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WELCOME TO DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL 2025

We are delighted to welcome you back to the Dublin Book Festival! Over five days, we will celebrate Ireland's writers, illustrators, artists and publishers in over 100 events, including lively conversations, engaging workshops, walking tours, book launches, and much more.

Explore Dublin's cultural buildings, libraries, museums, gardens, cafes and bookshops as we celebrate Ireland's homegrown literary talent.

We are excited to be holding our Festival Hub at IMMA Venues at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham on Saturday, 8th November and Sunday, 9th November. Step into our world of books, stories, ideas and discussions, where you can join our many events, browse the festival bookshop, meet authors at signings, and spend the day surrounded by book lovers of all ages.

We are thrilled to be part of Science Week 2025. Our programme features informative and inspiring discussions, walking tours,

workshops and family events. We'll be exploring themes of biodiversity, ecology, sustainability, the climate, the natural landscape and Ireland's wildlife, and how we can actively contribute to the pressing need for regeneration in our natural world.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Arts Council, and all our funders, sponsors and partners that make the festival possible.

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!



Julianne Mooney Siron
Festival Director



Welcome to Dublin Book Festival



FESTIVAL INFORMATION



BOOKING INFORMATION

All events should be booked
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VENUES

PHOTO MUSEUM IRELAND

Meeting House Square,
Temple Bar, Dublin 2, D02 X406

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC

36 – 38, Westland Row, Dublin 2,
D02 WY89

TU DUBLIN

Grangegorman Campus,
Dublin 7

IRISH WRITERS CENTRE

19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1,
D01 E102

1WML

1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2,
D02 F206

TEELING DISTILLERY

13 – 17, Newmarket, Dublin 8,
D08 KD91

DCU

St Patrick's Campus,
Drumcondra Rd Upper,
Drumcondra, Dublin 9

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND

7 – 8 Kildare Street, Dublin 2,
D02 P638

BARTLEY'S LOUNGE

The Grafton Hotel,
32 Stephen Street Lower,
Dublin 2, D02 WB05

TEMPLE BAR GALLERY + STUDIOS

5 – 9 Temple Bar, Dublin 2,
D02 AC84

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY

19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2,
D02 HH58

THE NEW THEATRE

43 Essex St E, Temple Bar,
Dublin 2, D02 Y30

THE GUTTER BOOKSHOP

Cow's Lane, Temple Bar,
Dublin 8, D08 DK27

MoLI – MUSEUM OF LITERATURE IRELAND

UCD Naughton Joyce Centre,
86 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2,
D02 XY43

IMMA VENUES

Irish Museum of Modern Art,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham,
Dublin 8, D08 FW31

DLR LEXICON

Queen's Road, Dún Laoghaire,
A96 H283

NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Glasnevin, Dublin 9, D09 VY63

BALLYOGAN LIBRARY

Samuel Beckett Civic Campus,
Ballyogan Ct, Ballyogan, Dublin,
D18 HT7

RASCALS BREWING COMPANY

Unit 5 Goldenbridge Estate,
Tyrconnell Rd, Inchicore,
Dublin, D08 HF68

RDS LIBRARY & ARCHIVES

Merrion Road, Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4, D04 AK83

SCHOOLS' EVENTS

Cabra Library
Central Library
Drumcondra Library
Finglas Library
Inchicore Library
Kevin St Library
Raheny Library
Rathmines Library
Walkinstown Library
The Ark
Chester Beatty

CHESTER BEATTY

Dublin Castle, Dublin 2,
D02 AD92



MAIN PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 9th October

SCRIBENDI: PORTRAITS OF IRISH WRITERS 1985 – 2025

Steve Pyke in conversation
*Photo Museum Ireland,
Temple Bar.
5pm*

WEDNESDAY 29th October

ELIZABETH DAY

In conversation with
Róisín Ingle
*Royal Irish Academy of Music,
Westland Row.
7pm*

WEDNESDAY 5th November

SUSTAINABILITY HERE AND NOW

*TU Dublin, Grangegorman,
Dublin 7.
10am*

LICHTENBERG BOOK LAUNCH

Tom O'Connell
*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
6.30pm*

THE DUBLIN REVIEW AT 100

*Townhall, 1WML, Windmill
Quarter.
7pm*

SLAMOVISSION 2025

*Teeling Distillery, The Liberties,
Dublin 8.
7pm*

THURSDAY 6th November

DUBSTREETCAFÉ COFFEE GUIDE

Paddy Kirk
*Dublin City.
10am*

CLASS ACTS: EQUALITY, CONNECTION AND BELONGING

*DCU, St Patrick's Campus,
Dublin 9.
11am*

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*Fishamble Street Gate,
Christ Church Cathedral.
10.30am*

IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOUR

*Dublin City Gates, Cook Street,
Dublin 8.
11am*

NÍ CHUIREANN SÍ FIACAIL ANN | SHE TELLS IT STRAIGHT

Áine Ní Ghlinn agus
Rita Ann Higgins
*National Library of Ireland,
Kildare St.
1pm*

SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOP

Cormac Mac Gearailt
*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
2pm*

INTRODUCTION TO URBAN BEEKEEPING

*Leo Freeman Meadow,
Watling Street, Dublin 8.
2pm*

EMERGING VOICES

Gethan Dick and Aisling Rawle,
Garrett Carr and Seán Farrell
in conversation with
Aingeala Flannery
*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
6pm*

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL PALIN

*Townhall, 1WML,
Windmill Quarter.
6pm*

THIS IS NOT A COOKBOOK

Roxana Manouchehri
in conversation with
Cauvery Madhavan
*Temple Bar Gallery + Studios.
6pm*

WOMEN, STRUGGLE AND RESILIENCE

Leanne Calvert, Susan Marie
Martin and Caroline West
in conversation with
Mary McAuliffe
*Royal Irish Academy, Dawson St.
6.45pm*

NEWBLISS

Keith Donald
*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
8pm*

DBF AFTER DARK FESTIVAL CLUB

Holy Show: Writers In The Mix
*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
9pm*

FRIDAY 7th November

EVERYONE HAS A STORY. WHAT'S YOURS?

Workshop with
Dearbhaile O'Hare
*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
10am*

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*Fishamble Street Gate,
Christ Church Cathedral.
10.30am & 2.15pm*

LITERARY PRODUCER EVENT

*Dublin 2.
11am*

THE ULYSSES GUIDE

Walking tour with
Robert Nicholson
*National Library of Ireland,
Kildare St.
1pm*

PROPERBOOK: THE NEXT STEP

*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
2pm*

POETRY AND THE DUTY OF CARE

Róisín Leggett Bohan, Jennifer
Horgan and Lianne O'Hara in
conversation with Martin Dyar
*The New Theatre, Temple Bar.
6pm*

SHORT STORIES IN FOCUS

Claire-Lise Kieffer,
Shane Tivenan and
Dave Tynan in conversation
with Kate Barry
*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
6pm*

MORSELS BOOK LAUNCH

Susanna Galbraith
*The Gutter Bookshop, Temple Bar.
6.30pm*

SHADOWS OF OUR PAST

Patrick Holloway, Niamh
Ni Mhaoileoin and Kuba Shand-
Baptiste in conversation
with Tara Mcevoy
*MoLI, St Stephen's Green.
6.30pm*

**POETRY IRELAND
INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE**

*The New Theatre, Temple Bar.
7.30pm*

WRITING THE UNSPEAKABLE

Gaea Schoeters and Audrey
Magee in conversation with
Neil Hegarty
*MoLI, St Stephen's Green.
8pm*

**DBF AFTER DARK FESTIVAL
CLUB: ECHOES ON THE PAGE**

Anna Carey, Brendan Mac Evilly
and Maggie Armstrong in
conversation with
Tony Clayton-Lea
*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
8pm*

SATURDAY 8th November**CONFLICT AND CREATION**

*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
10.30am*

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*Fishamble Street Gate, Christ
Church Cathedral.
10.30am & 2.15pm*

WOMEN WRITING HISTORY

Evelyn Conlon and Sinéad
Gleeson in conversation
with Clodagh Finn
*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
11am*

WRITING THE BODY

Sam Furlong, Gustav Parker
Hibbett and Sophie White
in conversation with
Molly Twomey
*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
11.30pm*

**THINKING ALOUD, THINKING
TOGETHER**

Phil Mullen in conversation
with Afua Hirsch
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
11.45am*

THE ART OF THE SHORT STORY

Mary Morrissy and Mary
O'Donnell in conversation
with Niall MacMonagle
*d/r LexIcon, Dun Laoghaire.
12pm*

WINTER PAPERS LAUNCH

*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
12.30pm*

THE CULTURE FILE DEBATE:

THE HARE'S CORNER
*National Botanic Gardens,
Glasnevin.
1pm*

ZINE WORKSHOP

Mot Collins
*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
1pm*

OUT ON THE PAGE

Soula Emmanuel, Seán Hewitt
and Anne Walsh Donnelly
in conversation with
Neil Hegarty
*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
1pm*

REIMAGINING

Paul Perry and Hazel Gaynor
in conversation with Aoife Barry
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
1pm*

WHAT LIES BENEATH

Caroline Madden and Sharon
Guard in conversation with
Jackie Lynam
*Ballyogan Library, Dublin 18.
2pm*

**DAY OF THE IMPRISONED
WRITER**

İlhan Sami Çomak
in conversation with
Liz McManus
*National Library of Ireland,
Kildare St.
2pm*



**THE CULTURE FILE DEBATE:
DO BUGS NEED A GLOW-UP?**

*National Botanic Gardens,
Glasnevin.
2.15pm*

**DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES
READERS' DAY**

Christine Dwyer Hickey, Miriam O'Callaghan, Joseph O'Connor and David Park
*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
2pm*

AILCEIMIC AN AISTRITHEORA

The Translator's Alchemy
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
2.30pm*

RAISING VOICES SHOWCASE

*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
4.45pm*

THE DUBLIN PUB

Donal Fallon
*Rascals Brewing Company,
Inchicore, Dublin 8.
6pm*

**MÓROÍCHE FILÍOCHTA
AGUS CEOIL****GALA POETRY AND
MUSIC NIGHT**

*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
6pm*

**POETRY IRELAND
INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE**

*The New Theatre, Temple Bar.
7.30pm*

**MODERN FABLES,
ANCIENT GHOSTS**

Oisín Fagan, Barbara Leahy and Ferdia Lennon
*Bartley's Lounge,
The Grafton Hotel.
8pm*

SUNDAY 9th November**A LITERARY WALKING TOUR**

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*Fishamble Street Gate, Christ
Church Cathedral.
10.30am*

IRISH STEM LIVES

Jane Grimson and Luke O'Neill in conversation with Jonathan McCrea
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
11am*

THE LURE OF CRIME WRITING

Marie Cassidy and Gill Perdue
*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
11am*

WALKSHOP

Colm Keegan
*The Gardens, IMMA,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
12pm*

EXPLORING RESILIENCE

Claire Gleeson and June O'Sullivan in conversation with Sophie Grenham
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
12.15pm*

WRITING HISTORICAL FICTION

Workshop with Juliana Adelman
*Chester Beatty.
12.15pm*

POETRY AND MUSIC**WALKING TOUR**

Liam Carson and Seán Mac Erlaine
*The Gardens, IMMA,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
12.30pm*

GREAT IRISH VOICES

Gráinne Hurley and Patrick O'Sullivan Greene
*RDS Library & Archives,
Merrion Rd, Ballsbridge.
1pm*

IMMERSED IN NATURE

Seán Ronayne and Ruby Free
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
1.30pm*

**WOMEN'S STORIES IN
CONTEMPORARY IRISH FICTION**

Faith Hogan, Sheila O'Flanagan and Sophie White
*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
2pm*

**FROM ARCHITECTURE
TO NATURE**

Photowalk with Carsten Krieger
*The Gardens, IMMA, Royal
Hospital Kilmainham.
2.30pm*

CAPTURING NATURE

Conor O'Brien and Robert O'Leary
*RDS Library & Archives, Merrion
Rd, Ballsbridge. 3pm*

HISTORIES UNCOVERED

Kevin Rafter and Lin Rose Clark
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
3pm*

TWELVE PAINTINGS

Colin Davidson and Mark Carruthers in conversation with Gemma Tipton
*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
4pm*

THE SCIENCE OF STORYTELLING

Shane O'Mara and Niall De Búrca
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
4.30pm*



FAMILY & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 8th November

ROBIN AND PIP

Craft workshop with
Margaret Anne Suggs
*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
10.30am
Age: 5 – 10 yrs

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING

Ashwin Chacko
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am
Age: 4 – 6 yrs

CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND BOOK CLINIC

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 3pm
All the Family

DBF BOOKSHOP

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 4pm
All the Family

FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 3.30pm
All the Family

CREATIVE STATION

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 4pm
All the Family

CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 3.30pm
All the Family

'PLANT YOUR OWN' STATION

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
12pm – 3.30pm
All the Family

THE GRAND CENTRAL

CINEMA CLUB
Workshop with Alan Nolan
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
12.15pm
Age: 8 – 12 yrs

PENGUIN TV

Niamh Sharkey and
Owen Churcher
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
1.15pm
Age: 5+ yrs



RAINBOW LIBRARY

CREATIVE WORKSHOP
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
2.30pm
Age: 13+ yrs

FIGHTING WORDS STORY SLAM:

OPEN MIC SESSION FOR
TEEN WRITERS
With MC Dave Rudden
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
4pm
Age: 13+ yrs

SUNDAY 9th November

THE EXPERIMENTERS:
TEST YOUR REACTION SPEED!
Dr Shane Bergin
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am
Age: 7 – 10 yrs

OÍCHE MHAITH, A GHRÁ:
STORYTELLING AND MUSIC
*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am
All the family

CLINIC LEABHAR LEABHAIRPHÁISTÍ ÉIREANN

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 3pm
All the family

DBF BOOKSHOP

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 4pm
All the Family

FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 3.30pm
All the Family

CREATIVE STATION

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 4pm
All the Family

CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.*
11am – 3.30pm
All the Family

**DUBLIN ZOO
CONSERVATION STATION**

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
11am – 4pm
All the Family*

'PLANT YOUR OWN' STATION

*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
12pm – 3.30pm
All the Family*

THE EXPERIMENTERS:

NOTICING NATURE

Walkabout with Dr Shane Bergin
*The Gardens, IMMA,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
12pm
Age: 7 – 10 yrs*

THE ART OF VILLAINY

Dave Rudden
*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
12.15pm
Age: 8 – 12yrs*

THE CLOUD KINGDOM

Maire Zepf
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
1pm
Age: 7+ yrs*

**THE FAERIE ISLE CREATIVE
WORKSHOP**

Sine Quinn and Dermot Flynn
*The Vault, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
1.15pm
Age: 8+ yrs*

STORY DETECTIVES

E.R. Murray
*Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham.
2.30pm
Age: 8 – 12 yrs*



SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 5th November

TRUE FRIENDS AT FERNSIDE

Sheena Wilkinson

Online.

11am

Age: 4th – 6th class

THURSDAY 6th November

INIS MARA

Ceardlann idirghníomhach

le Tristan Rosenstock

Ballyogan Library.

10am

Age: 5th & 6th class

OSCAR WILDE'S STORIES

FOR CHILDREN

Creative workshop
with Lauren O'Hara

The Ark, Temple Bar.

10.15am & 12.15pm

Age: 2nd – 4th class

GRUAIG ÁINE

Sadhbh Devlin

Raheny Library.

10.30am

Age: 1st – 3rd class

FIGHTING WORDS STORY

WRITING WORKSHOP

Walkinstown Library.

10.30am – 12.30pm

Age: 2nd – 4th class

THE DOOMSDAY CLUB

Kevin Moran

Rathmines Library.

10.30am

Age: 4th – 6th class

HEARTSTOPPER

Eoin McEvoy

Cabra Library.

10.30am

Age: TY +

THE FRIENDSHIP CUP:

PALESTINE TO IRELAND

Winnie Clarke (Ann Devlin)

Kevin Street Library.

10.30am

Age: 4th – 6th class

WANDA BROOM

Ciara Geraghty

Finglas Library.

12pm

Age: 2nd – 4th class

FRIDAY 7th November

MAKE YOUR OWN

SHAPED POETRY!

Ruth Ennis

Chester Beatty.

10am

Age: 3rd – 6th class

THE MUSEUM OF LOST UMBRELLAS

Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick

Central Library.

11am

Age: 5th – 6th class

GIANT

Judith McQuoid

Drumcondra Library.

11am

Age: 3rd – 5th class

LANTERN SMOKE

Dagogo Hart

Inchicore Library.

11am

Age: S1 – 2nd class

MIXED UP

Leon Diop

Townhall, 1WML,

Windmill Quarter, Dublin 2.

12pm

Age: TY +

DIALANN EMILY PORTER:

CAILLTE AGUS AIMSITHE

Ceardlann idirghníomhach

le Richie Conroy

Townhall, 1WML,

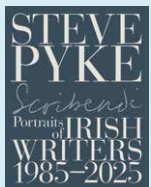
Chester Beatty.

12pm

Age: TY



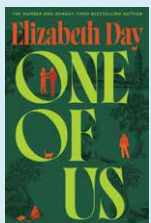
FRINGE EVENTS



SCRIBENDI: PORTRAITS OF IRISH WRITERS 1985-2025
STEVE PYKE IN CONVERSATION
5pm – 6pm, Thursday 9 October
Photo Museum Ireland, Temple Bar
€8. Booking required

Internationally renowned photographer **Steve Pyke** undertook a year-long residency at Photo Museum Ireland, completing his landmark book *Scribendi: Portraits of Irish Writers 1985-2025* (The Lilliput Press). This stunning book contains over 100 portraits of leading contemporary Irish writers, reflecting the diversity and vitality of Irish literature. Join us for this exclusive pre-launch talk where Steve will be in conversation, followed by the official launch of the book and exhibition.

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ELIZABETH DAY
IN CONVERSATION WITH RÓISÍN INGLE
7pm, Wednesday 29 October
Royal Irish Academy of Music, Westland Row
€15/€27. Booking required

One of Us (4th Estate), the latest book by celebrated author and podcaster **Elizabeth Day**, is a compulsive story of betrayal, old bonds and buried scandals, set in the heart of a British establishment family. Join us for an evening of Elizabeth's signature insight and wit as she shares the inspiration behind her new novel, exploring stories, secrets and searing social observation, and discusses her creative process. Elizabeth will be in conversation with author and podcaster **Róisín Ingle**.

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MAIN PROGRAMME

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SUSTAINABILITY HERE AND NOW
In partnership with TU Dublin and Green Foundation Ireland
10am – 6pm, Wednesday 5 November
TU Dublin, Grangegorman, Dublin 7
Free. Booking required

As sustainability remains one of the most pressing issues of our time, staff, students and the public are invited to join us for a day of stimulating, thought-provoking and inspiring events at TU Dublin's Grangegorman campus. Featuring authors whose writing explores sustainable development themes with depth, clarity and actionable insight. Discussions will cover everything from agriculture in the age of climate change and the rich world of urban wildlife, to the value of rewilding, and how the oppression of a people cannot go unchallenged. Full details at dublinbookfestival.com



LICHTENBERG BOOK LAUNCH
TOM O'CONNELL
6.30pm – 8.30pm, Wednesday 5 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
Free. Booking required

Set in an uncomfortably credible future, *Lichtenberg* (Temple Dark Books) by **Tom O'Connell** is a gripping and thought-provoking dystopian fiction, exploring the dangers of nationalist ideology, state propaganda, revisionist history, and the othering of the marginalised outsider; issues that continue to plague our contemporary society. With a protagonist who dares to question the status quo, we too re-learn the courage to question. Join us for this exclusive book launch event ahead of publication, with a reading and Q&A.



THE DUBLIN REVIEW AT 100

In partnership with RTÉ Radio 1 Arena
7pm – 8pm, Wednesday 5 November
Townhall, 1WML, Windmill Quarter
€12. **Booking required**

The Dublin Review, Ireland’s quarterly magazine of essays, memoir, reportage and fiction, is celebrating its 100th issue. Join us for a special live broadcast of RTÉ *Arena* on Radio 1 in conversation with the editor of *The Dublin Review* **Brendan Barrington**, alongside contributors **Patrick Freyne**, **Doireann Ní Ghríofa**, **Mark O’Connell** and **Cathy Sweeney**.

With special music guests on the night. Full details at dublinbookfestival.com



SLAMOVISSION 2025

In partnership with Dublin UNESCO City of Literature
7pm – 10pm, Wednesday 5 November
Teeling Distillery, The Liberties, Dublin 8
Free. Booking required

Join us as we celebrate the finest spoken word poetry in the world. Slamovision, hosted by the UNESCO Cities of Literature, is a unique spoken word version of Eurovision, and an exciting opportunity to showcase local talent on an international stage. This year’s final is in Dublin, the 4th UNESCO City of Literature, bringing you an engaging line-up of the very best talent – national and international – through a dynamic evening of in-person and online performances.



DUBSTREETCAFÉ COFFEE GUIDE

PADDY KIRK
10am – 11am, Thursday 6 November
Dublin City
Free. Booking required

Coffee lovers, we’ve got an exclusive speciality coffee event for you! Join us as we celebrate *DubStreetCafé Coffee Guide* (The Lilliput Press) by **Paddy Kirk**. Hear Paddy and industry leaders, including Baileis Coffee Roasters, in conversation, then indulge in a coffee tasting. You’ll be taken through the Irish coffee landscape, and given a unique insight into Dublin’s coffee culture, which inspired the book.

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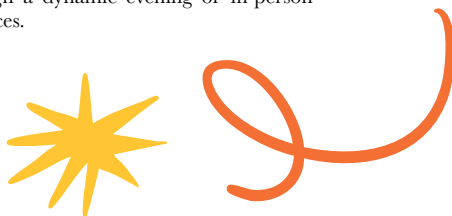
CLASS ACTS: EQUALITY, CONNECTION AND BELONGING

In partnership with DCU
11am – 8pm, Thursday 6 November
DCU, St Patrick’s Campus, Dublin 9
Booking required



Ollscoil Chathair
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City University

Curated by DCU Cultural Arts Officer **Marcella Bannon** and Arts Council Writer in Residence **Sarah Gilmartin**, *Class Acts* is a one-day literature event exploring class, identity, and the search for belonging. Through poetry, discussion, readings and music, the programme brings together powerful literary voices that illuminate often-overlooked lives and experiences – from fractured families to working-class communities – creating space for empathy, connection, and reflection. Full details at dublinbookfestival.com





A LITERARY WALKING TOUR PAT LIDDY'S WALKING TOURS

Daily 10.30am, Thu 6 Nov – Sun 9 Nov

Also 2.15pm, Fri 7 Nov and Sat 8 Nov

Fishamble Street Gate, Christ Church Cathedral

Costs vary, €25 – Free. Full details dublinbookfestival.com

Starting outside the Viking foundation of Christ Church Cathedral, join author **Pat Liddy**, or one of his expert guides, on a 2-hour walking tour of the old city. Learn about the first development of writing in Ireland, from the earliest monastic settlements to the internationally-recognised flowering of some of the most famous writers associated with Dublin. Pass by iconic places including Fishamble Street, the Chester Beatty, St Patrick's Cathedral, and the early 18th century Marsh's Library, Ireland's first public library.



IN OUR SHOES WALKING TOUR

11am – 12.30pm, Thursday 6 November

Dublin City Gates, Cook Street, Dublin 8

€15. Booking required

Join the In Our Shoes Walking Tour for an unforgettable journey through the heart of Dublin 8. Led by local guides, this unique tour shares real stories, hidden gems, and the spirit of the Liberties. More than a history lesson, it's a chance to see the city through the eyes of those who know it best – honest, moving, and full of heart.



NÍ CHUIREANN SÍ FIACAIL ANN | SHE TELLS IT STRAIGHT

ÁINE NÍ GHLINN AGUS RITA ANN HIGGINS

1pm – 2pm, Thursday 6 November

National Library of Ireland, Kildare St

Free. Booking required

Áine Ní Ghlinn and **Rita Ann Higgins** speak truth, in Irish and English, through bold, unsentimental poems. From silence, survival and loss, to class, wit, and cultural memory, they challenge and provoke.



Insíonn Áine Ní Ghlinn agus Rita Ann Higgins an fhírinne, i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla. Trí dhánta loma, láidre, tugann siad dúshlán, cruthaíonn siad spás, agus tugann siad guth dóibh siúd a dtugtar an chluas bhodhar dóibh go rómhinic. Join us for a bilingual reading and conversation.



SPOKEN WORD WORKSHOP

CORMAC MAC GEARAILT

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre

2pm – 3.30pm, Thursday 6 November

Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq

€20. Booking required

Join multi-award-winning spoken word poet **Cormac Mac Gearailt** for a workshop on how to write and perform spoken word poetry. Suited to beginners, intermediates and anyone who wants to get more comfortable reading and performing their work. We will focus on the spoken word poem: how to come up with an idea, how to write, edit, perform and find your own unique “voice”. This workshop is for people writing in Irish or English.





INTRODUCTION TO URBAN BEEKEEPING

2pm – 3.30pm, Thursday 6 November
Leo Freeman Meadow, Watling Street, Dublin 8
€15. Booking required

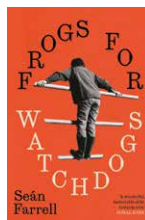
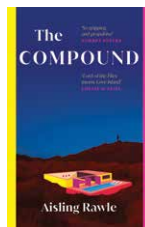
Discover urban bees with Bee8! This interactive talk explores the role of community-based beekeeping in Dublin 8, how local hives thrive in the city, and how bees support our environment. Learn, ask questions, and find out how you can get involved.

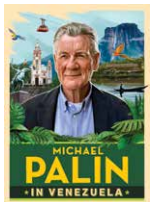


EMERGING VOICES

GETHAN DICK AND AISLING RAWLE, GARRETT CARR
AND SEÁN FARRELL IN CONVERSATION
WITH AINGEALA FLANNERY
6pm – 7.30pm, Thursday 6 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
€8. Booking required

Exploring themes from hope and love to resilience and ambition, join us for an evening around four captivating debut novels from some of the freshest voices in Irish fiction. **Gethan Dick's** *Water in the Desert*, *Fire in the Night* (Tramp Press) is a unique take on what we do when the world ends. **Aisling Rawle's** *The Compound* (HarperCollins) is a dark and gripping story of survival. **Garrett Carr's** *The Boy from the Sea* (Picador) is a moving story of family and community. **Seán Farrell's** *Frogs for Watchdogs* (New Island) is a tender and imaginative exploration of the intensity of childhood. The authors join author **Aingeala Flannery** in conversation.





AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL PALIN

6pm – 7pm, Thursday 6 November
Townhall, 1WML, Windmill Quarter
€15. Booking required

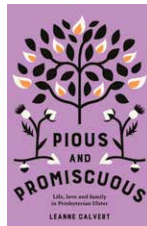
Embark on a vivid journey with writer, actor and broadcaster **Michael Palin** as he shares captivating tales from his career and travels, including his latest adventure in *Michael Palin in Venezuela* (Hutchinson Heinemann). With his trademark curiosity and wit, hear stories of the people he met, the places he explored, and the reality of life in modern-day Venezuela. Join us for a special evening with a master storyteller, transporting us to one of South America's most fascinating and complex countries, and beyond.



THIS IS NOT A COOKBOOK ROXANA MANOUCHEHRI IN CONVERSATION WITH CAUVERY MADHAVAN

6pm – 7.30pm, Thursday 6 November
Temple Bar Gallery + Studios
Free. Booking required

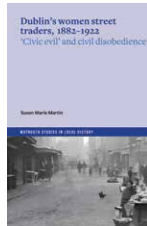
Join us for the launch of *This Is Not a Cookbook* (Skein Press), a unique blend of memoir with food writing alongside evocative lithographic artwork. The vignettes in the book chronicle **Roxana Manouchehri's** childhood growing up in Tehran in the 80s following the Iranian Revolution, the profound influence of the women who surrounded her, and the legacy of memories handed down during wartime. Featuring readings, conversation, exhibition and sale of artwork, and nibbles to savour from the author's own recipes.



WOMEN, STRUGGLE AND RESILIENCE

LEANNE CALVERT, SUSAN MARIE
MARTIN AND CAROLINE WEST
IN CONVERSATION
WITH MARY MCAULIFFE

6.45pm – 7.45pm, Thursday 6 November
Royal Irish Academy, Dawson St
€6. Booking required



Join us for an eye-opening discussion tracing the treatment of women in Ireland across three centuries, uncovering stories of struggle and resilience from the 1700s to today. **Leanne Calvert's** *Pious and Promiscuous* (Royal Irish Academy) offers an intimate glimpse of life in 18th century Presbyterian Ulster. **Susan Marie Martin's** *Dublin's women street traders, 1882-1932* (Four Courts Press) explores challenges faced, and actions taken. **Caroline West's** *Wrong Women* (Eriu) is a feminist history of the Monto, Europe's largest red-light district from the 19th into the 20th century. Join the authors in conversation with historian **Mary McAuliffe**.



NEWBLISS

KEITH DONALD

8pm – 8.40pm, Thursday 6 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
€6. Booking required

Moving Hearts legend **Keith Donald** has been at the epicentre of the Irish music scene for decades. His memoir *Music and Mayhem* (The Lilliput Press) chronicles his life, from his early days in Belfast to playing music across the globe, as well as his journey from addiction to redemption. Join us for a performance of NewBliss, his immersive one-man show combining verse, prose and music.





DBF AFTER DARK FESTIVAL CLUB
HOLY SHOW: WRITERS IN THE MIX
9pm – 10.30pm, Thursday 6 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
Free. Booking required

The pens are down and the volume's up as Holy Show alumni and DBF guests swap words for beats. In collaboration with ddr residents FARO-P and Mittelschmerz, expect eclectic sets from poet and playwright **Lianne O'Hara**, writers **Rob Doyle**, **Nicole Flattery** and **Róisín Kiberd**, and **DJ Iconik** (aka poet and cartoonist Eoin Rogers).



EVERYONE HAS A STORY. WHAT'S YOURS?
WORKSHOP WITH DEARBHAILE O'HARE
 In partnership with ARC Cancer Support Centres
10am – 12pm, Friday 7 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
€10. Booking required

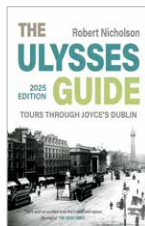
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Join author **Dearhaile O'Hare** for an engaging workshop exploring how writing can support wellbeing. Whether facing a recent cancer diagnosis, in treatment, in recovery, or supporting a loved one, the process of writing can offer a space to reflect, find expression, and reconnect with ourselves and others. This is an interactive workshop. Questions are encouraged and you are welcome to bring along a piece you have written, or are currently working on, to share on the day.



LITERARY PRODUCER EVENT
 In partnership with Safe to Create
11am – 12.30pm, Friday 7 November
Dublin 2
Free. Booking required

This event, which encourages participation and discussion, is for professionals creating literature events at festivals, venues, libraries, or any organisations, to gather information and share experiences. This year's event, in partnership with Safe to Create, will be an information session followed by open discussion around embedding dignity and respect in the workplace, ensuring inclusivity and diversity of marginalised communities – focusing on LGBTQ+ – managing different voices, navigating challenging situations that arise, and more.



THE ULYSSES GUIDE
WALKING TOUR WITH ROBERT NICHOLSON
1pm – 2pm, Friday 7 November
National Library of Ireland, Kildare St
€15. Booking required

Explore the streets of James Joyce's Dublin with author and Joycean **Robert Nicholson** as he takes you on a walking tour based on the new edition of his best-selling *The Ulysses Guide: Tours Through Joyce's Dublin* (New Island). First published in 1988 and updated here for the streetscape in 2025, *The Ulysses Guide* is a captivating companion to Joyce's masterpiece, following its eighteen episodes on their original locations, and recreating the Dublin of 1904 against the background of today's streetscape.

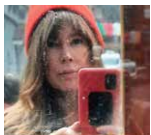




PROPERBOOK: THE NEXT STEP

In partnership with Children's Books Ireland
2pm – 4pm, Friday 7 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
€20/€15. Booking required

Congratulations! Your children's book has been accepted by a traditional publishing house. But what's next? If you'd like information about contracts, taxes, the artists' exemption, dealing with publishers and editors, marketing and PR, finding an agent, sustaining a long-term career, how to handle rejection, and more, this event in the Children's Books Ireland Properbook series is for you. Join our expert panel including accountant **Bruce Stanley**, **Aoife Murray** from Children's Books Ireland, author **Oisín McGann**, editor **Helen Carr** and publisher **Matthew Parkinson-Bennett** in conversation with author **Sarah Webb**, with time after for questions.



POETRY AND THE DUTY OF CARE

**RÓISÍN LEGGETT BOHAN, JENNIFER HORGAN
AND LIANNE O'HARA** IN CONVERSATION
WITH **MARTIN DYAR**
6pm – 7pm, Friday 7 November
The New Theatre, Temple Bar
Free. Booking required



In this event we explore the power of poetry to care for the vulnerable, to extol the living and honour the memory of all that is lost. What is a poet's relationship to the experience of pain, their responsibility to bear witness, the commitment to do no harm? Poets **Róisín Leggett Bohan**, **Jennifer Horgan** and **Lianne O'Hara** consider poetry's ability to approach the wound as the place where the light enters us, in conversation with fellow poet **Martin Dyar**.



SHORT STORIES IN FOCUS

**CLAIRE-LISE KIEFFER,
SHANE TIVENAN AND
DAVE TYNAN** IN CONVERSATION
WITH **KATE BARRY**
6pm – 7pm, Friday 7 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
€8. Booking required



Join us as we delve into three powerful debut short-story collections. The stories in **Claire-Lise Kieffer's** *Tenterticks* (Banshee Press) are humorous, off-kilter, savage and surreal; illuminating an Ireland both strange and familiar. **Shane Tivenan's** *To Avenge a Dead Glacier* (The Lilliput Press) contains stories that explore the lives of rural Irish outsiders, with style, verve, tension and humour. **Dave Tynan's** *We Used to Dance Here* (Granta) reveals a darker, edgier side of Dublin, a city and people in flux. Join the authors in conversation with writer **Kate Barry**.



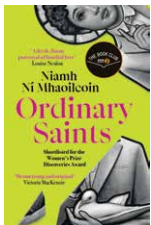
MORSELS BOOK LAUNCH

SUSANNA GALBRAITH
6.30pm – 8pm, Friday 7 November
The Gutter Bookshop, Temple Bar
Free. Booking required

Susanna Galbraith's debut collection, *morsels* (Macha Press) is a formally ambitious multi-sequence debut collection. Across three interconnected sequences, Galbraith makes sensitive yet tough-minded forays into unstable, ever-evolving territories: love, death and memory, loss and anxiety, isolation and transformation, and the craft of poetry making. Join us to launch this unique collection.



SHADOWS OF OUR PAST
PATRICK HOLLOWAY, NIAMH NÍ
MHAOILEOIN AND KUBA SHAND-
BAPTISTE IN CONVERSATION
WITH TARA MCEVOY
6.30pm – 7.20pm, Friday 7 November
MoLI, St Stephen's Green
Free. Booking required



Exploring themes including family, grief, memory, migration and belonging, join us for an evening around three captivating debut novels. **Patrick Holloway's** *The Language of Remembering* (Époque Press) asks how we connect to the people we love, moving on from the past to find meaning in the present. In **Niamh Ní Mhaoileoin's** *Ordinary Saints* (Bonnier Books) questions of faith, legacy, family and identity collide. *Soon Come* (John Murray Press) by **Kuba Shand-Baptiste** is a story of friendship, community, and finding a place in the world. Join the authors in conversation with writer **Tara McEvoy**.



WRITING THE UNSPEAKABLE
GAEA SCHOETERS AND
AUDREY MAGEE IN CONVERSATION
WITH NEIL HEGARTY
 In partnership with Literature Ireland
8pm – 8.50pm, Friday 7 November
MoLI, St Stephen's Green
Free. Booking required



Can fiction allow writers and their readers to grapple with the worst of human behaviours? Through their writing, **Gaea Schoeters** and **Audrey Magee** have both explored historical and imagined instances of extreme cruelty and its devastating moral consequences. In today's world, has the normalisation of violence and the assignment of colonisation to the past inured us all to the most abject of behaviours? Join the authors in conversation with author and literary critic, **Neil Hegarty**.



POETRY IRELAND INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE
7.30pm – 9pm, Friday 7 November
The New Theatre, Temple Bar
€8. Booking required

Introductions | Céadlínite is a Poetry Ireland showcase of 15 of the most exciting new poets writing in English and Irish on the island of Ireland today. The poets were selected by **Jessica Traynor** and **Aifric MacAodha**. We'll have a musical guest along on the night.

Introductions | Is sárthaispeántas d'Eigse Éireann é “**Céadlínite**” de 15 de na filí nua is spreagúla atá ag scríobh i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge ar oileán na hÉireann sa lá atá inniu ann. Roghnaigh **Jessica Traynor** agus **Aifric MacAodha** filí na bliana seo. Seinnfidh ceoltóir den scoth in eineacht leis na filí.



DBF AFTER DARK FESTIVAL CLUB:
ECHOES ON THE PAGE
ANNA CAREY, BRENDAN MAC EVILLY
AND MAGGIE ARMSTRONG
IN CONVERSATION WITH
TONY CLAYTON-LEA
8pm – 9pm, Friday 7 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
Free. Booking required



Explore books inspired by music, art and film at our DBF After Dark Festival Club. **Anna Carey's** *Our Song* (Hachette) is a story of second chances, and following dreams. **Brendan Mac Evilly's** novel *Deep Burn* (Marrowbone Books) explores the seductive and devastating power of art, fame, and obsession. **Maggie Armstrong** is a contributor to *In the Good Seats* (PVA), a vibrant collection of essays celebrating love of film and cinema. The authors join culture critic **Tony Clayton-Lea** in conversation.





CONFLICT AND CREATION

In partnership with Dublin UNESCO
City of Literature

10.30am – 11.30am, Saturday 8 November

*The Chapel, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham*
Free. Booking required

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Join us for readings and screenings with leading writers and artists engaged with conflict and related themes. Our speakers **Atoosa Pour Hosseini** (film), **Ciarán O'Rourke** (poetry), **Natalya Korniyenko** (journalism) and **Suad Aldarra** (non-fiction) will be in conversation with PATHOS team **Ailbhe McDaid** and **Julie Morrissey**. This event will spark discussions between our hosts, speakers and audience about the challenges and necessity of artmaking in times of global conflict.

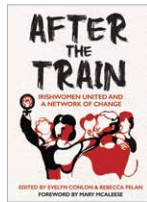


WOMEN WRITING HISTORY

EVELYN CONLON AND SINÉAD
GLEESON IN CONVERSATION
WITH CLODAGH FINN

11am – 12pm, Saturday 8 November

*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham*
Free. Booking required



From Irishwomen United through to the Repeal the 8th campaign, join us for an engaging morning of conversation tracing the seismic impact of women activists in Ireland through the decades. Author **Evelyn Conlon** is co-editor of *After the Train* (UCD Press). This striking collection of essays captures the courageous efforts of Irishwomen United activists in the years following the Contraceptive Train. Author **Sinéad Gleeson**'s feminist writing often illuminates women who have had a powerful impact on our time. Join them in conversation with **Clodagh Finn**, author of *Through Her Eyes*.



THINKING ALOUD, THINKING TOGETHER

PHIL MULLEN IN CONVERSATION WITH AFUA HIRSCH
11.45am – 12.45pm, Saturday 8 November
The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Free. Booking required



What does it mean to be Black in Ireland and Britain today? Join **Phil Mullen**, author and academic, and **Afua Hirsch**, journalist, broadcaster and bestselling author of *Brit(ish): On Race, Identity and Belonging* as they challenge and unravel the harmful legacy of erasure of the Black community in the history and culture of both countries. This conversation is the first in a new Skein series of cross-disciplinary discussions, Thinking Aloud, Thinking Together, touching on current points of connection and concern.

Kindly supported by The Rowan Trust.



THE ART OF THE SHORT STORY

MARY MORRISSEY AND MARY
O'DONNELL IN CONVERSATION
WITH NIALL MACMONAGLE

In partnership with dlr Libraries
12pm – 1pm, Saturday 8 November
dlr LexIcon, Din Laoghaire
Free. Booking required



As short stories continue to captivate, join us to delve into two striking collections. **Mary Morrissy**'s *Twenty-Twenty Vision* (The Lilliput Press) is a collection of stories exploring hindsight, honesty and late middle-age regret, with empathy and wry humour. **Mary O'Donnell**'s *Walking Ghosts* (Mercier Press) takes us from urban encounters to sun-drenched beaches and beyond, capturing the secret sorrows and resilient hopes of characters caught between who they were and who they might become. Join the authors in conversation with writer and critic **Niall MacMonagle**.



WRITING THE BODY

**SAM FURLONG, GUSTAV PARKER
HIBBETT AND SOPHIE WHITE IN
CONVERSATION WITH MOLLY TWOMEY**

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre
11.30am – 12.30pm, Saturday 8 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
€8. Booking required



Joining our panel are poet and essayist **Gustav Parker Hibbett** whose debut collection *High Jump as Icarus Story* won the 2025 John Pollard Foundation International Poetry Prize, **Sam Furlong** whose just-published debut book is *Crowd Work*, and podcaster and columnist **Sophie White**, whose 8 books include *The Snag List*, *Where I End* and most recently, *Such a Good Couple*. They will chat to **Molly Twomey**, author of the poetry collections, *Raised Among Vultures* and *Chic to be Sad*, about the body and how it filters through their words, from how it can break to all it can bear.



THE CULTURE FILE DEBATE: THE HARE'S CORNER

In partnership with RTÉ lyric fm's Culture File
1pm – 2pm, Saturday 8 November
National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin
€6. Booking required

'The Hare's Corner' is an ancient Irish farming tradition that encourages the wisdom of leaving spaces of land for nature, outside the imperatives of production. This new book, with poetry by **Jane Clarke**, prose by **Catherine Cleary**, illustrations by **Jane Carkill** and photographs by BurrenBeo forms "a beautiful tapestry of courage and resolve" (Mary Robinson) from instances of reviving this practice in our contemporary landscapes. Our panel, also including **Colm Mac Con Iomaire** and chaired by **Paddy Woodworth**, produced for Culture File's Naturalist Bookshelf series, will tease out and test the hope it offers for our shared future.



WINTER PAPERS LAUNCH

12.30pm – 1.30pm, Saturday 8 November
The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€8. Booking required

Volume 11 of *Winter Papers*, Ireland's annual anthology for the arts, is published by Curlew Editions. It offers fiction, non-fiction, photography, visual art, along with craft interviews and in-conversation pieces on writing, film, theatre, photography, music, and more.

'A treasure trove of soul fuel with deep roots in Irish soil' – *Irish Times*

Join us for the launch of *Winter Papers 11* with readings and conversation from some of this year's contributors.



ZINE WORKSHOP

MOT COLLINS

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre
1pm – 2.30pm, Saturday 8 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
€10. Booking required



An accessible introduction to creating, storytelling and self-expression, the Irish Writers Centre will welcome writers to Dublin Book Festival to produce their own mini publications/booklet. Facilitator **Mot Collins** will guide participants in creating their own individual bespoke 'zines' (small, independent publications individually created) through writing, drawing and collage. Materials will be provided, though participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.





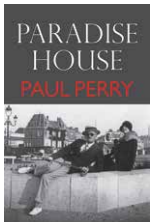
OUT ON THE PAGE

**SOULA EMMUEL, SEÁN HEWITT
AND ANNE WALSH DONNELLY
IN CONVERSATION WITH NEIL HEGARTY**

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre
1pm – 2pm, Saturday 8 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
€8. Booking required



As representations of LGBTQAI+ lives and experiences enter the publishing mainstream, join us to discuss the importance of queer visibility in writing, and the many ways in which such representation can work, serve our community – and shine a light in a still-challenging world.

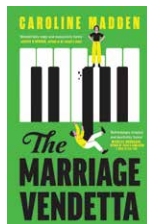
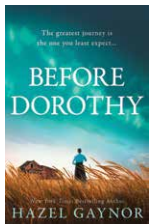


REIMAGINING

**PAUL PERRY AND HAZEL GAYNOR
IN CONVERSATION WITH AOIFE BARRY**

1pm – 2pm, Saturday 8 November
The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€6. Booking required

Step back in time with us as we explore two captivating novels that reimagine stories as we know them. In *Paradise House* (Somerville Press) **Paul Perry** conjures a vivid image of life for James Joyce had he succeeded with the Volta, Ireland's first cinema. In *Before Dorothy* (HarperCollins), **Hazel Gaynor** imagines Dorothy's life as a young child and the challenges she faced on the barren Kansas prairies before being uprooted to Oz. Join the authors in conversation with author and arts journalist **Aoife Barry**.



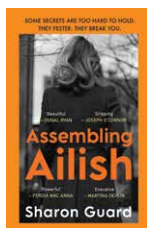
WHAT LIES BENEATH

**CAROLINE MADDEN AND
SHARON GUARD
IN CONVERSATION WITH JACKIE LYNAM**

In partnership with dlr Libraries
2pm – 3pm, Saturday 8 November
Ballyogan Library, Dublin 18
Free. Booking required



Join us for an afternoon of conversation around two gripping books exploring the darkness behind perfect facades and journeys of self-discovery to regain sense of self. **Caroline Madden's** *The Marriage Vendetta* (Eriu) is a darkly humorous story of secrets, betrayal, revenge, and dangerous influence. *Assembling Ailish* (Poolbeg) by **Sharon Guard** is a moving story of complex relationships, grief, and letting go of the past to move forward. The authors will be in conversation with writer **Jackie Lynam**.



DAY OF THE IMPRISONED WRITER

**İLHAN SAMI ÇOMAK IN CONVERSATION
WITH LIZ MCMANUS**

In partnership with Irish PEN/PEN na hÉireann
2pm – 3pm, Saturday 8 November
National Library of Ireland, Kildare St
Free. Booking required

İlhan Sami Çomak is an award-winning and internationally regarded Kurdish poet who was imprisoned in Istanbul for 30 years, before finally being released in 2024. This year, to mark the Day of the Imprisoned Writer, we are honoured to have Çomak joining us in person, along with his interpreter Ipek Ozel, for an afternoon in conversation with author and Co-Chair of Irish PEN/PEN na hÉireann, **Liz McManus**.

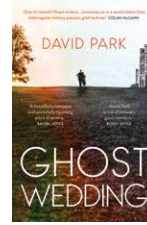




THE CULTURE FILE DEBATE: DO BUGS NEED A GLOW-UP?

In partnership with RTÉ lyric fm's Culture File
2.15pm – 3.15pm, Saturday 8 November
National Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin
€6. Booking required

A ladybug lands on your hand – it's a picture-perfect moment. But what if it's an earwig? Or a woodlouse? Do they deserve the resultant squeal of disgust? Can critters ever become as charming and glamorous as bumblebees and butterflies? Is it time to befriend those multi-limbed beings that outnumber us 200 million to one? Join **Luke Clancy** and panel, including **Nessa Darcy**, **Cassia Gaden Gilmartin**, and **Liam Lysaght**, on the why and how of a bug rebrand.



DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES READERS' DAY CHRISTINE DWYER HICKEY, MIRIAM O'CALLAGHAN, JOSEPH O'CONNOR AND DAVID PARK

In partnership with Dublin City Libraries
2pm – 5pm, Saturday 8 November
The Great Hall, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€12. Booking required

Join us for a lively and engaging afternoon of book chat with some of Ireland's most exciting contemporary authors. **Christine Dwyer Hickey's** *Our London Lives* (Atlantic) is a deeply moving novel of love and loneliness in an ever-changing city. **David Park's** *Ghost Wedding* (Oneworld) is a masterful portrait of love, betrayal, and how the past haunts our present. The authors join literary editor **Madeleine Keane** in conversation. **Joseph O'Connor** joins journalist and broadcaster **Flor MacCarthy** to explore his thrilling new novel *The Ghosts of Rome* (Harvill Secker). **Miriam O'Callaghan** joins author and podcaster **Róisín Ingle** to discuss her absorbing new memoir *Miriam: Life, Work, Everything* (Sandycove).



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THE TRANSLATOR'S ALCHEMY

In partnership with IMRAM

2.30pm – 3.30pm, Saturday 8 November

The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Free. Booking required

Plé ar aistriúcháin liteartha – An tOllamh **Michael Cronin** i mbun comhrá le **Máirín Nic Con Iomaire**, **Antain Mac Lochlainn** agus **Mícheál Ó hAodha**. The term ‘transcreation’ is often used to capture how literary translation is an alchemical act. This round-table talk features three leading translators – from other languages into Irish, and from Irish to English – discussing their craft.

RAISING VOICES

RAISING VOICES SHOWCASE

In partnership with Children’s Books Ireland, Publishing Ireland, Illustrators Ireland & the Tyrone Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig

4.45pm – 5.45pm, Saturday 8 November

Bartley’s Lounge, The Grafton Hotel

Free. Booking required

Raising Voices is a programme run by Children’s Books Ireland, Dublin Book Festival, Publishing Ireland, Illustrators Ireland, and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre. It aims to develop and support aspiring artists, making work for children and young adults, whose voices have been underrepresented in literature; breaking down barriers to publication, progression and inclusion, and increasing diversity and representation in the Irish literature sector. Join us for a showcase evening of new work by the 2025 Fellows, **Amelia Etherton**, **Caoimhe Hennessy**, **Clara Laherty**, **Coireall Kent**, **Eve Magahran** and **Laura Ambrose**.



THE DUBLIN PUB

DONAL FALLON IN CONVERSATION

WITH AOIFE K. WALSH

6pm – 7pm, Saturday 8 November

Rascals Brewing Company, Inchicore, Dublin 8

€8. Booking required

Bestselling author and *Three Castles Burning* creator **Donal Fallon** returns with *The Dublin Pub: A Social and Cultural History* (New Island). Join Donal at the vibrant Rascals Brewery in Inchicore, where he will explore the hidden histories of iconic pubs like The Long Hall, Grogan’s, and The Palace, as well as Dublin’s early houses, gay bars and shebeens. From rebellion to modern social change, this is the untold story of the Dublin pub. Donal will be in conversation with New Island commissioning editor **Aoife K. Walsh**.

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GALA POETRY AND MUSIC NIGHT

In partnership with IMRAM

6pm – 7.30pm, Saturday 8 November

Bartley’s Lounge, The Grafton Hotel

Free. Booking required

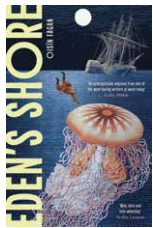
Tá an ghontacht sa chnuasach nua ó **Louis de Paor**, *Cé a Mharaigh Emma Mhic Mathúna?* a mbeifeá ag súil leis ó shárfhíle. Tugann *Rince Aeir* le **Caitriona Ní Chléirchín** ar thuras beatha sinn trí bhóithre corracha an ghrá agus an uaignis. Is geall le haislingí beaga na dánta sa chnuasach *I Muinín na nDúl* le **Máire Dinny Wren**; seoda smaointeoireachta, criostalaithe i bhfoirm an haiku, Is amhránaí agus seinnteoir bouzouki as é **Macc Dara Ó Faoláin**, a bhfuil aitheantas bainte amach aige as a chur chuige nuálach i gceol traidisiúnta na hÉireann.

POETRY IRELAND INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE

7.30pm – 9pm, Saturday 8 November
The New Theatre, Temple Bar
€8. Booking required

Introductions | Céadlínte is a Poetry Ireland showcase of 15 of the most exciting new poets writing in English and Irish on the island of Ireland today. The poets were selected by **Jessica Traynor** and **Aifric MacAodha**. We'll have a musical guest along on the night.

Introductions | Is sárthaispeántas d'Eigse Eireann é "Céadlín"te de 15 de na filí nua is spreagúla atá ag scríobh i mBéarla agus i nGaeilge ar oileán na hÉireann sa lá atá inniu ann. Roghnaigh **Jessica Traynor** agus **Aifric MacAodha** filí na bliana seo. Seinnfidh ceoltóir den scoth in eineacht leis na filí.

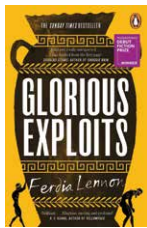


MODERN FABLES, ANCIENT GHOSTS

OISÍN FAGAN, BARBARA LEAHY AND FERDIA LENNON

8pm – 9pm, Saturday 8 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
€8. Booking required

Join an evening of conversation around three transportive and absorbing novels. Set in an era of global upheaval, *Eden's Shore* (John Murray Press) by **Oisín Fagan** is an epic and imaginative tale of greed, revenge and love. *Rembrandt's Promise* (Eriu) by **Barbara Leahy** draws us back to the Dutch Golden Age in this gripping story of passion, loss, ambition, and redemption. *Glorious Exploits* (Penguin) by **Ferdia Lennon** brings ancient Sicily to life in this bold and humorous novel exploring the worst, and best, of what humans are capable of.

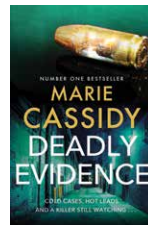


IRISH STEM LIVES
JANE GRIMSON AND LUKE O'NEILL
IN CONVERSATION WITH
JONATHAN MCCREA

Supported by Science Week
11am – 12pm, Sunday 9 November
Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital
Kilmainham
Free. Booking required

From natural philosophers to particle physicists, *Irish STEM Lives* (Royal Irish Academy) spotlights 46 trailblazing scientists who shaped Ireland's scientific story. Join the book's co-editor **Jane Grimson MRIA** and biochemist **Luke O'Neill MRIA** in conversation with science broadcaster **Jonathan McCrea**, as they delve into some of these extraordinary lives. Hear about the bold ideas and unexpected breakthroughs that have shaped STEM today.

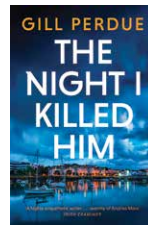
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THE LURE OF CRIME WRITING
MARIE CASSIDY AND GILL PERDUE

11am – 12pm, Sunday 9 November
The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€8. Booking required

From gripping plots and shocking twists to truths that may be best left buried, join us as two bestselling crime writers explore the lure of crime writing for readers and writers alike. *Deadly Evidence* (Hachette) is the latest crime thriller from former State Pathologist and author **Marie Cassidy**, about speaking truth to power no matter the cost. *The Night I Killed Him* (Penguin) by **Gill Perdue** is a compulsive thriller about deception, guilt and grief.

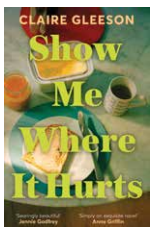




WALKSHOP COLM KEEGAN

Supported by Science Week
12pm – 2pm, Sunday 9 November
The Gardens, IMMA, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€20. *Booking required*

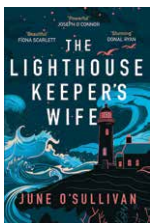
Walk and explore the deeply historic and artistically inspiring grounds of IMMA at the Royal Hospital Royal Hospital Kilmainham, with poet and playwright **Colm Keegan**. Using the environs as muse alongside a series of prompts to stimulate the creation of new work, this workshop is suitable for poets or anyone with an interest in ways to kickstart their writing.



EXPLORING RESILIENCE CLAIRE GLEESON AND JUNE O'SULLIVAN IN CONVERSATION WITH SOPHIE GRENHAM

12.15pm – 1pm, Sunday 9 November
Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€6. *Booking required*

How do we go on when the worst has happened? **Claire Gleeson's** *Show Me Where It Hurts* (Hodder and Stoughton) and **June O'Sullivan's** *The Lighthouse Keeper's Wife* (Poolbeg) are two deeply affecting debuts exploring loss, grief, motherhood, and the power of the human spirit to survive. Join the authors in conversation with arts journalist **Sophie Grenham**.



WRITING HISTORICAL FICTION WORKSHOP WITH JULIANA ADELMAN

In Partnership with Chester Beatty
12.15pm – 2.15pm, Sunday 9 November
Chester Beatty
€20. *Booking required*

In this two-hour workshop with author **Juliana Adelman** you will explore world-building, character and narrative voice in historical fiction using examples from novels and short stories. You will also generate story and character ideas through a series of prompts from historical sources. You'll consider how to ground the reader in specifics without overburdening your text with research, how to create authentic characters and how to decide which point of view to use. Bring questions, your sense of fun and a willingness to experiment.

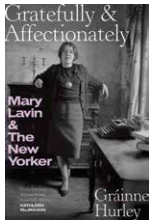


POETRY AND MUSIC WALKING TOUR LIAM CARSON AND SEÁN MAC ERLAINE

Supported by Science Week
12.30pm – 1pm, Sunday 9 November
The Gardens, IMMA, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€10. *Booking required*

Join an immersive walking tour where **Liam Carson** will be reading from *Belfast Twilight* (Salmon Poetry), a collection of haiku that explore landscape, nature, family life, and memory. Presented in haikai (or haiku sequences), it creates kaleidoscopic montages that evoke various worlds – from Belfast's docklands at twilight to windswept islands off the west of Ireland. He will be accompanied by saxophonist **Seán Mac Erlaine**, acclaimed by the Irish Times as 'one of the most interesting and adventurous musicians of his generation'.

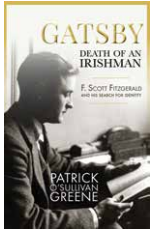




GREAT IRISH VOICES

**GRÁINNE HURLEY AND
PATRICK O'SULLIVAN GREENE**

In partnership with the RDS Library & Archives
1pm – 2pm, Sunday 9 November
RDS Library & Archives, Merrion Rd, Ballsbridge
€6. Booking required



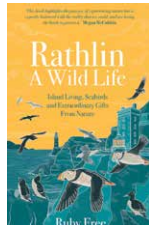
Join us to explore two books illuminating great voices from Irish American history. *Gratefully and Affectionately: Mary Lavín and the New Yorker* (New Island) by **Gráinne Hurley** gives fascinating insight into Lavín's 18-year working relationship with the publication, including her working relationship with its chief editor through the letters they wrote to each other. *Death of an Irishman* (Wordwell) by **Patrick O'Sullivan Greene** delivers a new, compelling insight into the life of F. Scott Fitzgerald, and his complex, evolving and surprising relationship with his Irish heritage.



IMMERSED IN NATURE

SEÁN RONAYNE AND RUBY FREE

Supported by Science Week
1.30pm – 2.30pm, Sunday 9 November
The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Free. Booking required



Join us to explore two immersive nature books, both a celebration of the beauty of nature and a call to action to safeguard it. In *Nature Boy* (Hachette Ireland) ornithologist **Seán Ronayne** charts his experience recording the sound of birds throughout Ireland, revealing a journey of self-discovery and connection, and the extraordinary healing power of nature. In *Rathlin: A Wild Life* (Blackstaff Press), conservation biologist **Ruby Free** charts her thrilling experience working in one of the wildest and most biodiverse corners of the UK and Ireland.



WOMEN'S STORIES IN CONTEMPORARY IRISH FICTION

**FAITH HOGAN, SHEILA O'FLANAGAN
AND SOPHIE WHITE**

2pm – 3pm, Sunday 9 November
*The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham*
€8. Booking required



Join three bestselling Irish contemporary fiction authors, **Faith Hogan, Sheila Flanagan** and **Sophie White**, as they explore the themes that define their work: resilience, relationships, personal transformation, and the rich tapestry of modern Irish life. The conversation will also delve into the changing face of women's fiction, how these authors craft characters that readers around the world connect with so deeply, and how women's fiction continues to go from strength to strength.

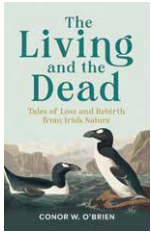


FROM ARCHITECTURE TO NATURE PHOTOWALK WITH CARSTEN KRIEGER

Supported by Science Week
2.30pm – 3.30pm, Sunday 9 November
The Gardens, IMMA, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€15. Booking required

Join photographer and author **Carsten Krieger** on a guided photowalk of the grounds at IMMA Venues/RHK. Starting at the courtyard, you will move on through the formal gardens to the meadow, finishing up at Bully's Acre and St. John's Priory. Along the way, you will tackle a variety of photographic topics including architecture, nature, woodland landscapes and heritage themes, and Carsten will share his way of creating a photograph, give tips and answer questions.

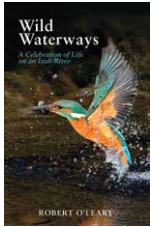




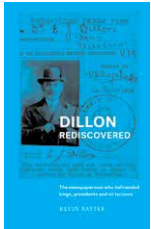
CAPTURING NATURE

CONOR O'BRIEN AND ROBERT O'LEARY

In partnership with the RDS Library & Archives
3pm – 4pm, Sunday 9 November
RDS Library & Archives, Merrion Rd,
Ballsbridge
€6. Booking required



Join an illuminating afternoon of discussion celebrating Ireland's nature and fascinating wildlife. In *The Living and the Dead* (Merrion Press), acclaimed wildlife author **Conor W. O'Brien** travels the country to tell the stories of our amazing lost wildlife, and reveal the greatest conservation success stories. *Wild Waterways* (Merrion Press) by **Robert O'Leary**, with stunning photography and rich text in both Irish and English, is a celebration of the River Dodder, its biodiversity and teeming wildlife, even as it passes through urban spaces.



HISTORIES UNCOVERED

KEVIN RAFTER AND LIN ROSE CLARK

3pm – 4pm, Sunday 9 November
The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal
Hospital Kilmainham
€6. Booking required



Join us for a captivating afternoon around two men who experienced some of the most dramatic events in the first half of the 20th century. **Kevin Rafter's** *Dillon Rediscovered* (Martello) illuminates the life of special correspondent Emile Joseph Dillon at a time of shifting geopolitics and the birth of modern journalism. **Lin Rose Clark's** *Swift Blaze of Fire* (The Lilliput Press) is a meticulously researched account of one of Ireland's best-known International Brigadistas and the author's own grandfather, the enigmatic Robert "Bob" Hilliard.



TWELVE PAINTINGS

COLIN DAVIDSON AND MARK CARRUTHERS
IN CONVERSATION WITH GEMMA TIPTON

4pm – 5pm, Sunday 9 November
The Great Hall, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham
€8. Booking required

Twelve Paintings (Merrion Press) is an intimate and compelling exploration of the life and work of acclaimed Irish artist **Colin Davidson**. Structured around a series of deeply personal conversations with the renowned broadcaster **Mark Carruthers**, the book combines memoir and artistic manifesto, using twelve key works as gateways into broader reflections on art, memory and place. Join Colin and Mark in conversation once again, this time with journalist **Gemma Tipton**.



THE SCIENCE OF STORYTELLING

SHANE O'MARA AND NIAL DE BÚRCA

Supported by Science Week
4.30pm – 5.30pm, Sunday 9 November
The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Free. Booking required

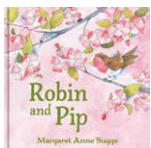


Storytelling is as old as time, but what about the science behind it? Join neuroscientist **Shane O'Mara**, author of *Talking Heads: The New Science of How Conversation Shapes Our Worlds*, and master traditional storyteller **Niall de Búrca** as we delve into communication, connection, and why storytelling remains such a powerful form of human expression. Enjoy a storytelling session by Niall to close out our Sunday afternoon.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

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



ROBIN AND PIP

CRAFT WORKSHOP WITH MARGARET ANNE SUGGS

10.30am – 11am, Saturday 9 November

The Vault, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: 5 – 10 yrs

Free. Drop in

Join author-illustrator **Margaret Anne Suggs** to read, ask questions, and help paint a whole flock of sustainable birds! Mags will read her new picture book, *Robin and Pip* (Graffeg Books), about the reassuring friendship between a bird and an apple tree. Afterwards, children and their adults can participate in making their own bright and creative little birds. All materials are supplied, just bring your imagination.



YOU CAN DO ANYTHING

ASHWIN CHACKO

11am – 11.45am, Saturday 8 November

Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: 4 – 6 yrs

Free. Booking required

In the chaos of our current digital-driven world, children can grow up feeling discouraged, unwilling to try new things, and giving up before they have even begun. *Can* by author-illustrator **Ashwin Chacko** is a joyful and inspiring reminder for young ones who might struggle with confidence that, yes, they CAN do anything! Join Ashwin for a fun, interactive read-along, then roll the sleeves up and do some drawing too!



CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND BOOK CLINIC

11am – 3pm, Saturday 8 November

The Vault, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

All the Family

Free. Drop-in, spaces 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.



DBF BOOKSHOP

11am – 4.30pm, Saturday 8 November

IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

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



FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

11am – 3.30pm, Saturday 8 November

The Vault, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: All the family

Free. Drop in

Join us for this fun-filled activity for all the family to work together as a team. Pick up your treasure trail handout from the Family Hub reception, then follow the clues throughout the stunning grounds of IMMA at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, and return for your prize!



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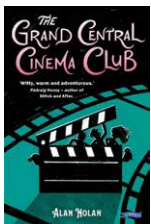
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THE GRAND CENTRAL CINEMA CLUB

WORKSHOP WITH ALAN NOLAN
12.15pm – 1pm, Saturday 9 November
Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: 8 – 12 yrs
Free. Booking required

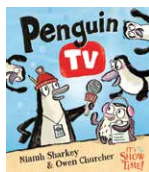
Fond of films? Have a major grá for motion pictures? Join **Alan Nolan** as he talks about the inspirations behind his new children's book *The Grand Central Cinema Club* (The O'Brien Press), set in the cinemas of 1930s Dublin. Learn how to draw fictional movie idol Tripp Hazzard, the Lonesome Yodelling Cowboy™, and devise your very own comic strip movie stunt scene! YIP-YIP-YEEEE-HAAWWW!



'PLANT YOUR OWN' STATION

Supported by Science Week
12pm – 3.30pm, Saturday 8 November
IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: All the family
Free. Drop-in

Every small step makes a difference! Drop by our 'Plant Your Own' space, roll the sleeves up and plant your own bulb or sapling to take away with you! Then find out more about all the things you can be growing at home, contributing to regenerating and replenishing our world, one plant at a time.



PENGUIN TV

NIAMH SHARKEY AND OWEN CHURCHER
1.15pm – 2pm, Saturday 8 November
Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: 5+ yrs
Free. Booking required

Tune in for *Penguin TV*! Join **Niamh Sharkey** and **Owen Churcher** for a reading and draw-along of their delightful picture book inspired by Dublin Zoo's penguin cam, where every penguin is ready to show off their best skills and share all their fun facts. Waddle you waiting for? It's showtime!





RAINBOW LIBRARY CREATIVE WORKSHOP

In partnership with Cork County Council
2.30pm – 3.30pm, Saturday 8 November
Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: 13+ yrs
Free. Booking required



Join artist **Louise Manifold** and writer **Morgan Lyons** from Rainbow Library to create your own tarot cards. Starting with the theme of ‘Lore’, the title of Rainbow Library’s latest book, participants will explore the meanings behind tarot’s major arcana and develop their own card. Participants will use collage, drawing and text to bring their ideas to life.



FIGHTING WORDS STORY SLAM: OPEN MIC SESSION FOR TEEN WRITERS

WITH MC DAVE RUDDEN

In partnership with Fighting Words
4pm – 6pm, Saturday 8 November
The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: 13+ yrs
Free. Booking required

The Fighting Words Story Slam at the Dublin Book Festival is an open mic event for young people aged 13–18 to share original stories, poems, and songs!

This fun and exciting platform celebrates youth creativity and gives performers a chance to shine on stage. Registration is required for performers and audience spots are also limited – book early to be part of this exciting celebration of young voices!



THE EXPERIMENTERS: TEST YOUR REACTION SPEED!

DR SHANE BERGIN

Supported by Science Week
11am – 11.45am, Sunday 9 November
The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: 7 – 10 yrs
Free. Booking required

Roll up your sleeves and join scientist **Dr Shane Bergin** for an exciting adventure from *The Experimenters: Luke and Ruby’s Scientific Sleepover* (Little Island Books)! Luke and Ruby are visiting their grandparents, who teach them how to do science and explore the world around them. This indoor event will test your reaction speeds, just like Luke and Ruby did in one of their science adventures. Ready to join in and help solve a science mystery? Dr Shane needs your help!



OÍCHE MHAITH, A GHRÁ: STORYTELLING AND MUSIC

11am – 11.30am, Sunday 9 November
The Vault, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: All the family
Free. Drop-in

Join author **Sadhbh Devlin**, illustrator **Brian Fitzgerald**, and harpist **Emer Ní Scoláir** for a special Irish-language reading of *Oíche Mhaith, a Ghrá* (My Irish Books). Sadhbh will read while Emer performs the harp score. Families can take part by reading together and using the book’s interactive sound buttons. Children and parents who wish can also record themselves reading a page, accompanied by Emer on harp. A celebration of storytelling, music, illustration agus an Ghaeilge – for all ages and no Irish fluency required.

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CLINIC LEABHAR LEABHAIRPHÁISTÍ ÉIREANN

11am – 3pm, Sunday 9 November
The Vault, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: All the Family
Free. Drop-in, spaces limited



An léitheoir óg tú? Buail isteach chuig Clinic Leabhar LeabhairPháistí Éireann! Labhair leis an Dochtúir Leabhar, faigh comhairle uathu maidir leis na leabhair is fearr leat agus tabharfaidh siad oideas duit leis an gcéad leabhar eile ar cheart duit a léamh, ar féidir a thabhairt leat chuig an siopa leabhar nó leabharlann áitiúil! Bunaithe ar chomhrá neamhfhoirmeálta agus a bhfuil leis na cotaí bána, molann na Dochtúirí na leabhair is fearr don léitheoir óg, is cuma cén aois atá acu.



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DUBLIN ZOO CONSERVATION STATION

In partnership with Dublin Zoo
11am – 4pm, Sunday 9 November
The Vault, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham
Age: All the Family
Free. Drop-in

Visit us at our Conservation Station and get paws-on with animal biofacts. Learn about amazing adaptations, have an African adventure or roam the rainforest. Come and chat to a Dublin Zoo educator to discover all the conservation partners Dublin Zoo works with in the wild to help the loss of biodiversity on Earth. There will be two scheduled talks on Animal Adaptations to enjoy, see dublinbookfestival.com for times.





'PLANT YOUR OWN' STATION

Supported by Science Week

12pm – 3.30pm, Sunday 9 November

IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: All the family

Free. Drop-in

Every small step makes a difference! Drop by our 'Plant Your Own' tent, roll the sleeves up and plant your own bulb or sapling to take away with you! Then find out more about all the things you can be growing at home, contributing to regenerating and replenishing our world, one plant at a time.



THE EXPERIMENTERS: NOTICING NATURE

WALKABOUT WITH DR SHANE BERGIN

Supported by Science Week

12pm – 12.45pm, Sunday 9 November

The Gardens, IMMA, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: 7 – 10 yrs

Free. Booking required

Roll up your sleeves and join scientist **Dr Shane Bergin** for an adventure from *The Experimenters: Luke and Ruby's Scientific Sleepover* (Little Island Books)! Luke and Ruby visit their grandparents, who teach them how to do science and explore the world around them. Remember your wellies for this outdoor event where you'll become a nature explorer and learn about the wonders of nature around you. Grab your science notebook and join Dr Shane in the stunning grounds of IMMA at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham!



THE ART OF VILLAINY

DAVE RUDDEN

12.15pm – 1pm, Sunday 9 November

The Chapel, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: 8 – 12 yrs

Free. Booking required

Join award-winning author **Dave Rudden** for a new writing workshop perfect for the horribly-minded. Drawing on his enormous pantheon of horrors from the *Knights of the Borrowed Dark* universe, his new bestselling series *Tales of Darkisle* (Gill Books), and even his *Doctor Who* books, this workshop will give you everything you need to know about designing a villain you'll love to hate.



THE CLOUD KINGDOM

MAIRE ZEPF

1pm – 1.45pm, Sunday 9 November

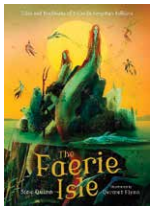
Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues,
Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: 7+ yrs

Free. Booking required

The Cloud Kingdom (Little Island) by **Maire Zepf** is an enchanting collection of interconnecting stories and fables, filled with the fantastical and a love of the craft of storytelling. With Faery people, ghost dragons, a dream-weaving giantess, and more, readers will be whisked away to worlds filled with magic and wonder. Join Maire for a reading, followed by cloud-themed activity!





THE FAERIE ISLE CREATIVE WORKSHOP

SÍNE QUINN AND DERMOT FLYNN

1.15pm – 2pm, Sunday 9 November

The Vault, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: 8+ yrs

Free. Drop-in

The lesser-known heroes and villains of Irish legends are the mysterious faerie folk. From trickster spirits to slippery shapeshifters, from the tiny leprechaun to the enormous giant, the mischievous pooka to the enchanting selkie, author **Sine Quinn** and illustrator **Dermot Flynn** will host a workshop on ‘facts’ and stories about Irish faeries, based on their enchanting book *The Faerie Isle* (Walker Books). Join us for fun-filled activities including creating your own drawings and stories on Irish faeries.



STORY DETECTIVES

E.R. MURRAY

2.30pm – 3.15pm, Sunday 9 November

Creativity Hub, IMMA Venues, Royal Hospital Kilmainham

Age: 8 – 12 yrs

Free. Booking required

Have you ever wondered what makes a great story? Join award-winning author, **E.R. Murray**, and become your own Story Detective! Explore the secrets behind creating memorable characters, mind-blowing settings, and edge-of-your-seat plots. Investigate a series of clues to create your own exciting mystery that jumps off the page. Elizabeth will also read from her latest book, *Arabella Pepper, The Wild Detective* (Natural World Publishing) and answer your questions, even the tricky ones, about what it's like to be a writer.

FESTIVAL HUB AT IMMA VENUES

Join us at our Festival Hub in the iconic IMMA Venues at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham. Across the weekend of Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th November, we will have a diverse and dynamic programme of events for both adults and children to enjoy. Come to the heart of Dublin Book Festival to attend author talks, panel discussions, workshops, showcases, walking tours, special launches, and more, where you can meet and mingle with other book lovers. Our full weekend of free family events will be jam-packed with interactive sessions with brilliant children's authors and illustrators, as well as plenty of drop-in activities to enjoy in our family area! Browse our bookshop, curl up with a book and warm drink, get creative at our arts and crafts station, or set out to explore the stunning grounds of IMMA on the DBF Family Treasure Hunt. The Festival Hub is FREE to enter for everyone, so come and immerse yourself in our magical world of books!

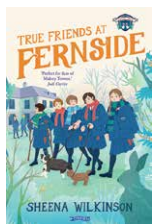
Many events require booking in advance, so visit dublinbookfestival.com to book your tickets.



SCHOOL PROGRAMME

These events have limited capacity – all bookings and expressions of interest should be emailed to info@dublinbookfestival.com

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TRUE FRIENDS AT FERNSIDE

SHEENA WILKINSON

11am – 11.45am, Thursday 6 November

Age: 4th – 6th class

Online

Join award-winning author **Sheena Wilkinson** to hear all about her new boarding school adventure, *True Friends at Fernside* (The O'Brien Press), set exactly one hundred years ago. Cousins Robin and Linnet find friendship and mystery as they work out what sort of people they want to be. Sheena will let you into the secrets of how she gets her ideas, how she turns these into stories, and some of the strange things that can happen along the way.



INIS MARA

CEARDLANN IDIRGHNÍOMHACH

LE TRISTAN ROSENSTOCK

10am – 11am, Thursday 6 November

Ballyogan Library

Age: 5th & 6th class

Tá Smugairle Rónán, Broim agus Bréan agus an Caochán tar éis a muintir féin a chur i mbaol uafásach, agus beidh ar Éabha, laoch óg Inis Mara, a bheith cliste má tá sí chun an lámh in uachtar a fháil orthu. Léifidh **Tristan Rosenstock** sleachta as a leabhar nua, *Inis Mara 2* (LeabhairCOMHAR) agus pléifidh sé ceisteanna leis na páistí a bhaineann le truailliú, le teifigh agus le teacht aniar.

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OSCAR WILDE'S STORIES FOR CHILDREN CREATIVE WORKSHOP WITH LAUREN O'HARA

In partnership with The Ark

10.15am & 12.15pm, Thursday 6 November

The Ark, Temple Bar

Age: 2nd – 4th class

Oscar Wilde's children's tales have enchanted readers, young and old alike, for over a hundred years now. In this stunning new edition, *Oscar Wilde's Stories for Children* (Little Island), illustrator **Lauren O'Hara** brings six of his tales to life with vivid and colourful illustrations. Join Lauren for a fun and engaging workshop where children will hear about *The Selfish Giant* and then with paint and craft, they will help to turn the giant's cold snowy garden into a spring garden in bloom – full of flowers and joy!



GRUAIG ÁINE

SADHBH DEVLIN

10.30am – 11.15am, Thursday 6 November

Raheny Library

Age: 1st – 3rd class

Is fuath le hÁine a cuid gruaige, mar sin, tugann sí bearradh gruaige di féin... ach ní bhíonn an toradh ró-iontach! Éist le sliocht as *Gruaig Áine* (Futa Fata), leabhar fíorghreannmhar, atá aistrithe go Gaeilge ag **Sadhbh Devlin**, agus bain úsáid as ábhar lámhcheardaíochta le triail a bhaint as bheith i do ghruagaire tú féin!





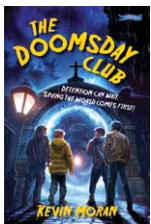
FIGHTING WORDS STORY WRITING WORKSHOP

10.30am – 12.30pm, Thursday 6 November

Walkinstown Library

Age: 2nd – 4th class

Join the Fighting Words team for a fantastically fun and interactive two hour creative writing workshop, facilitated by our team of trained and vetted writing mentors. 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.



THE DOOMSDAY CLUB

KEVIN MORAN

10.30am – 11.15am, Thursday 6 November

Rathmines Library

Age: 4th – 6th class

Four 6th class boys witness a monstrous beast step out of a portal outside their school. When it wanders into the crumbling mansion across the road, they have to investigate, right? Explore the darkest realms of Celtic folklore, including a 7ft monster who only speaks Irish! Join **Kevin Moran** to find out how he created *The Domsday Club* (The O'Brien Press), enjoy an exciting reading from the book, and have a go at creating your own Domsday Club adventure.



HEARTSTOPPER

EOIN MCEVOY

10.30am – 11.30am, Thursday 6 November

Cabra Library

Age: TY +

Féachfar ar aistriúchán Gaeilge *Heartstopper* (Futa Fata) sa cheardlann idirghníomhach seo le **hEoin Mc Evoy** agus beidh an deis ag na rannpháirtithe sleachta ón leabhar a aistriú le chéile. Pléifear ceird an aistriúcháin liteartha agus foghlaimcoidh na rannpháirtithe faoi na pointí is mó ar gá don aistriútheoir bheith feasach orthu agus úrscéal grafach á aistriú ó Bhéarla go Gaeilge acu.



THE FRIENDSHIP CUP: PALESTINE TO IRELAND

WINNIE CLARKE (ANN DEVLIN)

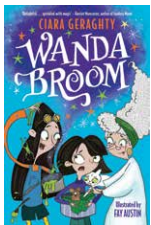
10.30am – 11.15am, Thursday 6 November

Kevin St Library

Age: 4th – 6th class

The Friendship Cup: Palestine to Ireland (Mercier Press) by **Winnie Clarke** (aka **Ann Devlin**) is a powerful and heartwarming story of friendship and a life-changing experience for all involved, inspired by a real football exchange between the two countries in 2017. Join Ann for an informative and empowering event including a reading, discussion and activity, learning about life in the West Bank and Gaza, the power of friendship, and the importance of taking action.





WANDA BROOM CIARA GERAGHTY

12pm – 12.45pm, Thursday 6 November
Finglas Library
Age: 2nd – 4th class

Wanda's mother Esmeralda is a witch, but Wanda wishes she wasn't! Following yet another of Esmeralda's failed spells, Wanda, her mother and her granny have to move away. When Esmeralda's witching career is put in question, it's a chance for Wanda to finally have what she always wanted... an ordinary life! Join author **Ciara Geraghty** for a fun and engaging event around her book *Wanda Broom* (Eriu), about family, mishaps... and magic!



THE MUSEUM OF LOST UMBRELLAS MARIE-LOUISE FITZPATRICK

11am – 11.45am, Friday 7 November
Central Library
Age: 5th – 6th class

The Museum of Lost Umbrellas (Faber & Faber) by award-winning author **Marie-Louise Fitzpatrick** is a story filled with adventure that whisks readers away to a magical island! When anti-magic outsiders show up, Dilly must unlock her ancestral powers to keep the island safe. Join Marie-Louise for a reading, then find out where she gets her ideas from and how she built the magical world of Ollipest Island with its cloud witches, with time for some drawing too!



MAKE YOUR OWN SHAPED POETRY! RUTH ENNIS

In partnership with Chester Beatty
10am – 10.45am, Friday 7 November
Chester Beatty
Age: 3rd – 6th class

Discover how you can bring your poetry to life! Shaped poetry is when the shape of a poem reflects the story of the poem; a poem about a magical box in the shape of a square, or a poem about a forest in the shape of an evergreen tree. Poet and verse-novelist **Ruth Ennis** will teach you all about shaped poetry and help you write your very own shaped poem.

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GIANT JUDITH MCQUOID

11am – 11.45am, Friday 7 November
Drumcondra Library
Age: 3rd – 5th class

Giant (Little Island) by **Judith McQuoid** mixes historical fiction with biography to bring to life the childhood of celebrated children's author CS Lewis. In Belfast of 1908, when the lives of two young boys from very different backgrounds collide, it's a shared world of books, stories, imagination and adventure that draws them together. But can it last? Join Judith for a reading followed by discussion of themes, including the power of friendship to overcome divides.





LANTERN SMOKE

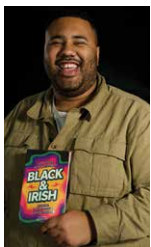
DAGOGO HART

11am – 11.45am, Friday 7 November

Inchicore Library

Age: SI – 2nd class

In *Lantern Smoke* (Gill Books) a young boy is sent abroad by his family, to build a future and find a new, hopeful place to call home. Told through the light and warmth of a lantern, this is a simple but stunning story of love, family and resilience. Join author **Dagogo Hart** for a reading, to hear the inspiration behind his lyrical new book, and explore the idea of finding home – wherever you are.



MIXED UP

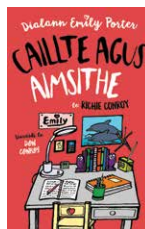
LEON DIOP

12pm – 1pm, Friday 7 November

1WML, Windmill Quarter, Dublin 2

Age: TY+

What is it like to grow up mixed-race in Ireland? From award-winning author and media personality, **Leon Diop**, comes this powerful and empowering new book, *Mixed Up* (Little Island) detailing his own experiences; from being the only brown boy in school through to founding advocacy group Black & Irish, which inspired his first book of the same name. Join Leon for a reading from his book followed by discussion exploring themes of identity, resilience and creating your own life.



DIALANN EMILY PORTER: CAILTE AGUS AIMSITHE

CEARDLANN IDRIGHNÍOMHACH LE RICHIE CONROY

In partnership with Chester Beatty

12pm – 1pm, Friday 7 November

Chester Beatty

Age: TY

Sa tsraith leabhar *Dialann Emily Porter* (LeabhairCOMHAR), déanann **Richie Conroy** cur síos ar shaol an déagóra sna 1990idí. Ach an bhfuil an saol chomh difriúil do dhéagóirí an lae inniu? San imeacht idirghníomhach seo, pléifidh Richie stíleanna reaciaireachta éagsúla, agus nochtfaidh sé an inspioráid taobh thiar den triológ rathúil seo. Beidh deis ag rannpháirtithe a gcarachtar féin a chruthú, mar aon le triail a bhaint as gléasanna agus giurléidí ó na 1990idí.



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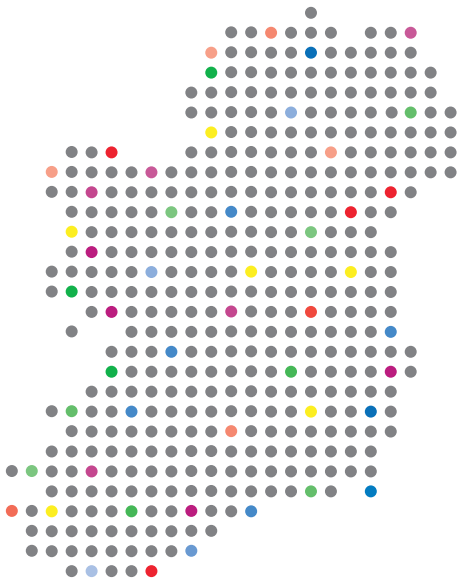
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