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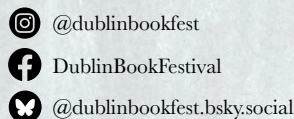
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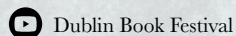


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WELCOME TO DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL 2026 — 20 YEARS!

Twenty years ago, a group of Irish publishers came together with a shared belief that Ireland's extraordinary writers deserved a festival of their own. A place to celebrate their work, champion Irish publishing and bring readers and writers together. From that vision, the Dublin Book Festival was born.

I have been incredibly proud to be part of this journey and to watch the festival grow from strength to strength alongside Ireland's publishing industry. Over those 20 years, we have seen Irish writing flourish, reach new audiences and achieve extraordinary national and international success. We have watched new voices emerge, established writers thrive, and Irish books travel far beyond our shores.

This year, over five days, we celebrate that remarkable story with more than 120 events across Dublin. From lively conversations looking back, but also looking forward, book launches and workshops, to performances, walks, family events, and much more. We invite you to explore Dublin's cultural

venues and spaces, bookshops, cafes and libraries which will host our many events.

Our Festival Hub at the Royal Irish Academy of Music on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November will be at the heart of the celebrations, with events, author signings, our festival bookshop, and plenty of opportunities to meet fellow book lovers.

My heartfelt thanks to the Arts Council, and to all our funders, sponsors, partners, authors, publishers, venues, staff and volunteers who make this festival possible.

Most of all, thank you for being part of the journey. Here's to the next chapter.



Julianne Mooney Siron
Festival Director



Welcome to Dublin Book Festival





FESTIVAL INFORMATION

BOOKING INFORMATION

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www.dublinbookfestival.com

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VENUES

RIAM - ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC
36 – 38, Westland Row, Dublin 2,
D02 WY89

1WML
1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2,
D02 F206

RDS - ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY
RDS Concert Hall, Merrion
Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4,
D04 AK83

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND
Kildare St, Dublin 2, D02 FH48

TU DUBLIN
Grangegorman, Dublin 7

NIVAL - NATIONAL IRISH VISUAL ARTS LIBRARY
NCAD, 100 Thomas St, Usher's
Quay, Dublin 8, D08 K521

BARTLEY'S LOUNGE
The Grafton Hotel, 32 Stephen
Street Lower, Dublin 2,
D02 WB05

DCU - DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY
St Patrick's Campus,
Drumcondra Rd Upper,
Drumcondra, Dublin 9

IRISH WRITERS CENTRE
19 Parnell Square, Dublin 1,
D01 E102

POETRY IRELAND
11 Parnell Square East, Dublin 1,
D01 ND60

ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY
19 Dawson Street, Dublin 2,
D02 HH58

TEELING DISTILLERY
13 – 17, Newmarket, Dublin 8,
D08 KD91

NATIONAL PRINT MUSEUM
Beggars Bush Barracks,
Haddington Road, Dublin 4,
D04 E0C9

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF IRELAND
7-8 Kildare Street, Dublin 2,
D02 P638

INSTITUTO CERVANTES
Lincoln House, 6-16 Lincoln
Place, Dublin D02VH29

DLR LEXICON
Haigh Terrace, Moran Park,
Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin,
A96 H283

MOLI - MUSEUM OF LITERATURE IRELAND
86 St Stephen's Green, Dublin 2,
D02 XY43

THE GUTTER BOOKSHOP
Cow's Lane, Temple Bar,
Dublin 8, D08 DK27

THE MUSEUM OF CURIOSITIES
35 Lower Pembroke Street,
D02 DY07

BOOKS UPSTAIRS
17 D'Olier Street, Dublin 2,
D02 RX06

SCHOOLS' EVENTS
Ballyogan Library
Dolphin's Barn Library
Cabra Library
Charleville Mall Library
Kevin St Library
Pearse St Library
Raheny Library
Ringsend Library

DBF SPOTLIGHT SERIES

WEDNESDAY 30 September

LOUISE O'NEILL: A BIGGER LIFE

In conversation with

Sophie White

1WML, 1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2.

7pm

FRIDAY 2 October

NAOMI KLEIN AND ASTRA

TAYLOR: END TIMES FASCISM

In conversation with

Sally Hayden

RDS Concert Hall, Ballsbridge.

7pm

THURSDAY 29 October

DUBLIN BY DUSK:

MYTHOLOGY IN FICTION

Kim Curran, Eilis Fisher and

Dave Rudden in conversation

with Jo Kerrigan

National Museum of Ireland,

Kildare St.

6pm

DISCOVERING THE MYTHS OF IRELAND

Ellen Ryan

National Museum of Ireland,

Kildare St

Age: 8+ yrs

2pm



MAIN PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 4 November

WILD CONNECTIONS: NATURE, WELLBEING AND BELONGING

Lisa Clancy, Jane Clarke, John

S. Doyle, Brigit Anna McNeill,

Dearbhla Mescal, Miriam

Mulcahy, Bex Sheridan and

Eoin Warner

TU Dublin, Grangegorman, Dublin 7.

10:30am

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours

National Gallery of Ireland,

Merrion Sq entrance.

11am

ARTIST BOOK INTRODUCTIONS AT NIVAL

NIVAL, NCAD, Dublin 8.

1:15pm

THE NEXT CHAPTER: 20 YEARS OF DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL

Louise Kennedy, Jan Carson, Sue

Rainsford and Sheila Armstrong

in conversation with Róisín Ingle

1WML, 1 Windmill Lane, Dublin

2. 6:30pm

YOUNG IRELAND'S MUSICIANS

Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton

Hotel.

8pm

THURSDAY 5 November

FROM CHARACTER TO PLOT

Prose Workshop with Tim

MacGabhann

Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.

11am

LITERATURE AND THE DIGITAL AGE

DCU, St Patrick's Campus, Dublin 9.

11am

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours

National Gallery of Ireland,

Merrion Sq entrance.

11am

THE POEM AS BREATH AND ARTEFACT

Susan Connolly and

Máighrhead Medbh

RIAM, Westland Row.

12:30pm

THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF EARLEY STUDIOS

Walking Tour with Michael Earley

St Kevin's Church, Harrington

Street, Dublin 8.

1pm

ARTIST BOOK INTRODUCTIONS AT NIVAL

NIVAL, NCAD, Dublin 8.

1:15pm



NO ONE TELLS YOU

Lunchtime Talk with
Carlo Gébler

*National Library of Ireland,
Kildare St.
1:15pm*

**ON SENTIMENT: HOW TO
EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE
EMOTIONS IN OUR POETRY**

Workshop with David McLoughlin
*Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
2pm*

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*National Gallery of Ireland,
Merrion Sq entrance.
2:15pm*

LET'S TALK CHILDREN'S BOOKS!

*RIAM, Westland Row
3pm*

**POETRY IRELAND
INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTÉ**

*Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq.
5pm*

THE FUTURE OF PUBLISHING

Brendan Barrington, Eimear
Ryan and Noelle Moran in
conversation with Dr Jonathan
C. Creasy
*RIAM, Westland Row.
6pm*

SCREENING OF THE LIBRARIANS

*Royal Irish Academy, Dawson St.
6:30pm*

EMERGING VOICES

Ruth McKee and Juliano Zaffino
in conversation with Patrick
Holloway
*Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel.
6:15pm*

**LAWRENCE O'SHAUGHNESSY
AWARD READING**

*Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq.
7:30pm*

**PROMISCUOUS WRITING:
JUMPING ACROSS FORMS**

Sara Baume, Gustav Parker,
Hibbett and Ralf Webb
*Teeling Distillery, Dublin 8.
7:30pm*

SPOKEN WORD FOR NEW

With MC Daragh Fleming
*Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton
Hotel.
8pm*

FRIDAY 6 November**LITERARY PRODUCER EVENT**

*RIAM, Westland Row.
10:30am*

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*National Gallery of Ireland,
Merrion Sq entrance.
11am*

**POETRY WORKSHOP –
THIRTY-SIX VIEWS**

Nell Regan
*National Print Museum,
Haddington Rd.
12pm*

**PROPERBOOK: CREATING
BRILLIANT BOOKS TOGETHER:
THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE
OF IRISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

*RIAM, Westland Row.
2pm*

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR

Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*National Gallery of Ireland,
Merrion Sq entrance.
2:15pm*

**IF AMERICA SNEEZES, DOES
IRELAND CATCH A COLD?**

Elaina Ryan, Sarah Carey, Kim
A. Snyder and Audrey Wilson-
Youngblood in conversation
with Ruth Hegarty
*National Library of Ireland,
Kildare St.
4pm*

CONTENTIOUS SPACES

Rosaleen McDonagh in
conversation with Katherine
O'Donnell
*Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq.
5pm*

**PANDEMONIUM: LIVE COMICS
READINGS**

Phil Barrett, Alan Dunne and
Katherine Foyle in conversation
with Eoin Rogers
*RIAM, Westland Row.
6pm*

EMERGING WRITERS

Jessamine O'Connor and Djamel
White in conversation with
Aingeala Flannery
*Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton
Hotel.
6pm*

**SOUND AND SILENCE:
THE POETICS OF LESSER-
KNOWN LANGUAGES**

Robin Munby and Morgan
Leathem Ventura in
conversation with Alanna Offield
*Instituto Cervantes, Lincoln Place,
Dublin 2.
6pm*

**BOOK LAUNCH: SOUNDING
IRELAND: RADIO AND THE
MAKING OF US**

Clíodhna Ní Anluain
*dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire
6pm*

IF THIS BE MAGIC

Daniel Hahn in conversation
with Sinéad Mac Aodha
*MoLI – Museum of Literature
Ireland, St Stephen's Green.
6:30pm*



BOOK LAUNCH: CHARLOTTE MCMANUS'S THE PROFESSOR IN ERIN
The Gutter Bookshop,
Temple Bar.
6:30pm

POETRY IRELAND INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE
Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq.
7pm

MÚSAEM NA nGRÉIBHLÍ. THE MUSEUM OF CURIOSITIES
The Museum of Curiosities, Pembroke St.
7pm & 8pm

INDIE PRESS CELEBRATION
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel.
7:30pm

GIRLHOOD REMIXED
Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan, Rosamund Taylor and Jessica Traynor in conversation with Ellen Orchard
MoLI – Museum of Literature Ireland, St Stephen's Green.
8pm

BOOKS DOWN, MIC UP! DBF AFTER DARK FESTIVAL CLUB KARAOKE
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel.
9:30pm

SATURDAY 7 November

A SENSE OF PLACE
Rob Doyle, Danielle McLaughlin and Neil Tully in conversation with Naoise Dolan
RIAM, Westland Row.
11am

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR
Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Sq entrance.
11am

MEET THE DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL BOARD
RIAM, Westland Row.
11:30am

ZINE WORKSHOP
Sarah Bracken Soper
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq.
12pm

THINKING ALOUD, THINKING TOGETHER: INDIGENOUS VOICES
AIN RISP LESKO/
AALKOEALMETJII GIELH
Oein DeBhairduin and Patricia Fjellgren
RIAM, Westland Row.
12:15pm

WINTER PAPERS LAUNCH
RIAM, Westland Row.
12:30pm

EXPLORING HISTORY THROUGH OBJECTS
Turtle Bunbury, Siobhan Doyle and Lar Joye in conversation with Catriona Crowe
RIAM, Westland Row.
1:30pm

WRITING HISTORY
Martina Devlin, Emily Hourican and Henrietta McKervey in conversation with Neil Hegarty
National Library of Ireland, Kildare St.
1:30pm

MACALLAÍ NA STAIRE/ THE ECHOES OF HISTORY
Darach Ó Scolai, Liam Mac Cóil agus Réaltán Ní Leannáin ag caint le Professor Michael Cronin
RIAM, Westland Row.
2pm

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR
Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Sq entrance.
2:15pm

DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES READERS' DAY
Sebastian Barry, Patrick Freyne, Sarah Gilmartin, Kathleen MacMahon and Katriona O'Sullivan
RIAM, Westland Row.
2:45pm

MARY AND PADRAIC COLUM: LIVES AND THE DREAM
Margaret Kelleher in conversation with Éilís Ní Dhuibhne
National Library of Ireland, Kildare St.
3pm

DAY OF THE IMPRISONED WRITER
Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC
RIAM, Westland Row.
3pm

THE ART OF THE SHORT STORY
Niamh Mac Cabe and John O'Donnell in conversation with Niall MacMonagle
dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire.
3pm

CLINIC LEABHAR DO DHAOINE FÁSTA. ADULT'S BOOK CLINIC
RIAM, Westland Row.
3:15pm

DUBLIN REVIEW CONVERSATIONS: THE F WORD
Rory Gleeson, Kevin Power and Cathy Sweeney in conversation with Aingeala Flannery
RIAM, Westland Row.
3:30pm

RAISING VOICES SHOWCASE
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel.
5pm



**WRITING AT THE BORDERS
OF MEMORY: TRANSLATING
WAR IN EUROPE**
Zoltán Danyi and Owen Good
RIAM, Westland Row.
5pm

**GIFT GRUB & ME:
MY LIFE IN COMEDY**
Mario Rosenstock
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel.
6:30pm

A HOSTING
Kevin Barry and Martin Doyle in
conversation with Paula Shields
RIAM, Westland Row.
6:30pm

**MÓROÍCHE FILÍOCHTA AGUS
CEOIL / GALA POETRY AND
MUSIC NIGHT**
Teeling Distillery, Dublin 8.
6:30pm

**HECTOR Ó HEOCHAGÁIN: IRISH
WORDS FOR EVERY OCCASION**
In conversation with
Muireann O'Connell
RIAM, Westland Row.
6:45pm

MAUREEN GAFFNEY: ABOUT LIFE
RIAM, Westland Row.
8pm

THE DUBLIN TABLE QUIZ
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
8pm

SUNDAY 8 November

THE WATER THAT SURROUNDS US
Michael Cronin and Mark
Mellett in conversation
with Lorna Siggins
RIAM, Westland Row.
11am

**MARIAN KEYES
AND THE POLITICS OF
COMMERCIAL FICTION**
Marian Keyes, Maria Butler
and Vicki Notaro
RIAM, Westland Row.
11am

A LITERARY WALKING TOUR
Pat Liddy's Walking Tours
*National Gallery of Ireland,
Merrion Sq entrance.*
11am

THE BOOK OF WATER
Berth 18, North Wall, Dublin 1.
12pm

**NIAMH CAMPBELL AND
DOIREANN NÍ GHRÍOFA**
RIAM, Westland Row.
12:30pm

SETTING THE LAND FREE
Eoghan Daltun in conversation
with Mary Robinson
RIAM, Westland Row.
12:30pm

**RODDY DOYLE AND
ANNE ENRIGHT**
in conversation with Martin Doyle
RIAM, Westland Row.
2pm

**TRÍ MHIONLÍNE.
THREE LITTLE LINES**
Walking Tour with Liam Carson
RIAM, Westland Row.
2pm

**CULTURE FILE DEBATE: THREE
BOOKS TO SAVE THE PLANET**
John Gibbons, Sadhbh O'Neill
and Mary Robinson
in conversation with
Paddy Woodworth
RIAM, Westland Row.
2pm

**SALMON POETRY
CELEBRATES 45 YEARS**
RIAM, Westland Row.
2:15pm

**OTHER WORLDS THAN THIS:
A SPECULATIVE FICTION
SHOWCASE**
Books Upstairs, D'Olier St.
2:30pm

THIS MODERN LOVE
Walking Tour with
Emma Gilleece
*Department of Enterprise, Trade
and Employment, Kildare Street.*
2:30pm

BOOK LAUNCH: CORACLE
Jane Clarke
RIAM, Westland Row.
3:30pm

TALK TO JOE
Joe Duffy in conversation
with Mary Kennedy
RIAM, Westland Row.
3:30pm

WHAT THE SEA IS TELLING US
Easkey Britton, Roisin Maguire
and Eoin Warner
RIAM, Westland Row.
3:30pm

BOOK LAUNCH: STAY WINTER
Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe and
Caoimhin Ó Raghallaigh
RIAM, Westland Row.
4:45pm

JODI PICOULT: HOLLOW BONES
RIAM, Westland Row. 5pm

OFF THE SCÉAL
With Special Guest Louisa
Ní Éideáin
Teeling Distillery, Dublin 8.
5pm

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 29 October

DISCOVERING THE MYTHS OF IRELAND

Ellen Ryan
National Museum of Ireland,
Kildare St.
2pm

SATURDAY 7 November

LET'S BE TRAINEE BANSHEES!

Sinéad O'Hart
RIAM, Westland Row.
10:30am
Age: 5 – 8 yrs

DBF BOOKSHOP

RIAM, Westland Row.
11am – 4:30pm

THE GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD

Ashwin Chacko
RIAM, Westland Row.
11:45 am
Age: 4+ yrs

DBF FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

RIAM, Westland Row.
11am – 3pm

CREATIVE STATION

RIAM, Westland Row.
11am – 3:30pm

CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

RIAM, Westland Row.
11am – 3:30pm

'CREATE YOUR OWN POND' STATION

RIAM, Westland Row.
12pm – 3pm

CLINIC LEABHAR LEABHAIR PHÁISTÍ ÉIREANN

RIAM, Westland Row.
12pm – 4pm

PENG AND SPANNERS: DR BISCUITS!

Steve Webb
RIAM, Westland Row.
12:45pm
Age: 6+ yrs

AN PEATA IS FEARR

Patricia Forde
RIAM, Westland Row.
1pm
Age: All the family

THE WORLD OF OLIVER JEFFERS TOUR

RIAM, Westland Row.
1:45pm
Age: 7+ yrs



FIGHTING WORDS STORY SLAM: OPEN MIC SESSION FOR

TEEN WRITERS WITH MC DAVE RUDDEN

RIAM, Westland Row.
4:30pm
Age: 13+ yrs

SUNDAY 8 November

NOWHERE FOR A GHOST TO SLEEP

Erika McGann and Clive McFarland
RIAM, Westland Row.
11am
Age: 3+ yrs

DBF FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

RIAM, Westland Row.
11am – 3pm
Age: All the Family

CREATIVE STATION

RIAM, Westland Row
11am – 3:30pm
Age: All the Family

CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

RIAM, Westland Row.
11am – 3:30pm

DBF BOOKSHOP

RIAM, Westland Row.
11am – 4:30pm

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO SHARKS

Christian Talbot
RIAM, Westland Row.
12pm
Age: 7+ yrs

'CREATE YOUR OWN POND' STATION

RIAM, Westland Row.
12pm – 3pm
Age: All the Family

CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND BOOK CLINIC

RIAM, Westland Row.
12pm – 4pm

MINOTAUR BOY

Shane Hegarty
RIAM, Westland Row.
1:15pm
Age: 8+ yrs

RHYMING ON THE ROOFTOPS

Ruth Ennis and Juliette Saumande
RIAM, Westland Row.
2:30pm
Age: 9 – 12yrs

SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 5 November

FROM PLACE TO CREATURE: HOW IRELAND'S LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS SHAPE ANIMALS

Aga Grandowicz

Charleville Mall.

10:30am

Age: 2nd – 4th Class

THE BOOKSHOP SISTERS: BRINGING IRISH HISTORY ALIVE

Sarah Webb

Ringsend Library.

10:30am

Age: 4th – 6th Class

AN SPÓRT AGUS AN RÉABHLÓID IN ÉIRINN

Cathal Billings agus Paul Rouse

RIAM, Westland Row.

10:30am

Age: Senior Cycle

KATIE AGUS AN PACÁISTE RÚNDA

Ceardlann Idirghníomhach le

Éadaoin Ni Dhomhnaill

Ballyogan Library.

11am

Age: 4th – 6th Class

GAELACH AGUS GLÓRACH

Máire Zepf

Raheny Library.

11am

Age: TY

FIGHTING WORDS STORY WRITING WORKSHOP

Cabra Library.

11am

Age: 2nd – 4th Class

FRIDAY 6 November

MAGIC AND SECRETS

Alex Dunne and Laura Keohane

Pearse St Library.

10am

Age: 4th – 6th Class

DETECTIVE THINGY MAJIGGY

Cecelia Ahern

1WML, 1 Windmill Lane.

10:15am

Age: 4th – 6th Class

EFFIE IS OFFLINE

Karen Harte

dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire.

10:30am

Age: 5th & 6th Class

FROM THE TOP, SALLY FLYNN

Méabh Collins

Dolphin's Barn Library.

11am

Age: 2nd – 4th Year

NADIA ISLAM, ON THE RECORD

Adiba Jaigirdar

Central Library.

11am

Age: 3rd – 6th Class

ANNE DEVLIN: IRELAND'S FIRST FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONER

Carmel Uí Cheallaigh

Kevin St Library.

12pm

Age: 3rd – 6th Class

PENG AND SPANNERS:

DR BISCUITS!

Steve Webb

1WML.

12pm

Age: 2nd – 4th Class



DBF SPOTLIGHT SERIES



LOUISE O'NEILL: A BIGGER LIFE IN CONVERSATION WITH SOPHIE WHITE

7pm – 8pm, Wednesday 30 September
1WML, 1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2
€30/€15. Booking required

Join us for an evening with award-winning author **Louise O'Neill** in conversation about her new book. At 38, Louise had the life she thought she wanted – until her long-term relationship ended, taking with it the home, future, and sense of certainty she'd built. Heartbroken but defiant, she set out to reclaim her life – on her own terms. Part memoir, part manifesto, *A Bigger Life* (HQ) is a candid, courageous exploration of modern womanhood, sexual freedom, and the radical act of wanting more. Louise joins author **Sophie White** in conversation.



NAOMI KLEIN AND ASTRA TAYLOR: END TIMES FASCISM IN CONVERSATION WITH SALLY HAYDEN

7pm – 8pm, Friday 2 October
RDS Concert Hall, RDS, Ballsbridge
€39/€18. Booking required

Dublin Book Festival is delighted to welcome acclaimed authors and activists **Naomi Klein** and **Astra Taylor** to Dublin to discuss their new book, *End Times Fascism: And the Fight for the Living World* (Allen Lane). This blistering reckoning with our age takes us deep into today's man-made Armageddon complex – and shows us how to stand against it before it's too late. The authors join journalist and author **Sally Hayden** for a powerful and hopeful evening of conversation around how we can break the doom loop and find a better way of living together.



DUBLIN
BY DUSK

DUBLIN BY DUSK: MYTHOLOGY IN FICTION

KIM CURRAN, EILISH FISHER AND DAVE RUDDEN IN CONVERSATION WITH JO KERRIGAN

In Partnership with the National Museum of Ireland
6pm – 7pm, Thursday 29 October
National Museum of Ireland, Kildare St
Free. Booking required

What happens when ancient myths are reborn for the modern world? Join us as we explore how the power of mythology continues to inspire contemporary writers. **Kim Curran's** *Brigid* (Penguin) is a radical reimagining of Ireland's beloved saint. **Eilish Fisher's** *The Waters and the Wild* (Penguin) is a moving verse novel about grief, family, hope, and the world beyond what we know. **Dave Rudden's** *Sister Wake* (Hodder & Stoughton) is an action-packed epic fantasy of rebellion, intrigue, horror, dangerous gods, and Celtic mythology. The authors join **Jo Kerrigan**, author of *Irish Fairy Forts* (O'Brien Press) in conversation.

FAMILY EVENT



DISCOVERING THE MYTHS OF IRELAND ELLEN RYAN

In Partnership with the National Museum of Ireland
2pm – 2.45pm, Thursday 29 October
National Museum of Ireland, Kildare St
Age: 8+ yrs
Free. Booking required

In her award-winning books *Gods Don't Cry* and *Girls Who Slay Monsters*, **Ellen Ryan** brings Irish mythology to life. Join her at the National Museum of Ireland for an interactive family event featuring a reading, 'Which God Are You' quiz, and Halloween fortune-telling game.



MAIN PROGRAMME

WED
4TH
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WILD CONNECTIONS: NATURE, WELLBEING AND BELONGING

LISA CLANCY, JANE CLARKE, JOHN S. DOYLE,
BRIGIT ANNA MCNEILL, DEARBHLA MESCAL,
MIRIAM MULCAHY, BEX SHERIDAN AND
EOIN WARNER

In partnership with TU Dublin
and Green Foundation Ireland

10:30am – 3pm, Wednesday 4 November
TU Dublin, Grangegorman, Dublin 7
Free. Booking required



What can nature teach us about how we live, heal and belong? At a time when questions of sustainability, resilience and how we belong within the natural world feel more urgent than ever, staff, students and the wider public are invited to a day of stimulating, thought-provoking and inspiring events at TU Dublin's Grangegorman campus. Featuring leading authors exploring our relationship with nature and with one another, the programme focuses on nature, wellbeing and reflection, tracing connections between landscape, biodiversity and personal recovery. Join us for readings, conversations, a walk and workshops that bring diverse perspectives into dialogue.

Full details and schedule at dublinbookfestival.com



A LITERARY WALKING TOUR PAT LIDDY'S WALKING TOURS

Daily 11am, Wed 4 Nov – Sun 8 Nov
Also 2.15pm, Thu 5 Nov to Sat 7 Nov
National Gallery of Ireland, Merrion Sq entrance
€25/€20. Booking required

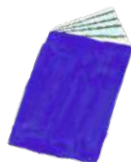
Join author and historian **Pat Liddy**, or one of his expert guides, for a walking tour of the neighbourhood around the Festival Hub, taking in many key landmarks associated with a wide range of our famous historic writers and the early development of writing in Ireland. Starting outside the gates of the National Gallery on Merrion Square, we will pass by iconic and sometimes surprising places associated with Oscar Wilde, James Joyce, G. B. Shaw, Charles Dickens, Bram Stoker, Sheridan le Fanu, and others on a 2-hour walking tour of the Georgian & Trinity College Quarter.



ARTIST BOOK INTRODUCTIONS AT NIVAL

In Partnership with NIVAL
1:15pm – 2pm, Wednesday 4 November
NIVAL, NCAD, Dublin 8
Free. Booking required

The National Irish Visual Arts Library (NIVAL), an initiative of NCAD in partnership with the Arts Council, collects materials that document the development of art practice in Ireland from 1900 to now. NIVAL holds the largest collection of unique and handmade artist books in Ireland with 1,600 catalogued online. Explore a selection of these stunning objects which take novel approaches to binding, folding and the very concept of what constitutes a book itself.





THE NEXT CHAPTER: 20 YEARS OF DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL

**LOUISE KENNEDY, JAN CARSON, SUE RAINSFORD
AND SHEILA ARMSTRONG IN CONVERSATION
WITH RÓISÍN INGLE**

In Partnership with The Women's Podcast Book Club,
from The Irish Times

6:30pm – 7:30pm, Wednesday 4 November
1WML, 1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2
€12. Booking required

For this year's special opening night, join us with The Women's Podcast Book Club, from The Irish Times, to celebrate the extraordinary rise, diversity and influence of Irish women's writing over the past two decades. From experimental fiction and magical realism to powerful stories of place, identity, history and contemporary Ireland, Irish women writers have transformed the literary landscape at home and around the world. Tonight's event will celebrate where Irish women's writing has come from, and where it might go next. Featuring **Louise Kennedy, Jan Carson, Sue Rainsford** and **Sheila Armstrong** in conversation with podcast host **Róisín Ingle**. Full details at dublinbookfestival.com



YOUNG IRELAND'S MUSICIANS

PIPPA MOLONY AND AHMED, WITH LOVE

8pm – 10pm, Wednesday 4 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
Free. Booking required

From pen to sound, how do words become music? Join **Pippa Molony** and **Ahmed, With Love** – two exciting emerging Irish artists for a lively conversation about songwriting, creativity and finding your voice in a changing Ireland. They'll share what happens behind the scenes, from the first line on the page to the finished track, and explore the unexpected connections, differences and influences that shape their music. A conversation about words, sound and what it means to make music for Ireland now.

Curated by DBF Youth Curator JP Curran.
Supported by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature.



FROM CHARACTER TO PLOT PROSE WORKSHOP WITH TIM MACGABHANN

In Partnership with the Irish Writers Centre
11am – 1pm, Thursday 5 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
€20. Booking required



Feel frustrated with your story? It's not because you don't know what you want: it's because your characters don't. This workshop, with author and poet **Tim MacGabhann**, features exercises for getting to know your characters' desires, and setting them in motion, therefore animating your short story or novel-in-progress. The way that this macro level of the story is borne out at the level of the sentence will also be considered, with a view to producing cleaner and more transparent prose.

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Ollscoil Chathair
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Dublin City University

LITERATURE AND THE DIGITAL AGE

In Partnership with DCU

11am – 8:30pm, Thursday 5 November

DCU, St Patrick's Campus, Dublin 9

Free. Booking required

A day-long series of events examining the fate of the written word and storytelling in the content flood of the modern digital world. As technology allows storytellers to tell their tales in previously inconceivable new ways, will there still be space for the human voice, speaking its story? Guests will include **Dean Fee**, editor of *CTRL: Essays on Video Games* (Lilliput Press) with readings by a selection of CTRL's contributing essayists, among many others. Join us at DCU for a day of performance, readings and passionate discussion.

Curated by DCU Cultural Arts office Marcella Bannon and Arts Council Writer in Residence Colin Barrett. Full details at www.dublinbookfestival.com



THE POEM AS BREATH AND ARTEFACT

SUSAN CONNOLLY and MÁIGHRÉAD MEDBH

12:30pm – 1:30pm, Thursday 5 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required



In **Susan Connolly** and **Máighréad Medbh's** new collections with Macha Press, the forming of words is a living, breathing process. Connolly's *Midwinter* explores how names proliferate while still representing the same things. She will describe the evolution of the book from handmade concertina artefact to print. Medbh's *Dwelling* is rooted in sound and rhythm. She will perform poems from the book and reflect on the roles of history and its erasure, embodied walking, reading and reimagining in her writing.



THE STAINED GLASS OF EARLEY STUDIOS

WALKING TOUR WITH MICHAEL EARLEY

1pm – 2pm, Thursday 5 November

St Kevin's Church, Harrington Street, Dublin 8

€15. Booking required

With its beginnings in 1864, Earley Studios grew to become the largest stained glass studio in Ireland. Aiming to exclusively serve the requirements of Catholic patrons, the studio contributed greatly to the dominant stained-glass aesthetic of Irish stained glass in the early decades of the 20th Century. Stroll through Dublin's colourful streets with **Michael Earley**, whose new book *The Stained Glass of Earley Studios: 1864-1975* (UCD Press) looks back on the studios' history. Discover Dublin's heritage buildings featuring the stained glass of Earley Studios, including St Kevin's Church and Whitefriar Street Carmelite Church.



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NO ONE TELLS YOU

LUNCHTIME TALK WITH CARLO GÉBLER

In Partnership with the Irish Writers Centre

1.15pm – 2.15pm, Thursday 5 November

National Library of Ireland, Kildare St

€8. Booking required

Join author **Carlo Gébler** as he explores what sense is one to make of the death of another? Adopt the stoic position, endure and learn? Accept death, whatever else it is, as educational? It often seems that's what the culture would like us to do but in *No One Tells You, the Last Years of Edna O'Brien* (New Island) Gébler's tack is that death is an appalling diminution about which there is nothing good to be said. Hurt is hurt. Grief isn't educational – it's enlarging, which is something else entirely.



ON SENTIMENT: HOW TO EFFECTIVELY NAVIGATE EMOTIONS IN OUR POETRY

WORKSHOP WITH DAVID MCLOGHLIN

In Partnership with the Irish Writers Centre

2pm – 4pm, Thursday 5 November

Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq

€20. Booking required

Join award-winning poet **David McLoghlin** for a unique generative course in how to navigate feelings and sentimentality in poetry. Often, we either have too much feeling in our rough drafts, or not enough. In this masterclass we'll read exemplary poems to explore how word choice can play a large part in our success. We will also look at how to open and close a poem, and practise a variety of techniques via generative prompts and in-class exercises.



LET'S TALK CHILDREN'S BOOKS!

MEET-UP FOR CHILDREN'S WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS WITH DISCOVER IRISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS

3pm – 4pm, Thursday 5 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required

Calling all children's writers and illustrators! If you would like to talk about your own work for young audiences with fellow children's writers and illustrators, swap experiences and ideas, or simply have a social coffee with other Irish based creatives, we'd love you to join us! The aim of Discover Irish Children's Books is to highlight and celebrate Irish children's books. The Discover team is made up of over twenty Irish and Irish based children's writers, illustrators, booksellers, teachers, librarians and reviewers.



INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE – NIGHT ONE

In Partnership with Poetry Ireland

5pm – 6:30pm, Thursday 5 November

Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq

€8. Booking required

Introductions | Céadlínite is a Poetry Ireland showcase of 7 of 15 of the most exciting new poets writing in English and Irish on the island of Ireland today. The poets were selected by **Victoria Kennefick** and **Aifric MacAodha**. We'll have a musical guest along on the night.

Introductions | Is sárthaispeántas d'Eigse Éireann é “**Céadlínite**” 7 ó 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 **Victoria Kennefick** agus **Aifric MacAodha** filí na bliana seo. Seinnfidh ceoltóir den scoth in cineacht leis na filí.



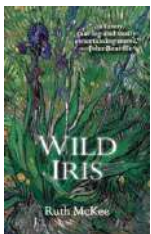
THE FUTURE OF PUBLISHING – A DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL 20TH ANNIVERSARY PANEL

**BRENDAN BARRINGTON, EIMEAR RYAN
AND NOELLE MORAN IN CONVERSATION
WITH DR JONATHAN C. CREASY**

*6pm – 7pm, Thursday 5 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Free. Booking required*



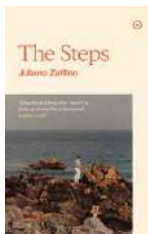
Twenty years of Irish publishing. Twenty years of imprints, magazines, and independent presses reshaping what gets written, printed, and read. To mark two decades of the Dublin Book Festival, we're bringing together a panel of professionals who've helped build that story, and asking them what comes next. Join **Dr. Jonathan C. Creasy** (UCD Mary Lavin Centre for Creative Writing; Publishing Ireland) in conversation with **Brendan Barrington** (Sandycove/Penguin Ireland), **Eimear Ryan** (Banshee), and **Noelle Moran** (UCD Press) for a wide-ranging look at Irish publishing past, present, and future.



EMERGING VOICES RUTH MCKEE AND JULIANO ZAFFINO IN CONVERSATION WITH PATRICK HOLLOWAY

*6.15pm – 7.15pm, Thursday 5 November
Bartley's Lounge
€8. Booking required*

Explore themes of love, trauma, family, and friendship in two debut novels. **Ruth McKee's** *Wild Iris* (Dedalus Press) portrays a woman haunted by her past. **Juliano Zaffino's** *The Steps* (Tramp Press) mixes suspense and family drama after tragedy. Authors discuss with **Patrick Holloway**.



SCREENING OF THE LIBRARIANS

*6.30pm – 8.30pm, Thursday 5 November
Royal Irish Academy, Dawson St
€12. Booking required*

Join the Royal Irish Academy for a screening of the Emmy-nominated documentary *The Librarians*, including a short discussion with director **Kim A. Snyder**. As book bans and censorship challenges grow across the United States, the film follows librarians on the front lines of the fight for intellectual freedom. 'Enraging, uplifting, and timely, *The Librarians* is one of the most important films of the year.' – Irish Examiner



LAWRENCE O'SHAUGHNESSY AWARD READING

In partnership with Poetry Ireland
*7.30pm – 9.30pm, Thursday 5 November
Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq
€8. Booking required*

Poetry Ireland / Éigse Éireann and The New Hibernia Review are delighted to present The Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Award Reading at Dublin Book Festival. Expect readings from this year's Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Awardee among other leading Irish poets. The Lawrence O'Shaughnessy Award for Poetry was established at the University of St. Thomas by the Center for Irish Studies to honour outstanding Irish poets. The prize honours the literary achievement of the poet and their contribution to the community of writers in Ireland.





PROMISCUOUS WRITING: JUMPING ACROSS FORMS

**SARA BAUME, GUSTAV PARKER HIBBETT
AND RALF WEBB**

7:30pm – 9:30pm, Thursday 5 November

Teeling Distillery, Dublin 8

Free. Booking required



Three writers, **Sara Baume**, **Gustav Parker Hibbett**, and **Ralf Webb** – who write across forms of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art writing, and beyond – discuss their writing practices with *Tolka*, a Dublin-based literary magazine that publishes ‘formally promiscuous’ non-fiction. These writers will explore how easy or difficult it is to jump between different mediums, their various approaches to writing poetry, fiction and non-fiction, as well as discussing specific pieces they have written for *Tolka*. The discussion will be followed by the launch of *Tolka* Issue Twelve, with short readings from featured contributors.



SPOKEN WORD FOR NEW WITH MC DARAGH FLEMING

8pm – 9:30pm, Thursday 5 November

Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel

Free. Booking required

Got something to say? Take the mic. Join **Daragh Fleming** for an evening of original spoken word, big ideas and creative expression, with a platform for young writers and performers to express their art with their peers. Between performances, Daragh explores what spoken word can offer as a creative outlet – from turning thoughts and feelings into words to finding your voice and making something that feels truly your own. Come to perform, listen, or just come and see what happens when young people put their words out into the world.

Curated by DBF Youth Curator JP Curran.

Supported by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature.



LITERARY PRODUCER EVENT

In partnership with Children's Books Ireland

10:30am – 1pm, Friday 6 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required



A panel featuring six professional children's book authors and illustrators in conversation with former Laureate na nÓg, **Patricia Forde**, including **Richie Conroy**, **Sadhbh Devlin**, **Neil Sharpson**, **Tristan Rosenstock**, **Andrew Whitson** and **Máire Zepf**. All participants are well-versed in artist events as *Gaeilge* for young audiences of varying size and age; they will discuss their experiences as well as demonstrate what programmers can expect from events like these. Followed by a meet-and-greet with tea and coffee.



POETRY WORKSHOP – THIRTY-SIX VIEWS

NELL REGAN

12pm – 2pm, Friday 6 November

National Print Museum, Haddington Rd

€15. Booking required

Join poet **Nell Regan** for this engaging workshop – bring a picture of a place you love (a landscape or cityscape), a pen and a willingness to play. We'll look at a myriad ways to approach the same thing/view, aiming for a freshness of language and perspective. Suitable for all.

Followed by an optional letterpress workshop, 2.30pm (limited capacity, separate booking) to hand set and print a line from your poem. See dublinbookfestival.com for more.

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PROPERBOOK: CREATING BRILLIANT BOOKS TOGETHER: THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF IRISH CHILDREN'S BOOKS

In partnership with Children's Books Ireland

2pm – 3.30pm, Friday 6 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€20/€15. Booking required

Chairs: **Melissa Campana** (Children's Books Ireland) and **Sarah Webb** (Children's Author). Speakers: **Ivan O'Brien** (MD, The O'Brien Press), **Matthew Parkinson-Bennett** (Publisher, Little Island Books), **Venetia Gosling**, (Children's Publisher, Gill Books) and **Caitríona Nic Sheáin** (Publisher, An tSnáthaid Mhór).

Join our experienced panel for a look at the past, present and future of children's publishing in Ireland and further afield. From children's changing reading habits to what publishers are currently looking for and how best to submit a manuscript, and AI and its impact on creative industries, the panel will discuss a wide range of topics and take questions from the floor.



IF AMERICA SNEEZES, DOES IRELAND CATCH A COLD?

In partnership with the National Library of Ireland

4pm – 5.15pm, Friday 6 November

National Library of Ireland, Kildare St

Free. Booking required

Join us for a thought-provoking discussion about changing laws and attitudes around book censorship in the USA and its chilling influence across Irish culture. With first-hand perspectives from both sides of the pond, panellists include **Elaina Ryan** (CEO of Children's Books Ireland), **Sarah Carey** (Journalist), **Kim A. Snyder** (Director of 'The Librarians') and librarian **Audrey Wilson-Youngblood**, who is featured in the film. The event will be moderated by **Ruth Hegarty** (Royal Irish Academy) with Q&A.

This event will follow the previous night's screening in the Royal Irish Academy of the Emmy-nominated documentary 'The Librarians'. See programme for more details.



CONTENTIOUS SPACES

ROSALEEN MCDONAGH IN CONVERSATION WITH KATHERINE O'DONNELL

In partnership with Poetry Ireland

5pm – 5:50pm, Friday 6 November

Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq

€8. Booking required

Contentious Spaces (Skein Press) is the debut novel from acclaimed author and playwright **Rosaleen McDonagh**, exploring the inner lives of Traveller families on a site in Dublin. Threatened with eviction, it's not only their homes at stake but also their history and the stories that have shaped them. Rosaleen joins author and academic **Katherine O'Donnell** in conversation, exploring themes including identity and loyalty, shame and resilience, grief and love, and the power of voices that refuse to be silenced.



PANDEMONIUM: LIVE COMICS READINGS

**PHIL BARRETT, ALAN DUNNE AND KATHERINE FOYLE
IN CONVERSATION WITH EOIN ROGERS**

6pm – 7pm, Friday 6 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€6. Booking required



Publishing some of Ireland's most exciting and innovative comics, PANDEMONIUM is a new literary journal dedicated to publishing shortform fiction and non-fiction comics. This event features three of Ireland's leading comics creators and contributors to the first issue of PANDEMONIUM, **Phil Barrett**, **Alan Dunne** and **Katherine Foyle**, who will read from their work and join editor **Eoin Rogers** in-conversation to discuss their work and how they went about putting together their pieces for the journal.



EMERGING WRITERS

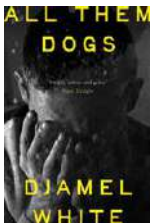
**JESSAMINE O'CONNOR AND DJAMEL WHITE
IN CONVERSATION WITH AINGEALA FLANNERY**

6pm – 7pm, Friday 6 November

Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel

€8. Booking required

Join us as we delve into two captivating debut novels from some of the freshest voices in Irish fiction. **Jessamine O'Connor's** *Somewhere* (Lilliput Press) is a raw and intimate portrait of a woman balancing on the edge of survival, seeking meaning and love amid isolation and addiction. **Djamel White's** *All Them Dogs* (John Murray) is a gritty, sharp and unexpectedly tender dive into West Dublin's underworld, where loyalty, desire and survival collide. The authors join author **Aingeala Flannery** in conversation.



SOUND AND SILENCE: THE POETICS OF LESSER-KNOWN LANGUAGES

**ROBIN MUNBY AND MORGAN LEATHEM VENTURA
IN CONVERSATION WITH ALANNA OFFIELD**

In partnership with Skein Press and Instituto Cervantes

6pm – 7pm, Friday 6 November

Instituto Cervantes, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2

Free. Booking required



Join us for a special conversation on the art of translating from Indigenous and minoritised languages. In celebration of the United Nations Indigenous Languages Decade, this event will feature readings and discussions with the translators of two award-winning poetry collections: **Robin Munby**, translator of Asturian poet Raquel F. Menéndez's *The Posthumous Book of Shahrazad* (Skein Press), and **Morgan Leathem Ventura**, translator of Nuu Savi poet Kalu Tatyisavi's *Because of the Silence* (Skein Press).

Presented in association with Poetry Ireland / Éigse Éireann.



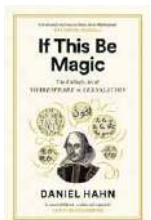
BOOK LAUNCH: SOUNDING IRELAND: RADIO AND THE MAKING OF US CLÍODHNA NÍ ANLUAIN

6pm – 8pm, Friday 6 November

dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire

Free. Booking required

Join us for the launch of *Sounding Ireland: Radio and the Making of Us* (New Island) by **Clíodhna Ní Anluain**. Marking 100 years of public broadcasting in Ireland, this richly detailed book is both a celebration and a reflection of RTÉ Radio and a century of stories told, voices heard and memories made. It's the story of how Ireland's national broadcaster grew from its first 1926 transmission into a powerful cultural force and a trusted national voice.



IF THIS BE MAGIC

**DANIEL HAHN IN CONVERSATION
WITH SINÉAD MAC AODHA**

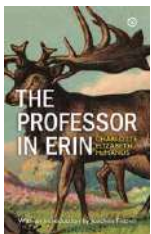
In partnership with Literature Ireland

6:30pm – 7:20pm, Friday 6 November

MoLI – Museum of Literature Ireland, St Stephen's Green
Free. Booking required. First-come, first-served

If This Be Magic: The Unlikely Art of Shakespeare in Translation (Canongate), the latest book from acclaimed translator and writer **Daniel Hahn**, is a fascinating deep dive into the world of Shakespeare-in-translation. With humour and clarity, Hahn examines how the great playwright's works are translated into languages ranging from Chinese to Italian, Turkish to Dutch, all the while asking: if the language is changed, is it still Shakespeare? Daniel will appear in conversation with Director of Literature Ireland, **Sinéad Mac Aodha**.

This event is part of First Fridays at MoLI.



BOOK LAUNCH: CHARLOTTE MCMANUS'S THE PROFESSOR IN ERIN

6:30pm – 8pm, Friday 6 November

The Gutter Bookshop, Temple Bar
Free. Booking required

Join us to celebrate the launch of *The Professor in Erin* by **Charlotte McManus**. A German scholar exploring ruins hits his head in a fall. He wakes to find himself in a parallel universe: an Ireland that never was, free of English rule since winning the Battle of Kinsale. In this powerful, independent nation, Irish language and culture are flourishing. This landmark work is an important early example of utopian fiction and of Irish science fiction, and Tramp Press is proud to be presenting it to a new generation of readers through its Recovered Voices series.



INTRODUCTIONS | CÉADLÍNTE – NIGHT TWO

In Partnership with Poetry Ireland
7pm – 8:30pm, Friday 6 November
Poetry Ireland, Parnell Sq
€8. Booking required

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MÚSAEM NA nGRÉIBHLÍ / THE MUSEUM OF CURIOSITIES

In partnership with IMRAM
7pm & 8pm, Friday 6 November
The Museum of Curiosities, Pembroke St
€15/€12. Booking required



Is áit iontach go deo é Músaem na nGréibhlí i mBaile Átha Cliath. Cathair ghríobhain dhá stór de dheismireáin, nithe scáfara agus scéalta ar leith. Tá a scéal féin ag gach rud; blúiríní béaloideasa, taismí leighis nó iarsmaí de chreidimh nach ann dóibh a thuilleadh. Sa léiriú seo, tá scéalta le **Daithí Ó Muirí** a ghlacann inspioráid ó na nithe atá sa mhúsaem. Léifear na scéalta os ard le tionlacan fuaimne leis an gceoltóir trialach **Fergus Kelly**.

Supported by Culture Ireland.





INDIE PRESS CELEBRATION

In partnership with the Irish Independent Press Alliance
7:30pm – 9:30pm, Friday 6 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
Free. Booking required

Discover the voices and ideas shaping Ireland's independent publishing scene. Join us for a celebration of some of the most exciting, innovative and adventurous small and independent publishers from across the island. Hear from the people championing new writing, taking creative risks and giving fresh voices a platform, in a lively conversation chaired by The Stinging Fly's **Declan Meade**. Then discover some of the writers at the heart of this vibrant scene, with readings from a selection of recently published indie titles.



GIRLHOOD REMIXED

**CHANDRIKA NARAYANAN-MOHAN,
 ROSAMUND TAYLOR AND JESSICA TRAYNOR
 IN CONVERSATION WITH ELLEN ORCHARD**

In partnership with MoLI – Museum of Literature Ireland
8pm – 8:50pm, Friday 6 November
MoLI, St Stephen's Green
Free. Booking required. First-come, first-served



Join us for readings and discussion with three writers whose work captures experiences of girlhood and womanhood. **Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan's** debut collection *The Salt of Something* (Dedalus Press) explores love, attraction, excitement and disappointment. **Jessica Traynor's** *New Arcana* (Bloodaxe Books) explores grief, bad boyfriends and the power of female friendship through readings of the Tarot and Tim Burton movies. **Rosamund Taylor's** *Filly* (Banshee Press) is a queer coming-of-age verse novel shot through with readings of cult literary classics. The writers join writer and critic **Ellen Orchard** in conversation.



MoLI Museum of Literature Ireland

This event is part of First Fridays at MoLI.





BOOKS DOWN, MIC UP!

DBF AFTER DARK FESTIVAL CLUB KARAOKE

9:30pm – 11pm, Friday 6 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
Free. Drop-In

Put down the books and grab the mic! Join writers, readers and festival-goers for a gloriously un-literary night of karaoke, questionable song choices and plenty of laughs. Whether you're a secret superstar or just here for the chorus, come sing, dance and let loose. No literary credentials required. Just bring your voice – and your courage!



A SENSE OF PLACE

DANIELLE MCLAUGHLIN, ROB DOYLE AND NEIL TULLY IN CONVERSATION WITH NAOISE DOLAN

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre
11am – 12pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
€8. Booking required



"Every story would be another story, and unrecognizable if it took up its characters and plot and happened somewhere else."
Eudora Welty



Putting their mark, not only on the literary landscape of 2026, but also putting their mark on a particular place, three novelists talk about the importance of location and setting as a character in this Irish Writers Centre panel discussion that brings us to Cork, Dublin and Wexford, with **Danielle McLaughlin, Rob Doyle** and **Neil Tully**. Chaired by **Naoise Dolan**.



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MEET THE DUBLIN BOOK FESTIVAL BOARD

11:30am – 12:30pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Free. Drop-in

Over the past 20 years, Dublin Book Festival has been proud to present the very best of Irish writing and publishing, bringing Ireland's wonderful literary community together with audiences far and wide. This is only possible because of the shared commitment of our writers, readers and partners. If you would like to get involved in this work and support our mission, partner with us, discuss an idea or simply find out more about the festival, please drop by and meet the members of our board.



ZINE WORKSHOP

SARAH BRACKEN SOPER

In partnership with the Irish Writers Centre
12pm – 2pm, Saturday 7 November
Irish Writers Centre, Parnell Sq
€20. Booking required



Join **Sarah Bracken Soper** for an accessible introduction to creating, storytelling and self-expression in a zine workshop. The Irish Writers Centre welcomes writers to produce their own mini publications/booklet, with participants guided to creating their own individual bespoke 'zines' through writing, drawing and collage. Materials provided, though participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.





**THINKING ALOUD, THINKING TOGETHER:
INDIGENOUS VOICES / AIN RISP LESKO /
AALKOEALMETJI GIËLH**

OEIN DEBHAIURDUIN AND PATRICIA FJELLGREN

12:15pm – 1:15pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required



What does it mean to create, remember and resist as Indigenous artists in Europe today?

Join award-winning Irish Traveller writer and curator **Oein DeBhairduin** and Swedish Sámi writer, editor and activist **Patricia Fjellgren** for a thought-provoking conversation exploring identity, storytelling, and resilience. This event forms part of Thinking Aloud, Thinking Together, a series of cross-disciplinary conversations curated by Skein.

Kindly supported by The Rowan Trust and the Embassy of Sweden in Dublin.



WINTER PAPERS LAUNCH

12:30pm – 1:30pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required

Volume 12 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 12* with readings and conversation from some of this year's contributors.



**EXPLORING HISTORY THROUGH OBJECTS
TURTLE BUNBURY, SIOBHAN DOYLE AND LAR JOYE
IN CONVERSATION WITH CATRIONA CROWE**

1:30pm – 2:30pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€8. Booking required



Join us for an illuminating conversation with three writers whose books explore stories from history through objects.

Lar Joye's *Forged in War: The Artifacts that Shaped Ireland's Military History* (Wordwell Books) highlights the objects and artifacts that have shaped Ireland's military history.

Turtle Bunbury's *Laois in 100 Objects* (Wordwell Books) is a unique history of the county from prehistory to the present day. **Siobhán Doyle's** *Irish Sport in 100 Objects* (Merrion Press) brings us around Ireland to discover objects that carry extraordinary sporting stories.





WRITING HISTORY

MARTINA DEVLIN, EMILY HOURICAN AND
HENRIETTA MCKERVEY IN CONVERSATION
WITH NEIL HEGARTY

1:30pm – 2.30pm, Saturday 7 November
National Library of Ireland, Kildare St
Free. Booking required

Take a step back in time with us as we immerse ourselves in three gripping historical fictions. **Martina Devlin's** *Glorious Monsters* (Lilliput Press) is a spellbinding reimagining of Rome's Romantic circle, involving the brilliant, volatile, and dangerously entangled Shelleys. **Emily Hourican's** *A House in Winter* (Eriu) is a story of family conflict and class tension set around Princess Margaret's visit to Ireland in 1965. **Henrietta McKervey's** *The Woman in the Water* (Hachette Ireland) is a twisty gothic mystery set between 1930s London and Cornwall. The authors join writer **Neil Hegarty** in conversation.



MACALLÁI NA STAIRE / THE ECHOES OF HISTORY

DARACH Ó SCOLAÍ, LIAM MAC CÓIL
AGUS RÉALTÁN NÍ LEANNÁIN AG
CAINT LE PROFESSOR MICHAEL CRONIN

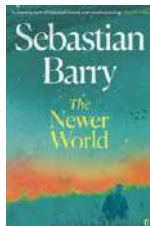
In partnership with IMRAM

2pm – 3pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Free. Booking required

Plé ar fhicsean staire leis An Ollamh **Michael Cronin**. Úrscéal é *Bódléar* (Leabhar Breac) le **Darach Ó Scolaí** a phléann an t-athrú a bhí ag teacht ar shaol na tuaithe ar fud na hEorpa san 19ú haois. Ina úrscéalta staire, tugann **Liam Mac Cóil** trasna na hEorpa muid i gcomhlúadar Lúciús Uí Bhriain i mblianta tosaigh na 16ú haoise. Tarraingíonn **Réaltán Ní Leannáin** ar stair agus ar chuimhní teaghlaigh ina húrscéal, *Cití na gCártaí* (Cois Life).

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DUBLIN CITY LIBRARIES READERS' DAY

**SEBASTIAN BARRY, PATRICK FREYNE,
SARAH GILMARTIN, KATHLEEN
MACMAHON AND KATRIONA
O'SULLIVAN**

In partnership with Dublin UNESCO
City of Literature

2:45pm – 5:30pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required



Join us for a lively and engaging afternoon of book chat with some of Ireland's most exciting contemporary authors. **Sebastian Barry's** *The Newer World* (Faber & Faber) is an immersive and unforgettable novel of one man's life in the aftermath of the American Civil War. Sebastian joins critic, journalist and broadcaster **Alex Clark** in conversation. **Patrick Freyne's** *Experts in a Dying Field* (Sandycove) is a sharp and witty novel about friendship, secrets, grief, guilt, and the joyful alchemy of music. Following two couples across twenty years, **Sarah Gilmartin's** *Little Vanities* (Pushkin) is a novel about the perilous thrill of stepping outside the roles we've been given – and the distance between the lives we imagined and the ones we find ourselves living. **Kathleen MacMahon's** *Other People's Lives* (Sandycove) is a brilliantly observed story of marriage, friendship, loyalty, regret and midlife choices. The authors join journalist and author **Aoife Barry** in conversation. *Hungry* (Hachette Ireland), the powerful new memoir from **Katriona O'Sullivan**, is a raw, courageous exploration of survival, identity and the lifelong search for self-acceptance. Katriona joins broadcaster **Miriam O'Callaghan** in conversation.

Bookings for this event will open on Monday, 5th October 2026.



MARY AND PADRAIC COLUM: LIVES AND THE DREAM MARGARET KELLEHER IN CONVERSATION WITH ÉILÍS NÍ DHUIBHNE

In partnership with National Library of Ireland

3pm – 4pm, Saturday 7 November
National Library of Ireland, Kildare St
Free. Booking required

Mary and Padraic Colum: Lives and the Dream (UCD Press) is an illuminating biography of two remarkable Irish writers: Padraic, a poet and playwright whose poems are still remembered today, and Mary, an influential writer and essayist whose work is now unjustly forgotten. Join us as author **Margaret Kelleher** discusses her book with Laureate of Irish Fiction, **Éilís Ní Dhuibhne**. The conversation will explore the Colums' lives and careers, which span the Irish Literary Revival and twentieth-century literary circles in New York, and the challenges and rewards of writing a joint biography.



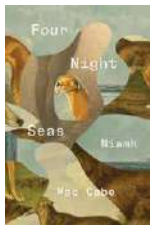
DAY OF THE IMPRISONED WRITER CAOILFHIONN GALLAGHER KC

In partnership with Irish PEN/PEN na hÉireann

3pm – 4.10pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Free. Booking required

Irish PEN/ PEN na hÉireann is proud to present one of the world's leading human rights lawyers, **Caoilfhionn Gallagher KC**. She will discuss recent developments in censorship – from prosecutions of Hong Kong booksellers and authors, to restrictions on books with LGBTQ+ themes in US public libraries, to Israeli police raids of an East Jerusalem bookshop and the confiscation of Palestinian books – and how we can fight back.

Supported by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature.



THE ART OF THE SHORT STORY

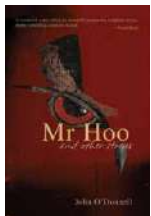
**NIAMH MAC CABE AND JOHN O'DONNELL
IN CONVERSATION WITH NIALL MACMONAGLE**

In partnership with dlr Libraries

3pm – 4pm, Saturday 7 November

dlr Lexicon, Dún Laoghaire

€6. Booking required



As short stories continue to captivate, join us to delve into two striking collections by award-winning writers. **Niamh Mac Cabe's** *Four Night Seas* (Lilliput Press) features characters navigating emotional or existential thresholds – grieving, seeking meaning or reconciling with the past. **John O'Donnell's** *Mr Hoo and Other Stories* (Doire Press) features compelling stories of schemers and survivors, of almost-winners and not-quite losers. The authors will join writer and critic **Niall MacMonagle** to discuss their writing process, and the power of the short story to explore universal themes from loneliness and desire, to memory, loss and human connection.



CLINIC LEABHAR DO DHAOINE FÁSTA / ADULTS' BOOK CLINIC

Le tacaíocht ó Fhoras na Gaeilge

3:15pm – 4:45pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Drop-in, spaces limited

You're new to Irish, you're fairly fluent but haven't opened a book in years, or you're an occasional reader as Gaeilge wondering what next. Beidh comhairle againn duit ag an gClinic Leabhar do Dhaoine Fásta, do gach leibhéal cumais agus taithí! Roinnfidh an scríbhneoir cáiliúil **Anna Heussaff** a cuid moltaí leat. Is maith an leigheas an léitheoireacht! We can recommend great novels, poetry, short stories and non-fiction in Irish, for all levels and interests, plus a few bilingual books too!



DUBLIN REVIEW CONVERSATIONS: THE F WORD

**RORY GLEESON, KEVIN POWER AND
CATHY SWEENEY IN CONVERSATION
WITH AINGEALA FLANNERY**

3.30pm – 4.30pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€8. Booking required



For a writer, failure can mean the waste of years' worth of work. Three contributors to The Dublin Review – **Rory Gleeson, Kevin Power and Cathy Sweeney** – join **Aingeala Flannery** to talk about the writer's life in a culture that fetishises failure – but only if it has been followed by success.

RAISING VOICES

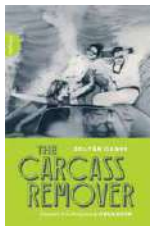
RAISING VOICES SHOWCASE

5pm – 6pm, Saturday 7 November

Barley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel

Free. Booking required

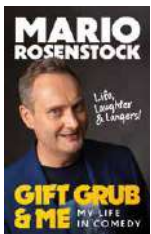
Raising Voices is a programme run by Children's Books Ireland, Dublin Book Festival, Publishing Ireland, Illustrators Ireland, West Cork Literary Festival and the Tyrone Guthrie Centre. It aims to develop and support aspiring artists, making work for children and young adults, whose voices have been 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 2026 Fellows, **Czacarri Muli, Grace Haynes, Ilona Lo Iacono, Mari Rolin, Nora Corcoran** and **Sarah Little**.



**WRITING AT THE BORDERS OF MEMORY:
TRANSLATING WAR IN EUROPE**
ZOLTÁN DANYI AND OWEN GOOD

5pm – 6pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Free. Booking required

Join us for in-depth discussion between author **Zoltán Danyi** and his Northern Irish translator **Owen Good** on the occasion of the launch of the first English-language translation (from Hungarian) of Danyi's prize-winning first novel: *The Carcass Remover*. Published by Bullaun Press, Ireland's first press dedicated to literature in translation.



GIFT GRUB & ME: MY LIFE IN COMEDY
MARIO ROSENSTOCK IN CONVERSATION

6.30pm – 7.30pm, Saturday 7 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
€10. Booking required

Best known for being the much-loved voice behind Today FM's Gift Grub show, award-winning comedian, actor and writer **Mario Rosenstock** is now bringing readers behind the scenes and giving an eye-opening, laugh-out-loud look at his unique journey, in his brand new memoir *Gift Grub & Me: My Life in Comedy* (Merrion Press). With trademark hilarity and candour, Mario reveals the creative process behind his iconic impressions, shares memorable encounters, and reflects on the evolution of Irish satire over the decades. Join us for an evening that is bound to be part humour, part reflection, and all entertainment!



A HOSTING

**KEVIN BARRY AND MARTIN DOYLE
IN CONVERSATION WITH PAULA SHIELDS**

6:30pm – 7:30pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
€10. Booking required



A Hosting: Interviews with Irish Writers 1991-2026 (Lilliput Press) is a captivating new collection of interviews by Books Editor of The Irish Times, **Martin Doyle**. Featuring conversations with Ireland's most talented and successful writers, at different stages of their careers, this is a portrait of the Irish literary world as it has evolved in the past four decades. Martin will be joined by acclaimed Irish author **Kevin Barry**, who features in the book, for an evening of conversation with arts journalist **Paula Shields**.



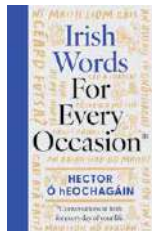
**MÓROÍCHE FILÍOCHTA AGUS CEOIL /
GALA POETRY AND MUSIC NIGHT**

In partnership with IMRAM
6:30pm – 8pm, Saturday 7 November
Teeling Distillery, Dublin 8
Free. Booking required



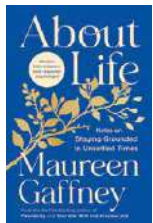
Tugann filíocht **Róise Ní Bhaoill** muid ar thuras a thugann léargas dúinn ar áilleacht agus ar fhulaingt an tsaoil. Bhuaigh an bailiúchán dhátheangach filíochta, *Dambatheanga/Damlanguage* (Arlen House) le **Mícheál Ó Ruairc** an chéad duais i gComórtais Liteartha an Oireachtais in 2014. Tá ceol agus filíocht á nascadh le chéile ag **Éire Ní Fhaoláin** agus **Cú Chulainn Ó Faoláin** sa léiriú seo a fhaigheann spreagadh go leor ó leabhar nua filíochta Éire, *Puistín Beag an Diabhail* (Fóghmhar).





HECTOR Ó HEOCHAGÁIN:
IRISH WORDS FOR EVERY OCCASION
IN CONVERSATION WITH MUIREANN O'CONNELL
 Le tacaíocht ó Fhoras na Gaeilge
6:45pm – 7:45pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
€8. Booking required

Have you ever wanted to order a round at your local-as Gaeilge? Ireland's favourite gaeilgeoir, **Hector Ó hEochagáin**, is back with a brand new book celebrating the use of Irish in everyday life. *Irish Words for Every Occasion* (Gill Books) builds on the previous books in this bestselling series, empowering you from turning the cúpla focal into small, everyday conversations. Bíg linn as Hector joins TV presenter and broadcaster **Muireann O'Connell** for an inspiring and entertaining evening of conversation about using our language in real-life chat, from the workplace to the pub and beyond!



MAUREEN GAFFNEY: ABOUT LIFE
8pm – 9pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
€10. Booking required

In her latest book, leading clinical psychologist **Maureen Gaffney** draws on years of experience to bring us an eye-opening and inspiring insight into the most important lessons she has learned in life. *About Life: Notes on Staying Grounded in Unsettled Times* (Sandycove) brings together research, a lifetime of observation and Maureen's own personal experience to explore the question that matters most in uncertain times: how do we stay resilient, purposeful and fully engaged with life when the world feels increasingly unstable?



THE DUBLIN TABLE QUIZ
8pm – 9:30pm, Saturday 7 November
Bartley's Lounge, The Grafton Hotel
€10. Booking required

Think you know Dublin? Think again! *The Dublin Quiz Book* (New Island) by **Des J. Doyle** is packed with questions, picture rounds, curiosities and bite-sized histories that dive into the capital's most surprising facts and forgotten tales. From infamous pub lore, rebellious personalities and literary giants, to vanished streets and sporting legends, this book celebrates the characters, scandals, triumphs, and everyday magic of the city. So come on down to the DBF After Dark Festival Club and put your knowledge to the test at our lively quiz night!

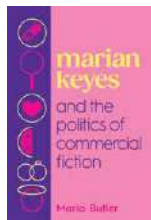


THE WATER THAT SURROUNDS US
MICHAEL CRONIN AND MARK MELLETT
IN CONVERSATION WITH LORNA SIGGINS
 Supported by Science Week
11am – 12pm, Sunday 8 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Free. Booking required



As the climate crisis remains one of our most pressing issues, join us for a morning with two authors whose books explore how protecting our seas and oceans is key in this ongoing battle. **Michael Cronin's** *Ireland: Why It Matters to Be an Island* (Royal Irish Academy) considers how Ireland is shaped – culturally, politically and ecologically – by the seas that surround it. In *Blue Heart: War, Climate and the Battle for the Ocean that Keeps Us Alive* (Wordwell Books), **Mark Mellett** explores how the defining crises of the twenty-first century are all converging at sea. The authors join journalist, author and marine expert, **Lorna Siggins**, in conversation.

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MARIAN KEYES AND THE POLITICS OF COMMERCIAL FICTION

MARIAN KEYES, MARIA BUTLER AND VICKI NOTARO
IN CONVERSATION WITH AOIFE BARRY

11am – 12pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€8. Booking required

Marian Keyes is one of Ireland's most important fiction authors. Her novels are filled with charm, wit, and pathos, yet her girly packaging and light-hearted marketing resulted in far too little critical attention and celebration. Join Marian, **Vicki Notaro**, author of *Marian Keyes and the Politics of Commercial Fiction* (UCD Press) and **Maria Butler**, as they discuss the politics of women's commercial fiction. They hope to challenge the existing narrative on Keyes and other writers, and open a window into their extraordinary writings for future readers.



THE BOOK OF WATER

WITH KARIN DUBSKY

Supported by Science Week and

In Partnership with Dublin Port Company

12pm – 2pm, Sunday 8 November

Berth 18, North Wall, Dublin 1

€20. Booking required



Climb aboard for a unique literary and natural history trip around Dublin Bay, discovering the ecosystems and wildlife around us. As we travel, marine ecologist **Karin Dubsky** will help us look more closely at everything from seaweed and seabirds to marine life and the habitats beneath the waves. Our guides will be the books that have taught generations how to identify and understand the natural world – from early seaweed guides and school nature books to the pioneering Sherkin Island guides and today's beautifully illustrated field guides. Join us for a fascinating journey combining nature, science and books life around Ireland's coast.



NIAMH CAMPBELL AND DOIREANN NÍ GHRÍOFA IN CONVERSATION WITH BELINDA MCKEON

12:30pm – 1:30pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€12. Booking required



Join us for a morning around two haunting novels that explore the link between memory, remembering, motherhood and voices that linger across generations. **Niamh Campbell's** *Make Strange* (W&N) is an emotionally charged family story where a child begins speaking of past lives and the time she died. In her distinctive, lyrical writing, **Doireann Ní Ghríofa's** *Said the Dead* (Faber & Faber) blends history and ghost story as forgotten women's voices rise from an abandoned Cork hospital.



SETTING THE LAND FREE

EOGHAN DALTON IN CONVERSATION
WITH MARY ROBINSON

Supported by Science Week

12:30pm – 1:30pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required

Award-winning author and rewilder **Eoghan Dalton** is one of the leading Irish voices on environmental issues. He joins **Mary Robinson**, a globally recognised climate advocate, to discuss his new book, *Setting the Land Free: Visions of a Rewilded Ireland* (Hachette Ireland). With rewilding gaining momentum in Ireland, Eoghan travelled the roads to meet those driving change – from bog restoration to species reintroduction, sea and forest rewilding, and more.



RODDY DOYLE AND ANNE ENRIGHT IN CONVERSATION WITH MARTIN DOYLE

2pm – 3pm, Sunday 8 November
RIAM, Westland Row
€12. Booking required



As Dublin Book Festival celebrates 20 years of showcasing the best in Irish writing, join two of Ireland's most acclaimed authors, Booker Prize winners **Roddy Doyle** and **Anne Enright**. Both have shaped contemporary Irish literature over the past two decades, producing work that has captivated readers at home and around the world. They join *The Irish Times* Books Editor **Martin Doyle**, whose new collection *A Hosting: Interviews with Irish Writers 1991–2026* (Lilliput Press) brings together conversations with many of Ireland's most celebrated writers. Join us for a special conversation about writing, success, and the changing landscape of Irish literature.



TRÍ MHIONLÍNE / THREE LITTLE LINES WALKING TOUR WITH LIAM CARSON

Le tacaíocht ó Fhoras na Gaeilge
2pm – 3pm, Sunday 8 November
RIAM, Westland Row
€15. Booking required

Léiriú haiku amuigh faoin aer i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla agus rannpháirtíocht an phobail ann. Join us for a haiku reading in Irish and English with **Liam Carson**, author of *Belfast Twilight* (Salmon Poetry) – featuring a *ginkgo*, or haiku walk, in which the audience will be invited to compose their own haiku.

Beidh *ginkgo* ann, nó siúlóid haiku, agus iarrfar ar an lucht féachana a gcuid haiku féin a chumadh le linn na siúlóide, agus iad a léamh os ard.



CULTURE FILE DEBATE: THREE BOOKS TO SAVE THE PLANET MARY ROBINSON, SADHBH O'NEILL AND JOHN GIBBONS IN CONVERSATION WITH PADDY WOODWORTH

Supported by Science Week
2pm – 3pm, Sunday 8 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Free. Booking required



Three leading climate activists – **Mary Robinson**, **Sadhbh O'Neill** and **John Gibbons** – will discuss the book on climate change (excepting their own!) which they believe is most effective in informing the public about the climate crisis, and in proposing practicable solutions that offer hope. There is a glut of climate books on the market, and we hope that this debate, which writer **Paddy Woodworth** will chair, will provide helpful selective guidance for our audience.



SALMON POETRY CELEBRATES 45 YEARS 2.15pm – 3.15pm, Sunday 8 November RIAM, Westland Row Free. Booking required



To celebrate Salmon Poetry's 45th year of publishing poetry, join us for an afternoon featuring award-winning poets **Rachael Hegarty**, **Colm Keegan** and **Nessa O'Mahony**, sharing work from their most recent Salmon collections. From its early groundbreaking titles, to its ongoing commitment to international dialogue and fresh perspectives, Salmon Poetry has continually expanded the boundaries of Irish writing. An afternoon of insight, thought and reflection from three unique voices in Irish poetry.





OTHER WORLDS THAN THIS: A SPECULATIVE FICTION SHOWCASE

2.30pm – 3.30pm, Sunday 8 November

Books Upstairs

Free. Booking required

Join us for a vibrant celebration of the genre quickly gaining space in the Irish publishing landscape: speculative fiction. With selected readings introduced by literary journal editors, the broad scope of the genre will be explored, engaging newcomers and fans alike. Hosted by Sans. PRESS, the event will present new writing that proposes alternative realities as a way to discover new dimensions of the human experience, shining a light on strange and brilliant possibilities.



BOOK LAUNCH: CORACLE

JANE CLARKE

3.30pm – 4.15pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required

Join us for the launch of *Coracle* (Bloodaxe Books), the fourth collection by acclaimed poet **Jane Clarke**, which explores what it means to care for each other and the natural world in the midst of social and environmental jeopardy. Exploring lives, language and landscape, these finely observed, distilled and intimate poems reflect on our kinship with all living things, facing the reality of loss while celebrating acts of restoration that inspire hope. Author and academic **Belinda McKeon** will introduce the collection.



THIS MODERN LOVE

WALKING TOUR WITH EMMA GILLEECE

2.30pm – 3.30pm, Sunday 8 November

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Kildare Street

€15. Booking required

Join architectural historian **Emma Gilleece** for a walking tour, inspired by her new book *This Modern Love* (New Island), during which you will explore a remarkable stretch of St Stephen's Green where modern Ireland was shaped in glass and concrete. The tour examines key landmarks, from the Irish Free State's first purpose-built government office and Sam Stephenson's bold Department of Agriculture to Scott Tallon Walker's elegant Miesian-style interventions. It concludes with the demolition of Andy Devane's Stephen Court, reflecting on the rise, evolution and loss of Ireland's twentieth-century architectural heritage.



TALK TO JOE

JOE DUFFY IN CONVERSATION
WITH MARY KENNEDY

3.30pm – 4.30pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€30/€10. Booking required

From the former presenter of Ireland's most popular daily radio show comes a memoir that captures a defining part of the nation's voice and memory. *Talk to Joe: Life, Liveline and Me* (Hachette Ireland) is **Joe Duffy's** journey of nearly three decades behind the mic of RTE Radio 1's Liveline, taking readers inside the studio and beyond. Join us for an evening filled with Joe's trademark warmth, humour and wit as he joins broadcaster and author **Mary Kennedy** in conversation, reflecting on listening to and sharing the stories, voices and moments that defined a generation.



WHAT THE SEA IS TELLING US

EASKEY BRITTON, ROISIN MAGUIRE AND EOIN WARNER

Supported by Science Week

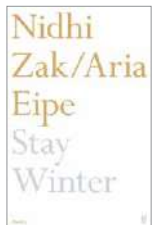
3:30pm – 4:30pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required



What can the ocean teach us about our changing climate – and why should we listen? Join surfer, scientist and author **Easkey Britton**, novelist **Róisín Maguire** and writer and broadcaster **Eoin Warner** for a conversation about the wonder, fragility and power of our seas. From changing coastlines and marine ecosystems to the deep connection we have with the ocean, they explore what the water can reveal about the world around us. A fascinating conversation about climate, conservation, storytelling, the extraordinary life of our oceans, and why the future of our seas matters to us all.



BOOK LAUNCH: STAY WINTER

NIDHI ZAK/ARIA EIPE AND CAOIMHÍN Ó RAGHALLAIGH

4:45pm – 5:30pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Free. Booking required

Join us as acclaimed poet **Nidhi Zak/Aria Eipe** and virtuoso fiddle maestro **Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh** come together in an intimate performance on the closing evening of Dublin Book Festival. This event celebrates the publication of *Stay Winter* (Faber & Faber), Eipe's much-anticipated second collection, incorporating a participatory fire ritual to welcome the dark half of the year. This is an exclusive pre-publication launch of *Stay Winter* ahead of the collection's official release on November 19th.

Supported by Dublin UNESCO City of Literature.



JODI PICOULT: HOLLOW BONES

5pm – 6pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

€27/€12. Booking required

Join us for an evening with bestselling author **Jodi Picoult**, in conversation about her epic and heart-wrenching new novel, *Hollow Bones* (Michael Joseph). On September 11, 2001, two-month-old Molly's mother goes to an appointment at the World Trade Center and never returns. Raised by her father and stepmother, Molly grows up with a dread of disasters. Moving between past and present, this is a gripping and affecting story of the lies we tell ourselves as we write the narratives of our lives, the risks we take to protect the ones we love, and the ties that bind mothers and daughters.



OFF THE SCÉAL

WITH SPECIAL GUEST LOUISA NÍ ÉIDEÁIN

Le tacaíocht ó Fhoras na Gaeilge

5pm – 7pm, Sunday 8 November

Teeling Distillery, Dublin 8

Free. Booking required

Off The Scéal is a Multilingual Open Mic and Seanachai Night, aiming to bring people across communities together and build empathy through language and Art – be it storytelling, poetry, singing, or comedy.

Trí scéalaíocht, filíocht, ceol agus greann, cruthaíonn Off The Scéal spás ina mbíonn fáilte roimh gach teanga. Fáilteonn Off The Scéal roimh lucht labhartha na Gaeilge, an Bhéarla agus teangacha eile, agus roinneann sé an stáitse chun na naisc idir ár bpobail a cheiliúradh.

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.



LET'S BE TRAINEE BANSHEES!

SINÉAD O'HART

10.30am – 11:15am, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: 5 – 8 yrs

Free. Booking required

Calling all trainee banshees! Join author **Sinéad O'Hart** for a magical, fun-filled adventure inspired by the *Ellora McGee, Trainee Banshee* books (Gill Books). Meet a host of Irish magical creatures, from leprechauns and pookas to merrows, fairies, trolls and of course, banshees! Discover the weird and wonderful food at Ellora's magical school, practise your very best banshee wail, and learn how to draw Ellora and her fabulous, wacky hair. Come along, get creative and find out if you have what it takes to be a Trainee Banshee!



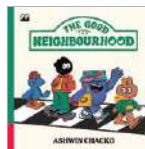
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THE GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD

ASHWIN CHACKO

11:45am – 12:30pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: 4+ yrs

Free. Booking required

Everyone in the neighbourhood is Mikey's friend ... except Mr Grumble. He pops footballs. He shouts at loud music. He hates picnics. But Mikey is sure that deep down he's a big gooey marshmallow. Armed with a camera and a crazy idea Mikey sets out to prove it. What he discovers might just change the whole neighbourhood. Join award-winning author-illustrator **Ashwin Chacko** for launch of his new book, *The Good Neighbourhood* (Bad Book Press) with interactive storytime and a draw-along.



DBF FAMILY TREASURE HUNT

11am – 3pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

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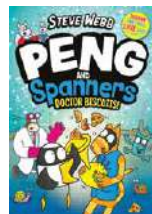


CLINIC LEABHAR LEABHAIR PHÁISTÍ ÉIREANN

12pm – 4pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Age: All the Family
Free. Drop-in, spaces limited



An léitheoir óg tú? Buail isteach chuig Clinic Leabhar Leabhair Pháistí 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 bhuí leis na cotaí bána, molann na Dochtúirí na leabhair is fearr don léitheoir óg, is cuma cén aois atá acu.



PENG AND SPANNERS: DR BISCUITS!

STEVE WEBB

12:45pm – 1:30pm, Saturday 7 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Age: 6+ yrs
Free. Booking required

Join author-illustrator **Steve Webb** for a fantastically fun event bringing his brilliant Peng and Spanners series (Faber & Faber) to life! In this latest graphic novel, our duo's action-packed trip to the Invention Convention with Spanners' latest and greatest invention has hilarious consequences. Find out about Steve's creative process, from initial idea to printed book, including writing, illustrating and design, and find out about the tricky bits when it comes to creating comic strips. Almost as silly as his characters, Steve's events are sure to put smiles on faces, with draw-a-longs, volunteer singers, prizes AND a Bingo finale!





AN PEATA IS FEARR

PATRICIA FORDE

Le tacaíocht ó Fhoras na Gaeilge

1pm – 1:45pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: All the family

Free. Booking required

Céard é an peata teaghlaigh is deise? Cat? Madra? Muc ghuine? Nó rud éigin nach mbeifé ag súil leis... rud éigin le meangadh lonrach agus dearcadh dána, b'fhéidir? Join children's writer and former Laureate na nÓg, **Patricia Forde**, as she shares her new picture book, *An Peata Is Fearr* (Futa Fata) in this fun-filled bilingual storytelling event and discover the surprising answer! Whether you're new to Irish or already enjoy the language, tá fáilte roimh chách – just bring your imagination and a sense of humour!



THE WORLD OF OLIVER JEFFERS TOUR

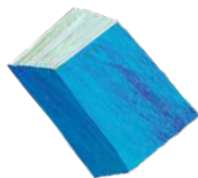
1:45pm – 2:30pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: 7+ yrs

Free. Booking required

Join globally acclaimed children's picture book creator **Oliver Jeffers** at Dublin Book Festival, where he will be talking about his new collaboration, *A Day Off School*, and *There's a Ghost in This House* (HarperCollins Children's). Then come to meet Oliver after the event, when he will be signing copies of his books. With every purchase of either one of these two books, a free art print will be gifted!



FIGHTING WORDS STORY SLAM: OPEN MIC SESSION FOR TEEN WRITERS

WITH MC DAVE RUDDEN

In Partnership with Fighting Words

4:30pm – 6:15pm, Saturday 7 November

RIAM, Westland Row

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! Join MC **Dave Rudden** for a fun-filled afternoon.



NOWHERE FOR A GHOST TO SLEEP

ERIKA MCGANN AND CLIVE MCFARLAND

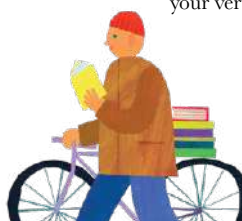
11am – 11:45am, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: 3yrs +

Free. Booking required

Join author **Erika McGann** and illustrator **Clive McFarland** as they read and draw from their brand new picture book, *Nowhere for a Ghost to Sleep* (O'Brien Press). With spooky games and fun facts, you'll learn to draw some of the cute and quirky characters from the book, including your very own sleepy ghost!



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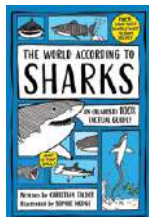
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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO SHARKS

CHRISTIAN TALBOT

Supported by Science Week
12pm – 12:45pm, Sunday 8 November
RIAM, Westland Row
Age: 7+
Free. Booking required

Did you know there's a species of shark that can swim faster than a jet ski? Or that some sharks like eating vegetables? Or that playing 'Baby Shark' is the most effective way to annoy a shark? (Ok, that last one might not be true). Join author **Christian Talbot** for a laugh-out-loud and almost 100% factual event exploring the weird and wonderful world of sharks as captured in his new book, *The World According to Sharks* (Penguin Children's).





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CHILDREN'S BOOKS IRELAND BOOK CLINIC

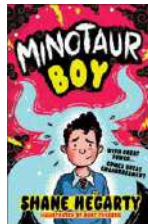
12pm – 4pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

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.



MINOTAUR BOY

SHANE HEGARTY

1:15pm – 2pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: 8+ yrs

Free. Booking required

Alex is like any other twelve-year-old: he's trying to survive school, the embarrassments of growing up, and the struggle to fit in. But Alex is hiding a secret that complicates things further... Alex is part-minotaur! Join much-loved children's author **Shane Hegarty** for a monstrously funny event around his brand new book *Minotaur Boy* (DK). A hilarious twist on Greek mythology, this heartwarming book explores finding acceptance for anyone who has ever felt a little bit different.



RHYMING ON THE ROOFTOPS

RUTH ENNIS AND JULIETTE SAUMANDE

2:30pm – 3:30pm, Sunday 8 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: 9 – 12yrs

Free. Booking required



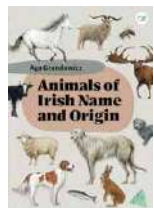
All homes look different underneath their roofs. But every roof shares the same skyline. Join poets and writers **Ruth Ennis** and **Juliette Saumande** for Rhyming on the Rooftops, a fun workshop that combines poetry and doodling, individuality and community and come make your colourful mark on our giant skyline. This one-of-a-kind event is suitable for rookie poets and seasoned writers alike.



SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

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Limited capacity events, all bookings/expressions of interest to info@dublinbookfestival.com



FROM PLACE TO CREATURE: HOW IRELAND'S LANDSCAPES AND HABITATS SHAPE ANIMALS

AGA GRANDOWICZ

10:30am – 11:15am, Thursday 5 November

Charleville Mall Library

Age: 2nd – 4th Class

In this engaging and interactive workshop based on **Aga Grandowicz's** *Animals of Irish Name and Origin* (Natural World Publishing), children will explore how Ireland's habitats, such as bogs, meadows, limestone landscapes, and coastlines, have shaped the animals that live there – and even influenced their names. Through storytelling, visuals, and a drawing activity, participants will learn about place-based species such as the Irish hare and the Kerry bog pony, and why protecting habitats is key to preserving Ireland's living heritage.



THE BOOKSHOP SISTERS: BRINGING IRISH HISTORY ALIVE

SARAH WEBB

10:30am – 11:15am, Thursday 5 November

Ringsend Library

Age: 4th – 6th Class

Is fuath le hÁine a cuid gruaige, mar sin, tugann sí bearradh With photographs, quizzes and lots of interaction, this is the perfect event for any young book or history fans! Travel back to 1950s Ireland as **Sarah Webb**, author of *The Bookshop Sisters* (O'Brien Press), describes a time when things were very different, especially for girls and women. Discover some of the amazing writers who lived near Baggot Street, like Mary Lavin and Patrick Kavanagh. Plus find out how a bookshop is run and help Sarah pick the perfect books for a children's bookshop!



AN SPÓRT AGUS AN RÉABHLÓID IN ÉIRINN

CATHAL BILLINGS AGUS PAUL ROUSE

10:30am – 12pm, Thursday 5 November

RIAM, Westland Row

Age: Senior Cycle

Imeach Gaeilge seo a bheidh á reáchtáil i gcomhpháirtíocht le Cumann Múinteoirí Staire na hÉireann. Beidh deis ag daltaí na Sraithe Sinsearaí bualadh le húdair an leabhair *An Spórt agus an Réabhlóid in Éirinn* (Royal Irish Academy), **Cathal Billings** agus **Paul Rouse**, agus iniúchadh a dhéanamh ar na naisc idir an spórt, an pholaitíocht agus an tsochaí le linn ré réabhlóideach na hÉireann. Gheobhaidh na daltaí léargas ar an ré thábhachtach seo i stair na hÉireann trí phlé, trí na ceisteanna a chuirfidh siad féin agus trí anailís ar fhoinsí stairiúla.





KATIE AGUS AN PACÁISTE RÚNDA CEARDLANN IDIRGHNÍOMHACH LE ÉADAIOIN NÍ DHOMHNAILL

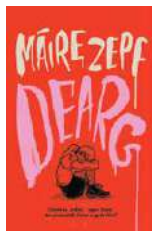
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11am – 11:45am, Thursday 5 November

Ballyogan Library

Aoisghrúpa: 4th – 6th Class

Is breá le Katie a bheith ag déanamh obair bhleachtaireachta. Mar sin, nuair a ghoidtear pacáiste óna Daideo, tugann Katie faoin bhfiosrúchán láithreach. Ach an mbeidh sí in ann breith ar an ngadaí? Sa cheardlann seo, léifidh **Éadaoin Ní Dhomhnaill** caibidil óna leabhar Katie agus an Pacáiste Runda (LeabhairCOMHAR) agus ansin beidh deis ag na páistí a scéal bleachtaireachta féin a chumadh.



GAELACH AGUS GLÓRACH

MÁIRE ZEPF

11am – 12pm, Thursday 5 November

Raheny Library

Age: TY

Léifidh an t-údar **Máire Zepf** óna húrscéal véarsaíochta d'aosaigh óga *Dearg* (Futa Fata). Pléifear téamaí agus véarsaíocht an leabhair roimh sheisiún cruthaitheach ina scríobhfaidh na déagóirí a gcuid filíochta féin i nGaeilge. Beidh na dánta dírithe ar ghlór agus ár gcaidreamh leis – inár gcaidrimh phearsanta trí úsáid na Gaeilge, go polaitiúil, agus go himmheánach. Bainfidh Máire úsáid as prapáí agus leideanna spráitla (samplaí péinte deirge le giotáí filíochta) chun tús a chur leis an bpróiseas cruthaitheachta.



FIGHTING WORDS STORY WRITING WORKSHOP

11am – 1pm, Thursday 5 November

Cabra 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.



MAGIC AND SECRETS

ALEX DUNNE AND LAURA KEOHANE

10am – 11am, Friday 6 November

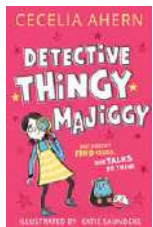
Pearse St Library

Age: 4th – 6th Class

Magic is everywhere, if you just look hard enough for it! Join us for an immersive event with two authors whose books transport readers to places of magic, mystery, and secrets. In **Alex Dunne's** *Small Magics* (O'Brien Press) Molly must work with her new family, who are anything but ordinary, to defend magical creatures and defeat dark magic before it's too late. In **Laura Keohane's** *Secret of the Selkies* (O'Brien Press) a lonely summer for Lana takes a magical turn when Carrig Cottage reveals an incredible family secret.

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DETECTIVE THINGY MAJIGGY

CECELIA AHERN

10:15am – 11:15am, Friday 6 November

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Age: 4th – 6th Class

Join internationally bestselling author **Cecelia Ahern** for a super fun event around the first book from her warm, funny and magical new series. In *Detective Thingy Majiggy* (HarperCollins Children's) ten-year-old Mia has just moved to her new foster home with Detective Lucy. And Mia has a secret – she can speak to inanimate objects. That's not the weird part, though – the amazing thing is that the objects speak back! And with the help of these everyday objects, Mia can SOLVE MYSTERIES!



FROM THE TOP, SALLY FLYNN

MÉABH COLLINS

11am – 11:45am, Friday 6 November

Dolphin's Barn Library

Age: 2nd – 4th Year

Sally loves musical theatre and dreams of a career on Broadway, so writing her own musical seems like the perfect first step to a life of fame and making her dreams come true. But will her performance prove that she's left her problems behind her? Join **Méabh Collins**, author of *From the Top, Sally Flynn* (O'Brien Press) to find out more about writing and publishing a book, and discuss the themes explored in Sally's dazzling world of theatre, including friendship, community, and finding inspiration and solace in art.



EFFIE IS OFFLINE

KAREN HARTE

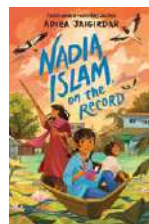
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10:30am – 11:30am, Friday 6 November

dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire

Age: 5th & 6th Class

Join bestselling illustrator **Karen Harte** for a reading and comic drawing around her new book, *Effie is Offline* (Gill Books). Fifteen-year-old Effie has spent her life in the spotlight as part of a famous Irish influencer family. When a family scandal causes them to relocate, Effie finally has a chance to escape her past! But as her mam starts reinventing herself, Effie's secrets are at risk of being exposed ... in a very public and messy way. When your parents are online influencers, perhaps the most rebellious thing you can do is to unsubscribe from your life?!



NADIA ISLAM, ON THE RECORD

ADIBA JAIGIRDAR

11am – 11:45am, Friday 6 November

Central Library

Age: 3rd – 6th Class

In *Nadia Islam, On the Record* (Hodder Children's Books), aspiring journalist Nadia hates that she's missing spending Ramadan with her best friend to go to Bangladesh. When the trip leaves her torn between helping out her journalist aunt and beating her brother and cousins at a Ramadan competition, can Nadia figure out what Ramadan is really all about? Join award-winning author **Adiba Jaigirdar** as she discusses the themes explored in her book, being a writer, and journalism, winding up with a short quiz and time for questions.



**ANNE DEVLIN: IRELAND'S FIRST FEMALE
POLITICAL PRISONER**

CARMEI UÍ CHEALLAIGH

12pm – 1pm, Friday 6 November

Kevin St Library

Age: 3rd – 6th Class

Referred to as the faithful housekeeper of Robert Emmet, Anne was much more than that. Her pivotal role in the insurrection of 1803 led to her spending three years in Kilmainham Gaol. On this, the one-hundred-and-seventy-five-year anniversary of her death in the Liberties area of Dublin, hear all about this remarkable Irish patriot in this extensively researched biography. Join author **Carmel Uí Cheallaigh** for an engaging event including a presentation, time for questions and discussion, and worksheets to get stuck into.



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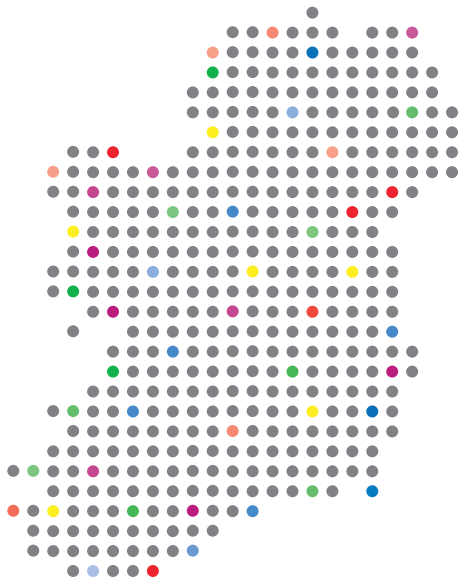
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Join us at our Festival Hub in the iconic RIAM - Royal Irish Academy of Music on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th November for a weekend of dynamic and diverse events for all ages. Come to the heart of Dublin Book Festival to enjoy author talks, panel discussions, workshops, special launches, book signings and more, while mingling with fellow book lovers. Experience a full weekend of free family activities, including interactive sessions with children's authors, arts and crafts, and a family treasure hunt. Entry to the Festival Hub is FREE, so come immerse yourself in a magical world of books!

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