamee.  
Kevin Curran, Olivia Fitzsimons and  
Michael Magee in conversation with  
Lisa McInerney. John Boyne and  
William Wall in conversation  
with Paula Shields  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 10:00am

**PROSE AND POSE POETRY YOGA:  
LESSONS OF INFLICTED SELF  
CONTENTMENT**  
Paul Donnelly and Dani Gill  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 10:00am

**A LITERARY WALKING TOUR**  
Pat Liddy  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 11:00am

**MARSH'S LIBRARY**  
**WALKING TOUR**  
Marsh's Library. 11:00am

**NEW VOICES**  
Majella Kelly and Mark Ward in  
conversation with Dani Gill  
Chester Beatty. 11:45am

**RADICAL! WOMEN AND THE  
IRISH REVOLUTION**  
**WALKING TOUR**  
Julie Morriessy  
St James' Church, James Street. 12:00pm

**WINTER FEASTS**  
Dee Laffan and Blanca Valencia  
Farmleigh House  
12:00pm

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### **MOUNT PLEASANT SQUARE WALKING TOUR**

Trevor White

Mount Pleasant Sq, Ranelagh - meeting  
point The Hill Pub. 12:00pm

### **THE WATER'S WAY**

Doreen Cunningham and Alice Kinsella  
in conversation with Cristín Leach

The Lab, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire.  
12:00pm

### **THE DIARIES OF KATHLEEN LYNN - REVEALING HISTORY THROUGH PERSONAL WRITING**

Dr Mary McAuliffe and Harriet  
Wheelock, Dr Martina Devlin  
and Dr Margaret Ward

National Library of Ireland. 1:00pm

### **BOOK LAUNCH: IN THE FOUL RAG-AND-BONE SHOP BY JACK HARTE**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 1:00pm

### **ANONYMS**

Inua Ellams

1WML, Windmill Quarter. 1:00pm

### **THE STINGING FLY - THIS SO-CALLED WRITING LIFE**

Sheila Armstrong, Jan Carson and  
Sheena Patel in conversation with  
Olivia Fitzsimons

Chester Beatty. 1:15pm

### **OUR STORIES: A CONFERENCE CELEBRATING LGBTQ+ BOOKS AND PUBLISHING**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 1:30pm

### **THE LAMPLIGHTERS OF THE PHOENIX PARK**

James and Frank Flanagan in  
conversation with Donal Fallon

Farmleigh, Phoenix Park. 2:00pm

### **WINTER PAPERS LAUNCH**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 2:15pm

### **A LITERARY WALKING TOUR**

Pat Liddy

The Printworks. 2:15pm

### **MEET THE PUBLISHERS**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 2:30pm

### **MARSH'S LIBRARY WALKING TOUR**

Marsh's Library. 3:00pm

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### **AN TIARNA GEORGE HILL AGUS POBAL GHAOTH DOBHAIR**

Cathal Póirtéir i mbun comhrá le  
Éilís Ní Dhuibhne

Chester Beatty. 3:00pm

### **WRITING HISTORY**

Hazel Gaynor, Liz McManus and Mary  
Morrissy in conversation with  
Niall MacMonagle

National Library of Ireland. 3:00pm

### **TERRY HAYES IN CONVERSATION WITH ALEX CLARK**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 3:30pm

### **LITERARY MAGAZINE LAUNCH: HOWL NEW IRISH WRITING**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 4:45pm

### **AN POST IRISH BOOK AWARDS 2023 – SHORTLISTED AUTHORS PANEL DISCUSSION**

Glass Mask Theatre. 6:00pm

### **CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF STORIES WITH NEW ISLAND**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 6:30pm

### **BOOK LAUNCH: READING RITES BY EVELYN CONLON**

The Gutter Bookshop. 6:30pm

### **THE LIGHT OF HOME: UKRAINE AND IRELAND**

A celebration of Irish and  
Ukrainian Culture

1WML, Windmill Quarter. 8:00pm

### **SONDER LAUNCH**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 8:00pm

### **PJ GALLAGHER IN CONVERSATION WITH AOIFE BARRY**

Glass Mask Theatre. 8:15pm

## **SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER**

### **HISTORY OF IRELAND IN MAPS PAT LIDDY**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 11:00am

### **THESE ARE MY PEOPLE POETRY WALKING TOUR**

Breda Wall Ryan

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin  
11:00am

### **WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WALKING TOUR**

Carsten Krieger

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin  
12:00pm

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### CHANNEL LAUNCH

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 12:00pm

### ASYLUM: INSIDE GRANGEGORMAN

Brendan Kelly in conversation with  
Caelainn Hogan

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 12:30pm

### DUBLIN: A WRITER'S CITY WALKING TOUR

Chris Morash

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 12:30pm

### TACKLING THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL CRISIS

Joanna Donnelly, Lorna Gold and  
Éanna Ní Lamhna

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 1:15pm

### JOHN HUME - THE PERSUADER

Stephen Walker in conversation with  
Miriam O'Callaghan

RDS Library. 1:30pm

### DIRTY LINEN

Martin Doyle in conversation  
with Joe Duffy

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 1:30pm

### THE NATURALIST'S BOOKSHELF THE 'WILD' WORD IN NATURE WRITING: SHIFTING MEANINGS, CLASHING RESPONSES

Lisa Fingleton, Anja Murray, Gwen  
Wilkinson and Paddy Woodworth in  
conversation with Luke Clancy

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin  
2:00pm

### CLIMATE ACTION: JOINING THE FIGHT

Catherine Cleary and Michael Kelly

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 2:00pm

### A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 2.30pm

### ANNE ENRIGHT AND CLAIRE KILROY

In conversation with Jessica Traynor

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
2.45pm - 3.45pm,

### SHIFTING SENTIMENT: MEDIA INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC OPINION

Dermot Meleady, Eileen Culloty and  
Jade Wilson in conversation with  
Tommy Graham

RDS Library. 3:00pm

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### BRINGING BACK OUR FORESTS

Catherine Cleary, Paul McMahon and Éanna Ní Lamhna in conversation with Richard Nairn

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 3:00pm

### DUB-LINES: A CELEBRATION OF BRENDAN KENNELLY

MoLI. 3pm

### WORDS FOR CHANGE

Sinead Moriarty and Colm O'Regan in conversation with Oisín McGann

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 4:00pm

### FROM STEM CELLS TO STARS: POETRY AND PHYSICS

Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan, Saoirse Anton, Rucha Benare, Iggy McGovern and Rosamund Taylor

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. 4.30pm



## FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

### SATURDAY 11th NOVEMBER

#### CHILDREN'S STORY WRITING WORKSHOP

With Fighting Words

Fighting Words

11:00am, 8 - 10 yrs

#### DBF BOOKSHOP

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

11:00am, all the family

#### WILD CITY

Ashwin Chacko

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

11.30am, 5+ yrs

#### LITTLE WOLF ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

Peter Donnelly

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

12.30pm, 4+ yrs

#### BOOK SWAP

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

12:00pm, all the family

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### **DUBLIN CASTLE FAMILY TREASURE HUNT**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
12:00pm, all the family

### **CREATIVE STATION**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
12.30pm, all the family

### **GODS DON'T CRY**

With Ellen Ryan and Conor Merriman  
DBF Tent, The Printworks  
1:30pm, 7+ yrs

### **THE 'DOUBLE TROUBLE' PIRATE TREASURE HUNT**

Alan Nolan  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
2.45pm, all the family

## **SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER**

### **THE MINISTRY OF UNLADYLIKE ACTIVITY**

Robin Stevens  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
10:00am, 8+yrs

### **DUBLIN CASTLE FAMILY TREASURE HUNT**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
11:00am, all the family

### **CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
11:00am, all the family

### **CREATIVE STATION**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
11:00am, all the family

### **DBF BOOKSHOP**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
11:00am, all the family

### **MILLY MCCARTHY AND THE IRISH DANCING DISASTER**

Leona Forde & Karen Harte  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
11:00am, all the family

### **MIND MAGIC**

Keith Barry  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
11.15am, all the family

### **THE WIZARD'S DAGGER**

Fiona Sherlock  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
12:00pm, 9+yrs

### **CBI BOOK CLINIC**

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
12:00pm - 4pm, all the family

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### WITH JUNIOR EINSTEINS

The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
1:00pm, all the family

### WILD WONDERS

Aga Grandowicz and Gina McCrudden  
The Printworks, Dublin Castle  
3:00pm, 6 - 10 yrs

## SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

### WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER

#### THE GREAT IRISH BOOK OF GAELIC GAMES

Evanne Ní Chuilín  
10.30am  
Online, 7+ yrs

#### SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED LAST NIGHT

Sam Blake  
Coolock Library  
11.15am, 16+ yrs

### THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER

#### WORK. LIFE. LESSONS FROM LEADERS

Claire O'Connell  
Royal Irish Academy  
10:00am, 16+ yrs

#### MIGHTY MINDSETS

Niamh Doyle  
Online. 10:00am, 7+ yrs

#### THE FORGETTABLES

Alan Dunne  
Dolphin's Barn Library  
10.30am, 9+ yrs

#### THE MOST IRISH PERSON

Shelley Corcoran  
Raheny Library  
10.30am, 7+ yrs

#### IN BETWEEN WORLDS: THE JOURNEY OF THE FAMINE GIRLS

Nicola Pierce  
Phibsborough Library  
10.30am, 9+ yrs

#### THE GREAT IRISH BOOK OF GAELIC GAMES

Evanne Ní Chuilín  
Terenure Library  
10.30am, 8+ yrs

## AT A GLANCE

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### FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER

#### I AM THE WIND: A FUN WRITING WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOLS

Lucinda Jacob and Sarah Webb

Chester Beatty

10:00am, 9+ yrs

#### WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORDPLAY

Thembe Mvula

The Ark

10:00am, 10+ yrs

#### FINDING HOPE

Sinéad Moriarty

Rathmines Library

10.30am, 9+ yrs

#### PÚCAÍ SCHMÚCAÍ

Gabriel Rosenstock

Ballymun Library

10:30am, 7+ yrs

#### FAIRY HILL

Marita Conlon-McKenna

Ringsend Library

10.30am, 8+ yrs

#### BLACK & IRISH: LEGENDS, TRAILBLAZERS & EVERYDAY HEROES

Leon Diop and Briana Fitzsimons

Pearse Street Library

10.30am, 13+ yrs

#### ALDRIN ADAMS AND THE LEGEND OF THE NEMESWISS

Paul Howard

Townhall, 1WML, Windmill Quarter

10.30am, 8 - 10 yrs

#### WONDERS OF THE WILD

Éanna Ní Lamhna

Central Library

11:00am, 8+ yrs

#### INUA ELLAMS

11:00am, The Printworks, Dublin Castle







### PAUL LYNCH AND MIKE MCCORMACK IN CONVERSATION WITH SEÁN ROCKS

In partnership with RTÉ Radio 1 *Arena*

7pm - 8pm, Wednesday 8th November

Townhall, 1WML, Windmill Quarter

€10. Booking required.

Live broadcast with RTÉ Radio 1 *Arena*

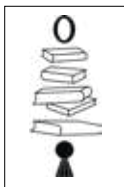


Join us for an evening of conversation and culture as Seán Rocks is joined by authors **Paul Lynch** and **Mike McCormack** discussing their latest novels and more. *Prophet Song* (Oneworld) by Paul Lynch is a powerful novel set in an Ireland falling under the spell of a totalitarian government, following the life of one woman who tries desperately to keep her family together. *This Plague of Souls* (Tramp Press) by Mike McCormack, part meta-physical thriller, part existential noir, follows a man recently released from prison who finds all the world has forgotten him but for one stranger.



Music will be performed by **Krea**, Irish singer-songwriter Karen Cowley.

This will be a live broadcast on RTÉ Radio 1 so you must be seated by 6.50pm.



### PAPER LANTERNS WRITING WORKSHOP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

7pm - 8pm, Wednesday 8th November

Online. €8. Booking required

Are you a teenager who loves to read and discuss books? Are you a pro at writing English essays? Then this workshop is for you! **Paper Lanterns** is the literary journal for teen and YA literature. This workshop will cover writing non-fiction essays and book reviews, and submitting to literary journals. Find out how to create an essay proposal. Discover how to make an informative and honest book review, and showcase some of your writing to the group!

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Valerie Bistany

### LITERARY PRODUCER EVENT

**Facilitated by Valerie Bistany and Julianne Siron**

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre

11am - 1pm, Thursday 9th November

Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.

€10. Booking required



Julianne Siron

The Arts world has had to adapt considerably in the last number of years to changes in the media landscape and audience engagement. This facilitated discussion, also exploring residencies and arts marketing, is for professionals creating literature events at festivals, venues, libraries, or any organisations, to share experiences, gather information and try to explore how we can work together. **Valerie Bistany** is Director of the Irish Writers Centre. **Julianne Siron** is Director of Dublin Book Festival.



### THE WATERS AND THE WILD

**Walking and Sketching Tour with Gwen Wilkinson**

In partnership with Waterways Ireland

1pm - 2.30pm, Thursday 9th November

Dublin Bikes Station at Hanover Quay East, Dublin 2

€10. Booking required.



*The Waters and the Wild* (Merrion Press) vividly documents artist, photographer and author **Gwen Wilkinson**'s journey in a self-built canoe along Ireland's inland waterways, exploring the interwoven histories of the people and wildlife encountered along the way. Gwen will lead a lunchtime walking and sketching tour around Ringsend Basin and along the Grand Canal tow-path, pausing to explore the themes in her book and sketch the surrounding environment.



### FROM TEN TILL DUSK - RHA FROM 1823 TO 2023

Cristín Leach in conversation with

**Dr. Abigail O'Brien PRHA**

In partnership with the Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts (RHA)

1pm - 2pm, Thursday 9th November.

RHA Gallery, Ely Place.

Free. Booking required

In *From Ten till Dusk, A Portrait of the Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts in Twelve Stories* (RHA Publication) writer and art critic **Cristín Leach** weaves stylistic agility with keen commentary to evoke the different epochs in the oscillating fortunes of the Academy's journey since its founding in 1823, bringing to life a selection of characters from its history in stories that captivate and enthrall. Cristín will be in conversation about her book, and its fascinating characters, with **Dr. Abigail O'Brien PRHA**.



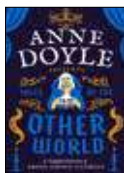
## GHOSTLY STORIES

**Amy Clarkin, Oein DeBhairduin and Anne Doyle**

5.45pm - 6.30pm, Thursday 9th November

Marsh's Library, Dublin 8. €12. Booking required

Join this spooky walk through the historic Marsh's Library, listening to ghostly readings along the way. **Amy Clarkin's** *What Walks These Halls* (The O'Brien Press) is a story that centres around the haunted Hyacinth House. **Oein DeBhairduin's** *Twiggy Woman* (Skein Press) is a collection of ghost stories rooted in the oral tradition of the Irish Traveller community. **Anne Doyle's** *Tales of the Otherworld* (Gill Books) is a fabulously frightful anthology of Irish ghost stories, hand-picked by the nation's beloved newsreader.



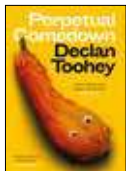
## EMERGING WRITERS

**Aoife Fitzpatrick, Clara Kumagai and Declan Toohey**  
in conversation with **Jan Carson**

5.45pm - 6.45pm, Thursday 9th November.

The Wild Duck, Temple Bar. €5. Booking required

Author **Jan Carson** will be in conversation with some of Ireland's most exciting emerging authors. *The Red Bird Sings* (Virago) by **Aoife Fitzpatrick** is a searing feminist historical Gothic fiction that confronts urgent issues of the present day. *Catfish Rolling* (Head of Zeus) by **Clara Kumagai** is a story that blends magic-realism with Japanese myth and legend. *Perpetual Comedown* (New Island) by **Declan Toohey** is a contemporary yarn of academic intrigue and youthful irreverence, sexual fluidity and neurodiversity.





### POETRY IRELAND INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE

In partnership with Poetry Ireland  
6pm - 7pm, Thursday 9th November.  
Glass Mask Theatre, Dawson Street.  
€10. Booking required

Introductions | Céadlínite is a showcase of 14 of the most exciting new poets writing in English and Irish on the island of Ireland today. Stepping to the stage with work that is fresh, accomplished, and fully formed, these poets represent the electrifying future of Irish poetry. This year's Introductions poets were selected by **Tara Bergin**. The Céadlínite Éigse Éireann poets were selected by **Aifric Mac Aodha**.

Introductions | Is sárthaispeántas é “Céadlínite” de 14 de na filí nua is spreagúla atá ag scríobh i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge ar oileán na hÉireann sa lá atá inniu ann. Cuirfidh siad saothar nua ar stáitse duinn atá úr, cumasach agus foirmithe go hiomlán. S’iad na filí a gheallann todhchaí leictirthe fhilíocht na Gaeilge. Roghnaigh Tara Bergin agus Aifric MacAodha filí na bliana seo.

Full details and line-up [www.dublinbookfestival.com](http://www.dublinbookfestival.com)





### CULTURE IN A TIME OF WAR

In Partnership with Irish PEN

6.30pm - 7.30pm, Thursday 9th November

Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street

Free. Booking required



Irish PEN/PEN na hÉireann and the Ukrainian-Irish Cultural Platform host a discussion centred on the importance of preserving cultural memory in times of war. With journalist, cultural manager, Executive Director of PEN Ukraine, and curator **Tetyana Teren**; poet, essayist, and Professor of Cultural Studies **Iryna Starovoyt**; and curator of the **Wounded Culture** project, cultural analyst and manager at PEN International Olha Mukha.

This event will be dedicated to the memory of **Victoria Amelina**, Ukrainian writer and human rights activist.

This event is supported by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature, in association with Dublin City Council.



### **PROPERBOOK 2023: THE BUSINESS OF CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

**Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick, Mary Murphy, Sarah Webb, Aoife Murray, Ivan O'Brien and Matthew Parkinson-Bennett**

Children's Books Ireland in association with Dublin Book Festival and dlr Libraries

6.30pm - 8pm, Thursday 9th November.

The Studio, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire.

€20 (€15 concessions). Booking required



What kind of children's books are publishers looking for? How much do children's authors and illustrators get paid? Do you need illustrations to submit a picturebook? How many words should a middle grade (age 9+) novel be? Do you need an agent? If you have a question about writing or illustrating for children of all ages and getting published, Properbook is the event for you! Come with questions and leave with answers.







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### GHOSTLY STORIES

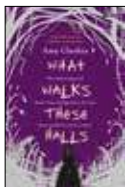
Amy Clarkin and Oein DeBhairduin

in conversation with Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan

7.10pm - 8pm, Thursday 9th November

The Wild Duck, Temple Bar

Free. Booking required



Join this evening event where authors discuss their spooky tales with writer and performer **Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan**. **Amy Clarkin's** *What Walks These Halls* (The O'Brien Press) is a story of family, friendship and self-discovery centring around the haunted Hyacinth House. **Oein DeBhairduin's** *Twiggy Woman* (Skein Press) is a chilling collection of ghost stories rooted in the oral tradition of the Irish Traveller community and folklore, re-envisioned and retold for modern times.



Megan Nolan

### WORDS AND MUSIC

**Edel Coffey, Rónán Hession and Megan Nolan**  
in conversation with **Kieran McGuinness**

8.15pm - 9.30pm, Thursday 9th November

Glass Mask Theatre, Dawson Street

€10. Booking required

Join us for this evening of relaxed discussion and musical performances amongst creatives. Authors and musicians **Edel Coffey, Rónán Hession** and **Megan Nolan** will be in conversation with musician and songwriter **Kieran McGuinness** about the expression of creativity through writing and music.



Edel Coffey



Rónán Hession

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### TALKATIVES

**Hosted by Dagogo Hart of WeAreGriot and Thembe Mvula**

8.30pm - late, Thursday 9th November

The Wild Duck, Temple Bar. €10. Booking required

It's that time of the year again, when the best wordsmiths in the country gather on a single stage to compete for the Talkatives crown. This one is the biggest yet, the stage is the Dublin Book Festival and the artists are past Talkatives winners. Salamay, The Poet Geoff, Cormac Fitz, Leon Dunne, Kestine, Jamie and Freddy Black compete for our biggest prize of 500 euro and the prestige of being the best of the best Talkative.

Thembe Mvula appearance supported by the British Council in collaboration with The Times and the Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival





### ANNUAL IRISH PUBLISHERS CONFERENCE TRADE DAY 2023

**Keynote speaker Richard Charkin, Andres Guadamuz, Sinead Brady, Nielsen Book Scan 2022 and more to follow**

Industry experts will take to the stage, sharing their secrets to success and revealing the latest trends shaping the current publishing landscape. Engage in captivating discussions, gain valuable insights, and discover innovative strategies to navigate the ever-evolving publishing industry. The conference programme features **Richard Charkin** founder of Mensch Publishing, The Impact of Artificial Intelligence in Publishing with **Andres Guadamuz**, Nielsen Book Scan Irish Review 2022, A Panel on Sustainability in Publishing with key industry experts, Fever Pitch Session with the **Screen Directors Guild of Ireland** and more to be announced.

Full details and schedule at [publishingireland.com](http://publishingireland.com)

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### EFFECTIVELY CHAIRING LITERARY EVENTS

In Partnership with Children's Books Ireland

Learning Room, Museum of Literature Ireland, Dublin 2

11am - 1pm, Friday 10th November

Tickets €25. Booking Required



Join award-winning author and journalist **Anna Carey** to find out more about chairing literary events Ireland abounds with literary festivals and effective chairs are very much in demand. Come along to learn skills and tips in chairing engaging, informative and fun literary events. This training session is presented in partnership with Children's Books Ireland and is intended to provide training for anyone who would like to gain skills in chairing literary events for all types of audiences.



### POCKET FORESTS WORKSHOP

Catherine Cleary and Ashe Conrad-Jones

11.30am - 12.15pm, Friday 10th November

Pocket Forests Tree Hub, The Digital Hub, Dublin 8

Free. Booking required



Pocket Forests bring joy to communities and nature to urban areas. They help people feel like they belong in shared green spaces and help them to remember a connection to the natural world and each other. Join them at their nursery in The Digital Hub for a lively 45 minute workshop on why we need to retrofit nature into our urban lives. Learn how working with nature can bring abundance and beauty back to our gardens, streets, towns and cities.



### LUNCHTIME POETRY READINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**Majed Mujed** (with translator **Mustafa Keshkeia**),  
**Annemarie Ní Churreáin** and **Yairen Jerez Columbié**  
in Partnership with Instituto Cervantes de Dublin  
12pm - 12.50pm, Friday 10th November  
Chester Beatty, Dublin Castle  
Free. Drop-in



Enjoy a coffee or lunch while listening to readings from around the world. Iraqi poet **Majed Mujed**, Irish poet **Annemarie Ní Chuireáin** and **Yairen Jerez Columbié** will be sharing their poetry in their native languages and English. This session of readings will be facilitated by **Tapasya Narang**.



### SHIFTING POETIC LANDSCAPES

**Kimberly Campanello**, **Gail McConnell** and **Thembe Mvula**  
in conversation with **Tapasya Narang**  
1pm - 2pm, Friday 10th November  
Chester Beatty, Dublin Castle. Free. Booking required



Join us for a special lunchtime filled with poetry and conversation, where poets **Kimberly Campanello**, **Gail McConnell** and **Thembe Mvula** will be in conversation with academic **Tapasya Narang** about how spaces and access have shifted within the poetic landscape with regards to including the voices of marginalised identities and exploring what it means to nurture and develop your voice as a contemporary poet, in the backdrop of poets who have come before. Thembe Mvula appearance supported by the British Council in collaboration with The Times and the Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival.





### ALL THE WAY BY THE GRAND CANAL

**Walking Tour with Jo Kerrigan**

In partnership with Waterways Ireland

1pm - 2pm, Friday 10th November

Patrick Kavanagh Statue, Lock C4, Grand Canal

€10. Booking required



Stretching from Dublin right through the Midlands and west to the mighty Shannon, the Grand Canal was a stunning feat of engineering in the eighteenth century. In *All the Way by the Grand Canal* (The O'Brien Press), author **Jo Kerrigan** examines the history, life and lore of the waterway over the centuries, with stunning photography by Richard Mills. Join Jo for this lunchtime walk along the canal, providing a sense of nature and a step back in time within the urban landscape.

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### THE UNSETTLING SUPERNATURAL

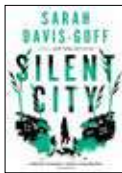
**John Connolly, Sarah Davis-Goff and Deirdre Sullivan**

in conversation with **Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan**

6pm - 7pm, Friday 10th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. Free. Booking required

Three authors discuss the supernatural, the unsettling and the element of horror in their novels with **Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan**. *The Land of Lost Things* (Hodder and Stoughton) by **John Connolly** is a moving tale of loss, parenthood, and the place of books and stories in our lives. *Silent City* (Tinder Press) by **Sarah-Davis Goff** is an apocalyptic tale of a young woman fighting for life and justice in the tyrannical Phoenix City. *Wise Creatures* (Hot Key Books) by **Deirdre Sullivan** is a darkly thrilling psychological horror about how hauntings begin with people, not places.





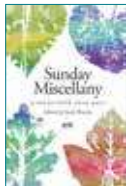
### DUBLIN REVIEW CONVERSATIONS: THE EDIT SUITE

**Liam Harrison, Lisa McInerney and Eimear Ryan in conversation with Brendan Barrington**

6pm - 7pm, Friday 10th November

Glass Mask Theatre, Dawson Street. €10. Booking required

Ireland's culture of literary journals is the strongest it has been in decades – perhaps ever. For this year's annual Dublin Review Conversations event, the editors of three journals – **Lisa McInerney** of *The Stinging Fly*, **Eimear Ryan** of *Banshee* and **Liam Harrison** of *Tolka* – join a fourth, The Dublin Review's **Brendan Barrington** to talk about what they do, how they do it, and how their work relates to the broader culture.



### BOOK LAUNCH: SUNDAY MISCELLANY – A SELECTION, 2018–2023

7.15pm - 9pm, Friday 10th November

Royal Irish Academy, Dawson Street

Free. Booking required

New Island Books invites you to celebrate the official launch of *Sunday Miscellany - A Selection, 2018–2023*, a brand-new selection of recently broadcast essays, poems and stories first heard on the legendary RTÉ Radio 1 weekend programme.



### IWC BILINGUAL TAKIN' THE MIC

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre

7.30pm - 9.30pm, Friday 10th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free (suggested donation €5). Booking required

Takin' the Mic returns to Dublin Book Festival for an evening of poetry and prose in English and Irish. Hosted by an M.C. with readings from a special guest as well as an 'open mic' for writers, poets and musicians. Everyone welcome!

Tá Takin' the Mic ag Féile Leabhar Bhaile Átha Cliath le hghaidh sár-oíche filíochta, focal labhartha agus grinn i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge. Arna óstáil ag M.C. le léamha ó aoi speisialta chomh maith le 'mic oscailte' do scríbhneoirí, filí agus ceoltóirí. Fáilte roimh chách!

See [www.irishwriterscentre.ie](http://www.irishwriterscentre.ie) for full details.

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### LITERARY (UN)BELONGINGS

**Suad Aldarra in conversation with Rita Sakr**

In Partnership with Literature Ireland

7.30pm - 8.30pm, Friday 10th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required



Syrian-Irish writer Suad Aldarra's memoir *I Don't Want to Talk About Home* (Doubleday 2022), fits uneasily across Syrian non-fiction, Irish literary production, and literatures of refuge. **Suad and Rita Sakr** will be in conversation exploring these intersections – the challenges and opportunities they present for local and international readership, translation and creativity. Moving from Damascus and Dublin in literature, to a (former) data scientist's discoveries about the publishing world, the conversation will cross continents, languages and identities.





### POETRY IRELAND INTRODUCTIONS I CÉADLÍNTE

Featuring Special Guest Inua Ellams

In partnership with Poetry Ireland

8.15pm - 9.30pm, Friday 10th November

Glass Mask Theatre, Dawson Street

€10. Booking required

Introductions | Céadlínite is a showcase of 14 of the most exciting new poets writing in English and Irish on the island of Ireland today. Stepping to the stage with work that is fresh, accomplished, and fully formed, these poets represent the electrifying future of Irish poetry. This year's Introductions poets were selected by **Tara Bergin**. The Céadlínite Éigse Éireann poets were selected by **Aifric Mac Aodha**.

Introductions | Is sárthaispeántas é “Céadlínite” de 14 de na filí nua is spreagúla atá ag scríobh i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge ar oileán na hÉireann sa lá atá inniu ann. Cuirfidh siad saothar nua ar stáitse duinn atá úr, cumasach agus foirmithe go hiomlán. S’iad na filí a gheallann todhchaí leictrithe fhilíocht na Gaeilge. Roghnaigh Tara Bergin agus Aifric MacAodha filí na bliana seo.

Inua Ellams appearance supported by the British Council in collaboration with The Times and the Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival.

Full details and line-up [www.dublinbookfestival.com](http://www.dublinbookfestival.com)



### DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES READERS' MORNING

Anne Griffin and Una Mannion in conversation with Eoin McNamee. Kevin Curran, Olivia Fitzsimons and Michael Magee in conversation with Lisa McInerney. John Boyne and William Wall in conversation with Paula Shields

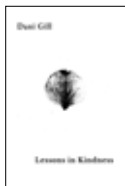
In partnership with Dublin City Libraries

10am - 1pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

€12 (refreshments included). Booking required

Join us for a lively and engaging morning of book chat with some of Ireland's most exciting contemporary authors. **Eoin McNamee** will be in conversation with **Anne Griffin** about her latest novel *The Island of Longing* (Hachette). Eoin will also be joined by Una Mannion in discussion about her latest novel *Tell Me What I Am* (Faber). **Lisa McInerney** will be in discussion with **Kevin Curran** about *Youth* (The Lilliput Press), and also talking to **Olivia Fitzsimons** about *The Quiet Whispers Never Stop* (Hachette). Finally, Lisa will be joined by **Michael Magee** talking about his novel *Close to Home* (Hamish Hamilton). **Paula Shields** will be in discussion with **John Boyne** about his novel *Water* (Doubleday), and Paula will also be joined by **William Wall** in discussion about *Empty Bed Blues* (New Island).



### PROSE AND POSE POETRY YOGA: LESSONS OF INFLICTED SELF CONTENTMENT

**Paul Donnelly and Dani Gill**

10am - 11am, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle.

Age guideline: 18+. All yoga levels

€8. Booking required

Through a series of guided restorative yoga poses you will be led into a deep state meditative reflection. During these moments of silent thought writer and poet, **Dani Gill**, will read passages from her new volume of writings, *Lessons in Kindness* (Salmon Poetry). These seeds of thought will allow you to reflect on the people and challenges that helped mould you, allowing you to become present in your life. With this comes the realisation that contentment comes from within.

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### A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

**Pat Liddy**

11am - 12.30pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

€20/€15 concession. Booking required

Starting off in the historic surrounds of Dublin Castle, join **Pat Liddy** or one of his expert guides on a tour of the city to learn about some of the most famous writers associated with Dublin, from the 18th century to today. You will receive a map of Dublin which is illustrated by Pat Liddy and pass by iconic places including the Chester Beatty, St Patrick's Cathedral, Marsh's Library and Fishamble Street.

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### MARSH'S LIBRARY WALKING TOUR

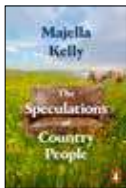
In partnership with Marsh's Library

11am - 11.45am, Saturday 11th November

Marsh's Library, Dublin 8

€15. Booking required

Join us for a tour of Ireland's first public library. Founded in 1707, Marsh's has welcomed readers such as James Joyce, Bram Stoker and Jonathan Swift. Still an operating library today, you can see the original 18th Century interior, our bullet books from the 1916 Easter Rising and the cages where readers were locked in. Your guide will delight you with a variety of stories from the library's past and present.



### NEW VOICES

Majella Kelly and Mark Ward in conversation with Dani Gill

11.45am - 12.45pm, Saturday 11th November

Chester Beatty, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

Join us for a morning of poetry as writer **Dani Gill** discusses their debut collections with poets **Majella Kelly** and **Mark Ward**. *The Speculations of Country People* (Penguin) by **Majella Kelly** reckons with the legacy of Ireland's mother and baby homes, tracing the journeys of women in our own day, from controlling relationships to sexual reawakening and new happiness. *Nightlight* (Salmon Poetry) by **Mark Ward** is a journey through a city addressing sexuality, mental health, and the intricacies of relationships with a fresh eye and fierce command.





### **RADICAL! WOMEN AND THE IRISH REVOLUTION WALKING TOUR**

**Julie Morrissy**

12pm - 1pm, Saturday 11th November

St James' Church, James Street, Dublin 8

€10. Booking required

Join a unique walking tour of the historic neighbourhood of Dublin 8 led by Irish poet **Julie Morrissy**, which follows her work as the first Poet-in-Residence at the National Library of Ireland. Delving into the crucial contributions made by women in the revolutionary period, Morrissy will share poems, stories, and insights about the locations which informed and inspired her book and podcast *Radical! Women and the Irish Revolution*.



### **WINTER FEASTS**

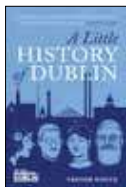
**Dee Laffan and Blanca Valencia**

12pm - 1pm, Saturday 11th November

Farmleigh, Phoenix Park

€8. Booking required

Get inspired for winter with co-authors of *Blasta Books #5 Soup*, editor and food writer **Dee Laffan** and food writer and cook **Blanca Valencia**, who will be discussing their favourite soup recipes from their cookbook. The soups they have collected reflect individual cultures, memories and tastes, but they are also a reflection of Irish food today and the people behind it. They will take you on a journey around the globe from the comfort of the communities within Ireland.



### MOUNT PLEASANT SQUARE WALKING TOUR

**Trevor White**

12pm - 1pm, Saturday 11th November

Mount Pleasant Sq, Ranelagh - meeting point The Hill Pub

€12. Booking required, includes coffee/tea

Mount Pleasant Square is the most charming and sleepy of Dublin's Georgian squares. Completed in the 1830s, this elegant refuge is within walking distance of Grafton Street. Author of *A Little History of Dublin* (Merrion Press) and museum founder **Trevor White** leads an exclusive walking tour for the festival. Discover the secrets of a great Dublin square in the company of a passionate historian and local resident.



### THE WATER'S WAY

**Doreen Cunningham and Alice Kinsella**  
in conversation with **Cristín Leach**

In Partnership with dlr LexIcon

12pm - 1pm, Saturday 11th November

The Lab, dlr LexIcon, Dun Laoghaire. Free. Booking required



Join authors **Doreen Cunningham** and **Alice Kinsella** in conversation with art critic and author **Cristín Leach** about motherhood, the climate crisis, and the restorative power of the sea. *SOUNDINGS: Journeys in the Company of Whales* (Virago) charts Cunningham's journey with her young son, following the grey whale migration back to the Arctic. In *Milk* (Picador), Kinsella draws her own map of motherhood, and considers the generations of women who came before her. Following the event, weather permitting, the authors invite you for a swim at the 40ft.





### THE DIARIES OF KATHLEEN LYNN - REVEALING HISTORY THROUGH PERSONAL WRITING

**Dr Mary McAuliffe and Harriet Wheelock, Dr Martina Devlin and Dr Mary Ward.**

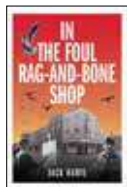
In Partnership with National Library of Ireland.

1pm - 2pm, Saturday 11th November,

Reading Room, National Library of Ireland Free. Booking required.



*Kathleen Lynn's Diaries* (UCD Press) is a new book containing selected extracts from the extensive diaries of **Dr Kathleen Lynn (1874-1955)**, which spanned from 1916 until 1955; shedding light on her political activities, feminist ideas, medical work, and personal life. Join our panel of speakers as they discuss the book and assess Kathleen Lynn's legacy through her personal writing, as well as the ongoing debate about the naming of the new Children's Hospital in her honour.



### BOOK LAUNCH: IN THE FOUL RAG-AND-BONE SHOP BY JACK HARTE

1pm - 1.45pm, Saturday 11th November.

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. Free. Booking required.

Join us to celebrate the publication of *In the Foul Rag-and-Bone Shop* (Scotus Press) by writer and playwright **Jack Harte**. When an eccentric and reclusive Dublin artist's paintings go missing, a crisis is set in motion and he has to engage with the world. Across the ocean in New York lives an equally eccentric and reclusive President of an Investment Fund. This playfully philosophical novel tackles the major issues of our time, while maintaining a sense of fun throughout.





### ANONYMS

**Inua Ellams**

In partnership with Poetry Ireland

1pm - 3pm, Saturday 11th November

Townhall, 1WML, Windmill Quarter. €10. Booking required.



In parts of West Africa it is believed children grow to embody their names; that a child named Peace will grow up to radiate serenity. Other West Africans think this is rubbish, but how do we come to be named? What then do we inherit? Do names change us? Who cares? And why should we? Held before a live audience, poet, playwright and screenwriter **Inua Ellams** guides 9 intelligent, funny and insightful guests through **Anonyms**, a rich, invasive and poignant exploration into what we are called, and why. Audience members will be invited to participate, to come with the story and meaning behind their names.

Supported by the British Council in collaboration with The Times and the Sunday Times Cheltenham Literature Festival.





### THE STINGING FLY - THIS SO-CALLED WRITING LIFE

**Sheila Armstrong, Jan Carson and Sheena Patel**  
in conversation with **Olivia Fitzsimons**

1.15pm - 2.15pm, Saturday 11th November

Chester Beatty, Dublin Castle. €8. Booking required

In this special panel event, novelist and commissioning editor **Olivia Fitzsimons** is joined by award-winning authors **Sheila Armstrong, Jan Carson** and **Sheena Patel** to talk about their contributions to *This So-Called Writing Life*, an online essay series published throughout the year on [stingingfly.org](http://stingingfly.org). The writers will discuss the highs and lows they've experienced while developing their creative practice, exploring topics such as protecting mental health, advancing self-care, building friendships and accessing community support networks.



### OUR STORIES: A CONFERENCE CELEBRATING LGBTQ+ BOOKS AND PUBLISHING

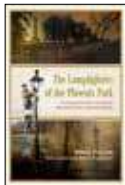
In partnership with Dublin UNESCO City of Literature

1.30pm - 6.20pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. Free. Booking required



An afternoon for aspiring young adult authors and illustrators of LGBTQ+ stories. Hear how successful authors and illustrators are representing inclusive voices in books for younger readers. Participants include publishers, editors and a literary agent with advice on how to get published. Our stories is a project of 3 UNESCO Cities of Literature, Dublin, Manchester and Nottingham, inspired by Pop Up Projects UK and aimed at young people (16-26 yrs). The Dublin event is funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media.



### THE LAMPLIGHTERS OF THE PHOENIX PARK

**James and Frank Flanagan in conversation with Donal Fallon**

2pm - 3pm, Saturday 11th November

Farmleigh, Phoenix Park

€8. Booking required

The Phoenix Park is Ireland's best-known park. Each day, hundreds of people come into the park to work within what is the largest walled park in Europe. Every night, the gas lamps that line the park are lit - a tradition passed down through generations of one family: the Flanagans. Join brothers **James** and **Frank Flanagan** in conversation with broadcaster and historian **Donal Fallon** about their new book *The Lamplighters of the Phoenix Park* (Hachette Ireland).



### WINTER PAPERS LAUNCH

2.15pm - 3.15pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

Join us to celebrate the launch of the 9th volume of *Winter Papers*, edited by Kevin Barry and Olivia Smith. *Winter Papers* is an annual anthology for the arts in Ireland and beyond and features fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography, visual art, along with artist-in-conversation pieces. Co-editor **Kevin Barry** will be in conversation with a number of writers and artists with work in the latest volume. All are welcome.



### A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

**Pat Liddy**

2.15pm - 3.45pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

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### MEET THE PUBLISHERS

2.30pm - 5pm, Saturday 11th November

DBF Tent, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Drop-in

Dublin Book Festival brings together Ireland's publishers to answer your questions how many words should a novel be? What are they looking for? The do's and don'ts of submitting your manuscript. Fiction, non-fiction, short stories and poetry, meet the publishers behind the scenes. DBF also introduces publishers and journals driven by a vision for social change, that actively embed such a vision into their practices. See online for full schedule.



### MARSH'S LIBRARY WALKING TOUR

In partnership with Marsh's Library

3pm - 3.45pm, Saturday 11th November

Marsh's Library

€15. Booking required

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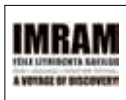
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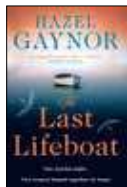
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Cheannaigh an Tiarna **George Hill** leath de pharóiste Ghaoth Dobhair roimh an Drochshaol agus thosaigh sé ar fheachtas le saol na ndaoine a athrú ó bhonn. Nuair a tháinig an Gorta Mór, d'athraigh an caidreamh maith eatarthu go coimhlínt. Ríomhann **Cathal Póirtéir** an scéal ó thús go deireadh ina leabhar nua, *An Tiarna George Hill agus Pobal Ghaoth Dobhair*. Inniu, labhrann sé leis an scríbhneoir **Éilís Ní Dhuibhne** faoina chuid scríbhneoireachta.



## WRITING HISTORY

**Hazel Gaynor, Liz McManus and Mary Morrissy**  
in conversation with **Niall MacMonagle**

In Partnership with National Library of Ireland

3pm - 4pm, Saturday 11th November

Reading Room, National Library of Ireland

€5. Booking required



Authors **Hazel Gaynor**, **Liz McManus** and **Mary Morrissy** will be in discussion with writer and critic **Niall MacMonagle** about their latest novels, bringing history to life through fiction. *The Last Lifeboat* (HarperCollins) by Hazel Gaynor explores the dramatic sinking of the SS City of Benares during WW2, and the days that follow. *When Things Come to Light* (Arlen House) by Liz McManus is a story about an idealistic couple, Unitarian by birth and republican by conviction, for whom the new Irish Free State becomes an alien place. In *Penelope Unbound* (Banshee Press), Mary Morrissy unhooks Nora Barnacle from her famous husband, giving her a compelling new voice, with heartbreak and humanity all her own.





### **TERRY HAYES IN CONVERSATION WITH ALEX CLARK**

3.30pm - 4.30pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

€8. Booking required

*The Year of the Locust* (Bantam), the second novel from internationally bestselling author of *I Am Pilgrim* and Hollywood screenwriter, **Terry Hayes**, transports us to the badlands where the borders of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan meet, where CIA spy Kane travels to exfiltrate a man with vital information for the safety of the West - but instead he meets an adversary who will take the world to the brink of extinction. Terry will be in conversation with critic, journalist and broadcaster **Alex Clark** about his ground-breaking new thriller.



### **LITERARY MAGAZINE LAUNCH: HOWL NEW IRISH WRITING**

4.45pm - 5.45pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 16+.

Free. Booking required

HOWL New Irish Writing is an annual print publication that showcases the creative wail in Irish writing from Ireland and around the world. HOWL celebrates the complexity of Irish identity and the beauty of its writing, featuring spectacular work in both English and Irish. Join us for a warm-hearted evening of readings and performances of both poetry and prose from the talented writers of HOWL '23.



### AN POST IRISH BOOK AWARDS 2023 – SHORTLISTED AUTHORS PANEL DISCUSSION

In partnership with An Post Irish Book Awards

6pm - 7pm, Saturday 11th November

Glass Mask Theatre, Dawson Street

€10. Booking required

Join us to meet some of the shortlisted authors from the An Post Irish Book Awards 2023. **Madeleine Keane**, Literary Editor with the Sunday Independent, will chat to a panel of 2023 shortlisted authors to get an insight into their varied writing lives, and their tips and advice on the best way to commit words to the page. The full 2023 shortlist will be announced on 19 October and our superb panel for this event will be revealed then! [www.irishbookawards.ie](http://www.irishbookawards.ie)



### CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF STORIES WITH NEW ISLAND

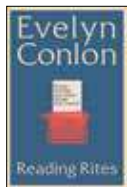
6.30pm - 7.30pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

Join New Island Books in celebrating 30+ years of literary excellence! Commemorate their anniversary in a captivating hometown event. With diverse publications including memoirs, anthologies, fiction, and the acclaimed Open Door series, New Island has shaped the Irish literary landscape. Enjoy stories, reflections, and readings from seasoned and emerging writers. Don't miss this unforgettable literary soirée.





### **BOOK LAUNCH: READING RITES BY EVELYN CONLON**

6.30pm - 7.30pm, Saturday 11th November

The Gutter Bookshop, Temple Bar

Free. Booking required

Join us to celebrate the publication of *Reading Rites: Books, writing and other things that matter* (Blackstaff Press) by **Evelyn Conlon**, one of Ireland's finest and most compelling writers. For over five decades, Evelyn has revelled in the secret joy of writing and in the power of a well-crafted story, and this memoir recounts with humour, wit and honesty stories from her life to date; a life of literature, travel and of challenging authority.



### **"THE LIGHT OF HOME: UKRAINE AND IRELAND"**

**A celebration of Irish and Ukrainian Culture**

In partnership with Irish PEN

8pm - 9.30pm, Saturday 11th November

The Townhall, 1WML, Windmill Quarter

€10 (€3 concession students and unwaged). Booking required



Join us for a special evening of music and readings from Ukrainian and Irish writers and musicians. Featuring Irish and Ukrainian writers, with musicians **Olesya Zdorovetska**, **Nick Roth**, **Colm Mac Con Iomaire** and **Catherine Fitzgerald**.

This event is supported by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature, in association with Dublin City Council.



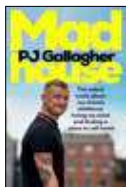
### SONDER LAUNCH

8pm - 9pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

Join **Sonder** as they launch *Issue VIII: Belonging*. The night will host readings from contributors and some craic agus ceol. The issue boasts short stories, creative nonfiction, and flash fiction by brand new writers, all centring around the theme of belonging and the idea of sonder—the realisation that passersby have a mind as vivid and complex as your own. Also includes an original piece by, and an interview with, journalist and producer **Ola Majeedunmi**, offering advice to aspiring writers.



### PJ GALLAGHER

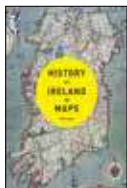
#### IN CONVERSATION WITH AOIFE BARRY

8.15pm - 9.15pm, Saturday 11th November

Glass Mask Theatre, Dawson Street

€10. Booking required

*Madhouse* (Sandycove) is the riotous, insightful and moving new memoir from Dublin comedian **PJ Gallagher**, starting with his chaotic childhood, and covering everything from dogs, motorbikes and the art of small talk, to the lessons of mental breakdown, finally figuring out love, and the prospect of becoming a father. PJ will be in conversation with **Aoife Barry** about his new book in what promises to be both an entertaining and moving evening.



### HISTORY OF IRELAND IN MAPS

**Pat Liddy**

11am - 11.45am, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

Join writer, historian, artist and mapmaker **Pat Liddy** to discover his new book *History of Ireland in Maps* (HarperCollins), a history of Ireland with a major difference. A substantial hard-backed book about the main events, serious and sometimes quirky, in the long history of the island, even going back to Ice Age and beyond, each story is accompanied by a map or image, often lavishly illustrated, which was usually drawn contemporary with the event it refers to.



### THESE ARE MY PEOPLE

**Poetry Walking Tour with Breda Wall Ryan**

Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

11am - 11.50am, Sunday 12th November

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin

€10. Booking required

Join award-winning poet **Breda Wall Ryan** for a walk through the beautiful surrounds of the National Botanic Gardens, pausing along the way for poems from her third poetry collection *These Are My People* (Doire Press). In this collection Breda explores themes of family ties, relationships and one's connection to the natural world, ultimately coming to the conclusion that she belongs to the Earth and that the Earth belongs to her, that all living things are her people.



### WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WALKING TOUR

**Carsten Krieger**

Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

12pm - 1pm, Sunday 12th November

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin

€10. Booking required

In *Wild Ireland* (The O'Brien Press), author and photographer **Carsten Krieger** takes us on a journey across Ireland to explore the nature we pass by every day, flying with our ocean birds to experience their ever-more challenging search for food, hearing the dawn chorus in Killarney, and looking closely at our hedgerows, home to countless animals. Join Carsten for this unique walking tour of the beautiful Botanic Gardens where he will be sharing his expertise in wildlife photography.



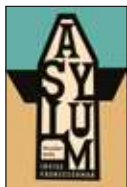
### CHANNEL LAUNCH

12pm - 1pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

*Channel* is a literary journal born out of the climate crisis, publishing writing in English and Irish that fosters connection between people and planet. It aims to create space for the emergence of new narratives surrounding nature in the public consciousness, building a community of writers, artists and readers grounded in shared ecological concern. Join the team in celebrating the launch of *Issue 9*, with contributor readings, music and refreshments.



### ASYLUM: INSIDE GRANGEGORMAN

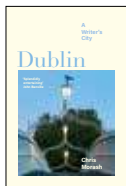
**Brendan Kelly in conversation with Caelainn Hogan**

12.30pm - 1.30pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

Join author and Professor of Psychiatry **Brendan Kelly** in discussion about his latest book with writer and journalist **Caelainn Hogan**. In 1814, the Richmond Lunatic Asylum at Grangegorman started an extraordinary programme of asylum building across Ireland, resulting in a huge increase in 'mental hospitals' around the country. Through letters, medical records and doctors' notes, *Asylum: Inside Grangegorman* (Royal Irish Academy) gives us a glimpse inside Grangegorman and the lives of those who lived and worked there.



### DUBLIN: A WRITER'S CITY

**Walking Tour with Chris Morash**

12.30pm - 1.30pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

€10. Booking required

**Chris Morash's** book, *Dublin: A Writer's City* (Cambridge University Press) asks what it means to live in a city like Dublin, where literary culture has so long been a part of its identity, and almost every street has layers of stories to be discovered, from Swift and LeFanu to Joyce, Meehan and Boland. This walking tour returns the literary archaeology of *Dublin: A Writer's City* to the streets from which it came, exploring imagination's potential to enrich urban life.



### TACKLING THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL CRISIS

**Joanna Donnelly, Lorna Gold and Éanna Ní Lamhna**

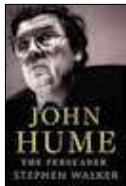
Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

1.15pm - 2.15pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

The climate and ecological crisis can often seem overwhelming. Our panel of experts will shed light on the reality of where we are today, and on contributing to shaping tomorrow. With meteorologist **Joanna Donnelly**, **Lorna Gold**, author of *Climate Generation: Awakening to our Children's Future* (Veritas) and **Éanna Ní Lamhna**, author of *Wild Musings: A Celebration of the Natural World* (Veritas).



### JOHN HUME - THE PERSUADER

**Stephen Walker in conversation with Miriam O'Callaghan**

In partnership with the RDS Library & Archives

1.30pm - 2.30pm, Sunday 12th November

RDS Library, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge

€5. Booking required

In *John Hume - The Persuader* (Gill Books) author and journalist **Stephen Walker** combines over 100 interviews with many of Hume's colleagues, critics and family members, with never-before-published interviews with Hume himself to present a comprehensive portrait of one of the most significant political figures in Northern Ireland and around the world. Join the author in discussion with broadcast journalist **Miriam O'Callaghan** about his new book, who John Hume really was, and how this titan of Irish political history should be remembered.





### DIRTY LINEN

**Martin Doyle in conversation with Joe Duffy**

1.30pm - 2.30pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

€5. Booking required

Join editor and writer **Martin Doyle** as he discusses his new book with broadcaster **Joe Duffy**. Written with a literary sensibility, *Dirty Linen* (Merrion Press) is a personal, intimate and revelatory history of the Troubles seen through the microcosm of a single rural parish, the author's own, part of both the Linen Triangle – heartland of the North's defining industry – and the Murder Triangle – the Badlands devastated by paramilitary violence.



### THE NATURALIST'S BOOKSHELF

The 'wild' word in nature writing: shifting meanings, clashing responses. **Lisa Fingleton, Anja Murray, Gwen Wilkinson and Paddy Woodworth in conversation with Luke Clancy**

In partnership with RTÉ lyric fm's Culture File

2pm - 3pm, Sunday 12th November

National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin. €5. Booking required

The idea of 'the wild' has great power both to attract us, and to repel us. Before the Romantic movement, the term was mainly repellent in European literature, evoking 'uncivilised' domains. Today, it's a powerful and frequently used word in book titles. Nature writers, **Lisa Fingleton, Anja Murray, Gwen Wilkinson, and Paddy Woodworth**, discuss the complicated promises and threats of "wild". Chaired by **Luke Clancy** of RTÉ lyric fm's Culture File. The event will be recorded for broadcast.



### CLIMATE ACTION: JOINING THE FIGHT

**Catherine Cleary and Michael Kelly**

Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

2pm - 2.50pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required

The environmental and sustainability debate can often feel overwhelming. At this event, **Catherine Cleary** of Pocket Forests and **Michael Kelly**, author of *The GIY Diaries: A Year of Growing and Cooking* (Gill Books) aim to pare back and look at the small, simple steps we, individually and as a community, can start taking today. Our audience will leave empowered and feeling hopeful about the role they can play in the fight to make our society a more sustainable and environmentally active one.



### A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

**Pat Liddy**

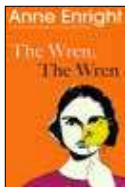
2.30pm - 4pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

€20/€15 concession. Booking required

Starting off in the historic surrounds of Dublin Castle, join **Pat Liddy** or one of his expert guides on a tour of the city to learn about some of the most famous writers associated with Dublin, from the 18th century to today. You will receive a map of Dublin which is illustrated by Pat Liddy and pass by iconic places including the Chester Beatty, St Patrick's Cathedral, Marsh's Library and Fishamble Street.





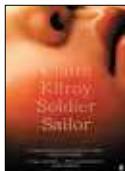
### ANNE ENRIGHT AND CLAIRE KILROY IN CONVERSATION WITH JESSICA TRAYNOR

2.45pm - 3.45pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

€8. Booking Required

Join us for this special afternoon event as authors **Anne Enright** and **Claire Kilroy** discuss their latest novels with poet **Jessica Traynor**. *The Wren, The Wren* (Jonathan Cape) by **Anne Enright** is a multigenerational novel meditating on love, the inheritance of trauma and wonder, and the glorious resilience of women in the face of promises false and true. *Soldier, Sailor* (Faber) by **Claire Kilroy** explores the clash of fierce love for a new life with a seismic change in identity, autonomy and creativity.



### SHIFTING SENTIMENT: MEDIA INFLUENCE ON PUBLIC OPINION

In partnership with the RDS Library & Archives

3pm - 4pm, Sunday 12th November

RDS Library, Merrion Road, Ballsbridge

€5. Booking required

Join us for this insightful panel event that looks to the past and the present to ask 'Is public opinion reflected or led by media coverage?' Featuring **Dermot Meleady** author of *Shifting Sentiment* (Wordwell Books), **Eileen Culloty** (DCU School of Communications), **Jade Wilson** (Irish Times reporter) and chaired by **Tommy Graham** (History Ireland Editor), this variety of expertise will provide a lively discussion on the role the media plays in reflecting or shifting majority sentiment.





### DUB-LINES:

**An afternoon of conversation, readings and music celebrating Brendan Kennelly and his Dublin life**

Presented by Poetry Ireland and Dublin UNESCO City Of Literature

3pm - 4pm, Sunday 12th November

MoLI, Stephen's Green. €15/€10. Booking required



Join us for a celebration of the late and much-loved poet **Brendan Kennelly**. Born and reared in Kerry, he spent most of his writing life in Dublin. As Professor of Modern Literature (1973-2005) he won the affection of students for his wide-ranging and uninhibited approach, humour and compassion. Join past students including poets **Paula Meehan**, **Rachael Hegarty**, writer and filmmaker **Alan Gilsenan**, TCD colleague and poet **Gerald Dawe**, poets **Katie Donovan**, **Gerrard Smyth** and friend **Des Geraghty** as they read his poems and explore his legacy. With musicians **Lisa Lambe** and **Steve Cooney**.



### BRINGING BACK OUR FORESTS

**Catherine Cleary, Paul McMahon and Éanna Ní Lamhna in conversation with Richard Nairn**

Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

3pm - 4pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. Free. Booking required



The crucial role our trees play in maintaining the health of our planet is well known, and the decimation of our natural forests has become one of the most controversial issues of our time. In response, there is a growing movement vocalising the need not only to protect our remaining forests, but also to replenish the earth's supply. Join our panel of experts, **Catherine Cleary** of Pocket Forests, author of *Island of Woods* (New Island) **Paul McMahon** and author of *Wild Musings* (Veritas) **Éanna Ní Lamhna**, in discussion with **Richard Nairn** author of *Wild Woods* (Gill Books).



### WORDS FOR CHANGE

**Sinead Moriarty and Colm O'Regan**  
in conversation with **Oisín McGann**

Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

4pm - 5pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Booking required



Many authors are now using the power of writing to address and explore issues affecting our planet. **Sinead Moriarty**, author of *Finding Hope* (Gill Books) and **Colm O'Regan**, author of *Climate Worrier: A Hypocrite's Guide to Saving the Planet* (Harper-Collins Ireland), will be in conversation with **Oisín McGann**, author of *A Short, Hopeful Guide to Climate Change* (Little Island), as they discuss the many topical themes to today's climate debate contained within their writing.



### FROM STEM CELLS TO STARS: POETRY AND PHYSICS

4.30pm - 5.30pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle. Free. Booking Required

Join Institute of Physics Writer in Residence **Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan** for an afternoon of physics and poetry with writer producer and performer **Saoirse Anton**, biomedical engineering researcher **Rucha Benare**, Fellow Emeritus in Physics at Trinity College Dublin **Iggy McGovern** and poet **Rosamund Taylor**. There will be poetry readings, a panel discussion and Q&A, and the launch of a pamphlet of physics poems by Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan to mark the end of her writing residency. This event is part of the inaugural IOP Writing Residency, funded by the Arts Council of Ireland and supported by the Institute of Physics. Part of Science Week Ireland 2023, this will be recorded and available to watch online.



## FAMILY & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

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All families and children are welcome to our events, regardless of ability, need or barriers to reading, writing or drawing. Children must be accompanied by parents or guardians for all events.

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### CHILDREN'S STORY WRITING WORKSHOP

#### Fighting Words

11am - 1pm, Saturday 11th November

Fighting Words, Behan Square

Age: 8 - 10 yrs

Free. Booking required



Join the **Fighting Words** Team for a fantastically fun and interactive two hour creative writing workshop. In the first half we will create characters and start a story together. In the second half, you can use your imagination to finish the story yourself! At the end of the workshop, we will publish the story on the Fighting Words website.

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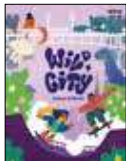
### DBF BOOKSHOP

11am - 3pm, Saturday 11th November

Winter Garden, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Is there anything more enjoyable than book browsing? Visit our DBF bookshop and check out our selection showcasing and celebrating Ireland's writers and publishers.

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### WILD CITY

**Ashwin Chacko**

11.30am - 12.15pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 5+ yrs

Free. Booking required

Artist **Ashwin Chacko** has wonderful stories to share and bright, bold drawings to create with you in a lively, interactive event. In *Wild City* (The O'Brien Press), Lilly and Tim are curious and brave, and the Wild City is their adventure playground where, if you learn to look the right way and see things a little differently, everything becomes spectacular! Join Ashwin for this joyful celebration of seeking the everyday wonder in the world around us.



### LITTLE WOLF ILLUSTRATION WORKSHOP

**Peter Donnelly**

12.30pm - 1.15pm, Saturday 11th November

DBF Tent, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 4+ yrs

Free. Booking required

*Little Wolf* (Hachette) is an inspiring, heartfelt tale for little pups everywhere about having the courage to find your own voice. Join best-selling author-illustrator **Peter Donnelly** for a fun filled event where you will meet Little Wolf and learn to howl at the moon! Peter will read his brand new picture book followed by him drawing some of the characters from the story. AWOOOOOOOOO!!!



### BOOK SWAP

12pm - 3.30pm, Saturday 11th November

Winter Garden, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Free. Drop in!

Looking to refresh your bookshelves at home? We're inviting families to bring their old books to swap them for one from our DBF book swap stand. We will have volunteers on hand to help you choose!

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### DUBLIN CASTLE FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

12pm - 3.30pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: All the family

Free. Drop in!

An exciting hunt around the immediate surrounds of Dublin Castle where participants follow clues and reveal a horde of magnificent treasure!

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### CREATIVE STATION

12.30pm - 3.30pm, Saturday 11th November

Winter Garden, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: All the family

Free. Drop in!

It's time to get creative with all the family. Bring along your imaginations and get drawing, writing and doing some arts and crafts at our DBF Creative station!

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### GODS DON'T CRY

**Ellen Ryan and Conor Merriman**

1.30pm - 2.15pm, Saturday 11th November

DBF Tent, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 7+ yrs

Free. Booking required

*Gods Don't Cry* (HarperCollins Ireland) reawakens forgotten Irish gods, whose ancient tales redefine what it means to be a hero. Follow their adventures as they perform magic, overcome struggles and find the courage to be true to themselves. Join author **Ellen Ryan** for a reading from the book, and find out which Irish god you are with a fun quiz, then learn to draw a god with illustrator **Conor Merriman**.

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### THE 'DOUBLE TROUBLE' PIRATE TREASURE HUNT

**Alan Nolan**

2.45pm - 3.45pm, Saturday 11th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: All the family

Free. Booking required

Join author **Alan Nolan** for a thrilling scavenger hunt around the grounds of Dublin Castle based on his latest book *Molly Malone & Bram Stoker in Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo* (The O'Brien Press). Hear all about Molly and Bram, and follow the clues left by the dread (and slightly dead) Irish pirate Captain Lamprey and his stuffed animal shipmates to find his mythical lost treasure – the Rajapur Ruby!

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### THE MINISTRY OF UNLADYLIKE ACTIVITY

**Robin Stevens**

10am - 11am, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 8+yrs

Free. Booking Required

Have you ever wanted to write your own murder mystery? Then we have a hunch that this is the event for you! Join bestselling author, **Robin Stevens**, as she uncovers how to write the perfect murder. Robin is the author of the Murder Most Unladylike series, which has sold over one million copies! In this event, she introduces Book 2 of her new mystery series, *The Ministry of Unladylike Activity* (Puffin). Just remember, everyone is a suspect, so make sure you have your interrogation questions ready.



### DUBLIN CASTLE FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

11am - 3pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: All the family

Free. Drop in!

Join us for this fun-filled day for all the family to work together as a team. Follow the clues throughout the grounds to discover Dublin Castle and return for your prize!





### CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

11am - 3pm, Sunday 12th November

Winter Garden, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: All the family

Free. Drop-in

Looking to refresh your own bookshelves at home? Bring along your own book and swap it for one from our DBF Book Swap Station.

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### MILLY McCARTHY AND THE IRISH DANCING DISASTER

Leona Forde and Karen Harte

11am - 11.45am, Sunday 12th November

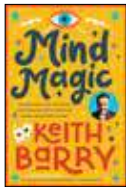
The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: All the family

Free. Booking required

Join author **Leona Forde** and illustrator **Karen Harte** for this reading and drawalong event of *Milly McCarthy and the Irish Dancing Disaster* (Gill Books). Milly is a ten-year-old girl from Cork and she's determined to win a medal for Irish dancing, but things don't go to plan...! Featuring a special Irish dancing performance, and with pure fancy bookmarks, stickers and badges for everyone to take home, sure, you'll be raging if you miss this!

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### MIND MAGIC

Keith Barry

11.15am - 12pm, Sunday 12th November

Age: All the family

Free. Booking required

In *Mind Magic* (Gill Books) world-renowned brainhacker and mentalist **Keith Barry** interweaves stories from his own childhood with inspirational tips and life lessons, encouraging kids to embed a winning mindset, develop their own mental strength, and realise their true potential. Join Keith for this special event to discover his latest book, and learn how to put some of his best tips into practice!

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### THE WIZARD'S DAGGER

**Fiona Sherlock**

12pm - 12.40pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 9 yrs +

Free. Booking required

Step into the enchanting realm of "The Wizard's Dagger," an immersive children's mystery game set in a magical kingdom. Join author **Fiona Sherlock** for a captivating experience as you become witches, wizards, and magical creatures. The eminent Jip-pity Umlot, an authority on wizardry, has been found murdered with his own dagger, shrouding the eve of his prestigious Golden Feather award in disaster. Unite with fellow magical beings to unravel this captivating murder mystery created by Fiona Sherlock, a crime writer and game designer.

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### CBI BOOK CLINIC

Presented by Children's Books Ireland

12pm - 4pm, Sunday 12th November

Winter Garden, The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: All the family

Free. Drop-in. Places limited

Are you a young reader looking for some new book inspiration? Come with your family to meet the Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors who will help prescribe you the perfect books to read! They will chat to you about what you like reading at the moment, and send you on your way to your local library or bookshop with a customised prescription for some fantastic new books to discover, supported by Children's Books Ireland's many reading resources.

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### FAMILY SCIENCE SHOW

#### Junior Einsteins

Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

1pm - 1.55pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 6+yrs.

Free. Booking required

Interactive science show with Junior Einsteins South Dublin! Cross linking polymer slime, punch the non Newtonian fluid ooblek, bubbling exothermic elephant toothpaste, light a lightsabre with our plasma ball, conductors & insulators, Barbie gets a hair raising experience on our University grade Van Der Graaf generator, flying saucers, sparks of lightning, hand boilers & hand energy circuit sticks, giant smoke cannons & lots of spectacular science!

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### WILD WONDERS

#### Aga Grandowicz and Gina McCrudden

Supported by Science Foundation Ireland

3pm - 4pm, Sunday 12th November

The Printworks, Dublin Castle

Age: 6 - 10 yrs.

Free. Booking required

Join two of the creative minds behind *Wild Wonders, An Anthology of Short Nature Stories for Children* (Natural World Publishing) for an exciting story workshop where writer, **Gina McCrudden**, and publisher and illustrator, **Aga Grandowicz**, promise to captivate little listeners and bring their imaginations to life as they create their own wild and wonderful works of art.

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Limited capacity events, all bookings/expressions of interest to [info@dublinbookfestival.com](mailto:info@dublinbookfestival.com)

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### SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED LAST NIGHT

**Sam Blake**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries

11.15am, Wednesday 8th November

Coolock Library. Age: 4th year +

It's Katie's 17th birthday and the party is in full flight but, after a fight breaks out, the friends find more than they bargained for when they return to clear up the mess. *Something Terrible Happened Last Night* (Gill Books) is a gripping teen thriller that will keep everyone guessing. Students will join No 1 bestselling crime author **Sam Blake** to find out more about the plot, characters and her writing process in her debut YA.

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### THE GREAT IRISH BOOK OF GAELIC GAMES

**Evanne Ní Chuilinn**

10.30am - 11.15am, Wednesday 8th November

Online.

Age: 7+ yrs

The latest Great Irish book in the Gill Books series of big topics, tackled by experts and brought to life with amazing illustrations, this engaging history *The Great Irish Book of Gaelic Games* introduces Gaelic Games' most significant people, history and culture to fans of all ages. Discover what goes on behind the scenes on match day and which county has the zaniest fans! Students will join the author, sports journalist **Evanne Ní Chuilinn**, online as she guides them through the wonderful world of Gaelic Games.

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### MIGHTY MINDSETS

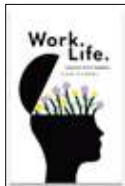
**Niamh Doyle**

10am - 10.45am, Thursday 9th November

Online

Age: 7+ yrs

*Mighty Mindsets* (Little Island Books) is a humorous and dynamic new book for children, exploring how mindfulness can help in navigating life's ups and downs. Students will join author **Niamh Doyle** for readings, followed by a Q&A, from this book packed with information, delightful and engaging illustrations by **Carol Betera**, and simple exercises to help calm an anxious or stressed mind, helping children to build resilience and better understand how to deal with big emotions!



### WORK. LIFE. LESSONS FROM LEADERS

**Claire O'Connell**

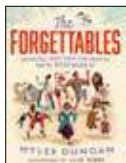
In partnership with Royal Irish Academy

10am - 11am, Thursday 9th November

Royal Irish Academy

Age: 4th Year

*Work. Life. Lessons from Leaders* (Royal Irish Academy) is a collection of useful and interesting tips, hacks and insights from people - mainly women - who have made a mark in their field. Students will join the author, scientist-turned-writer **Claire O'Connell**, and be inspired by these short snippets of hard-earned wisdom and insights from people - mostly women - who have achieved much in their careers!



### THE FORGETTABLES

**Alan Dunne**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries.

10.30am - 11.15am, Thursday 9th November

Dolphin's Barn Library

Age: 9+ yrs

Unleash your inner creativity at this interactive Illustrating History Workshop! Students will join illustrator and author **Alan Dunne** on this exciting journey through history and illustration, exploring the latest book he has illustrated, *The Forgettables* (Gill Books), learning about historical characters, and how illustrations can bring them to life. Create your own historical illustrations and engage with history in a fun, creative, and interactive way!



### THE MOST IRISH PERSON

**Shelley Corcoran**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries.

10.30am - 11.15am, Thursday 9th November

Raheny Library

Age: 7+ yrs

Students will join author **Shelley Corcoran** for an exciting reading event, with *The Most Irish Person* (Currach Books), a children's book exploring multicultural Ireland. We join Anna and Lucy as they journey across Ireland. We learn how everyone has a talent that makes them the most Irish person in Ireland but who will win! The reading will be followed by a fun flag quiz as well as completing illustrations from the book, with prizes of the book for the winners.



### IN BETWEEN WORLDS: THE JOURNEY OF THE FAMINE GIRLS

**Nicola Pierce**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries.

10.30am - 11.15am, Thursday 9th November

Phibsborough Library

Age: 9+ yrs

Students will step back in time to 1849 with author **Nicola Pierce** as she discusses her latest book *In Between Worlds: The Journey of the Famine Girls* (The O'Brien Press). When Maggie and Sarah's homes and lives are devastated by the horrors of the famine, they are given the chance of a new life in Australia. On board ship, they are caught in between worlds. How will they find the courage and strength to build new lives in a strange land?

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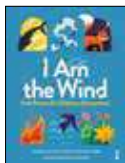
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### **I AM THE WIND: A FUN WRITING WORKSHOP FOR SCHOOLS**

**Lucinda Jacob and Sarah Webb**

In partnership with Chester Beatty

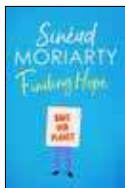
10am - 11am, Friday 10th November

Chester Beatty, Dublin Castle

Age: 9+ yrs

Have fun with your creativity! Children's writers, **Lucinda Jacob** and **Sarah Webb**, will share some of their favourite poems about dragons and horses, jellyfish and pancakes from the new book they have co-edited, *I am the Wind: Irish Poems for Children Everywhere* (Little Island Books), illustrated by Ashwin Chacko. Then they will help the children create their own rhymes and poems. Will they write funny nonsense verse like Spike Milligan, or an ode to beans like Zainab Boladale? Let's see!

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### **FINDING HOPE**

**Sinéad Moriarty**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries

10.30am - 11.15am, Friday 10th November

Rathmines Library

Age: 7+ yrs

*Finding Hope* (Gill Books) is a heartwarming story about family and friendship, coping with loss and loneliness, activism and the environment, and the ways we try to find meaning in our lives when we feel lost. Students will join author **Sinéad Moriarty** to discuss the many themes explored in her latest book.

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### WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORDPLAY

**Thembe Mvula**

In partnership with The Ark

10am - 11am, Friday 10th November

The Ark, Temple Bar

Age: 10+yrs



This session will inspire imaginations and foster a space for well-being boosting creativity through generating writing that finds the extraordinary in the everyday. Involving a mix of play, writing prompts and engaging with different styles of written and performance poetry, the session is designed to encourage confidence in reading and writing poems.

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### PÚCAÍ SCHMÚCAÍ

**Gabriel Rosenstock**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries

10:30am - 11.15am, Friday 10 November

Ballymun Library

Age: 7+ yrs

Léifidh **Gabriel Rosenstock** roinnt dánta as an leabhar véarsaí is déanaí uaidh, *Púcaí Schmúcaí* (Futa Fata 2023), Rogha an Eagarthóra san eagrán reatha den iris Inis, na saineolaithe ar leabhair do pháistí.

**Gabriel Rosenstock** will read from *Púcaí Schmúcaí* (Futa Fata 2023) his “greatest hits” for children, which also contains a few new poems. It’s the Editor’s Choice in the current issue of Inis magazine, the children’s books specialists.

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### FAIRY HILL

**Marita Conlon-McKenna**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries

10.30am - 11.15am, Friday 10th November

Ringsend Library

Age: 8+yrs

When Anna is sent to stay with her dad at Fairy Hill, strange happenings make her begin to wonder if the fairies she's heard about are real. And if they are, could her little brother Jack be in real danger? Students will join beloved children's storyteller **Marita Conlon-McKenna** for a reading and discussion about her latest book *Fairy Hill* (The O'Brien Press).



### BLACK AND IRISH: LEGENDS, TRAILBLAZERS AND EVERYDAY HEROES

**Leon Diop and Briana Fitzsimons**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries.

10.30am - 11.15am, Friday 10 November

Pearse Street Library

Age: 13+yrs

Students will join authors **Leon Diop** and **Briana Fitzsimons** of *Black and Irish* (an organisation that highlights and celebrates the identity of black and mixed-race Irish people) for a special school event for ages 13 and up. Leon and Briana will discuss their new book *Black and Irish: Legends, Trailblazers, and Everyday Heroes* (Little Island) and engage students with stories of the black and Irish community.



### ALDRIN ADAMS AND THE LEGEND OF NEMESWISS

**Paul Howard**

10.30am - 11.30am, Friday 10th November

Townhall, 1WML, Windmill Quarter. Age: 8 - 10 yrs

Join best-selling children's author (and creator of Ross O'Carroll Kelly) **Paul Howard** for an action-packed event around Aldrin Adams and the Legend of Nemeswiss (Puffin). Aldrin is an ordinary boy with the most EXTRAORDINARY, stinkiest super-power! Months have past since Aldrin discovered when he eats CHEESE before bedtime, he can enter people's dreams and nightmares, and help with their problems. Find out what happens when he comes face to face with his nemesis - a MYSTERIOUS SUPERNATURAL VILLAIN who creates NIGHTMARES for millions of children every night!

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### WORKSHOP WITH INUA ELLAMS

11am - 11.45am, Friday 10th November

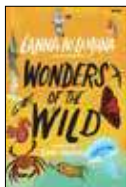
Age: 16+yrs

Trained by national poetry organisation, Apples & Snakes, in their Poets In Education Scheme, **Inua Ellams** further developed his skills as facilitator by travelling the world and running accessible classes for educational, arts and corporate organisations from Malaysia to Australia, Libya to South Africa. He has worked with all ages from Primary to University, teaching various aspects of poetry & playwriting, or using them to teach history, mathematics and philosophy. Students will join Inua for this special workshop.



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### WONDERS OF THE WILD

**Éanna Ní Lamhna**

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries.

11am - 11.45am, Friday 10th November

Central Library

Age: 8+ yrs

**Éanna Ní Lamhna** has always loved the unusual and the surprising, the weird and the wonderful in our wildlife! Students will join Éanna to explore *Wonders of the Wild* (The O'Brien Press), in which she sends readers on a wonderful wildlife adventure, inviting us to notice all the amazing things that surround us when we are out and about in nature. As our world faces many challenges, the more we all know about the natural world around us, and the more we care, the better.



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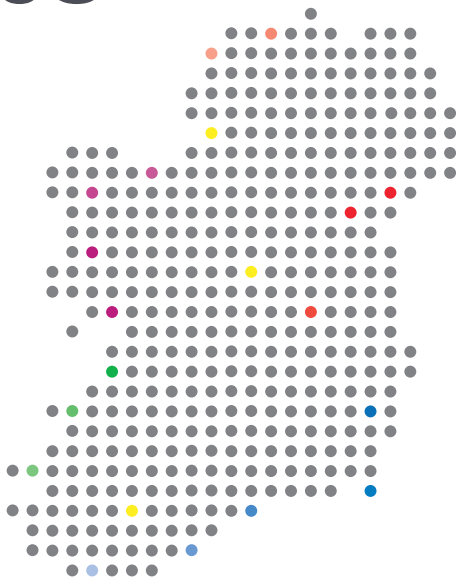
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