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LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK 2021



FIFTIETH FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

2nd → 6th JUNE

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WELCOME TO LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK 2021

As Chairperson, I am delighted to welcome you to this year's on-line Listowel Writers' Week programme of events.

Over the 'week' of 2nd - 6th June 1971, Listowel welcomed its first Writers' Week Festival to the town. During that week, a selection of events including theatre productions, poetry readings, art exhibitions and an event to 'encourage young writers' were celebrated with enthusiasm.

Fifty festivals later, we are delighted to continue this tradition.



When anniversaries are celebrated, we often think back over the journey that has brought us to the present. We take time to consider how much has changed over the past 50 years, never mind the past year. I can't begin to imagine what the founding members would have made of a virtual festival!

As we look ahead with great optimism, towards the next fifty years, we continue to aspire to create a diverse, inclusive and exciting Listowel Writers' Week Festival that includes everyone.

This June, we have been given the innovative opportunity to broadcast events worldwide and, hopefully, to reach out to new readers and writers in all corners of the world. We know that, like us, you will miss the magic of Listowel town during this very special week but, rest assured, we are already planning to resume that entertaining and welcoming atmosphere in October with a selection of events in all your favourite venues.

I would, personally, like to thank our Board of Directors, the Listowel Writers' Week Committee, our Programming and Marketing Manager, our Sponsorship and Patronage Manager, the people of Listowel town and all of the writers, readers, arts practitioners and visitors, locally, nationally and internationally, who have all played their part in helping to keep our spirits up and to keep our determination and enthusiasm burning bright.

Better, brighter days are near!

Catherine Moylan - Chairperson



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Launch of Listowel Writers' Week

50th Festival 2021

Wednesday, 2nd June

In a time of change, Listowel Writers' Week responds both enthusiastically and judiciously to what is new and exciting in published work. But, in a fundamental way, our literary festival stays the same because its values do not need to change. These values include a belief in the transformative power of the book, the poem, the play. And a belief too that without readers there is no literature. And Listowel displays a natural, effortless sense of hospitality as well, coupled with a careful and efficient organization.

The list of those who have come to Listowel to lecture or read or speak about their work over fifty years is a list of great names. But there is another list - those who come to be in the audience - and that includes the multitude of readers who find inspiration or spiritual nourishment or entertainment in Listowel, and also the numbers of students who take part in workshops, having spent the winter working on a new story, a new set of poems, a new play. They come to Listowel to let others know what they have been dreaming about.

In a time of change, Listowel represents continuity while also embracing what is new, what will engage audiences who love reading.

Colm Tóibín
President, Listowel Writers' Week





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Céad Míle Fáilte

Welcome Festival Friend to our 50th Festival Programme of Events

We are really delighted to welcome you to our 50th Festival programme of events, where we showcase many talents of all cultural genres, to audiences nationally and internationally. It has been stirred with a little diversity, a lot of inclusivity and wellbeing, to bring a taste of cultural manna to your own home this year.

It has been an incredibly challenging year for many, including writers, poets, artists, producers, performing arts, and many more. However, as time has passed, the arena has expanded and the virtual door has opened wider to allow us venture further each day, and benefit in more ways than we could have ever imagined with this new way of being.

The analogy of a swan comes to mind, paddling enthusiastically under water yet serenely gliding above, while reflecting on the past couple of months. Our team has worked diligently, and with lots of passion, behind the scenes to bring you a different type of festival this year. We hope that you enjoy our June programme of events, and our team are really looking forward to meeting you in Listowel again very soon. It sure will be one very large gathering when we all meet up, where we will celebrate the arts, embrace the chats, and soak up the ambience in Lovely Listowel!

Sharon Hartnett
Programme & Marketing Manager



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IRISH NOVEL OF THE YEAR AWARD 2021

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Prize Fund €17,000

This Year's Shortlisted Novels are



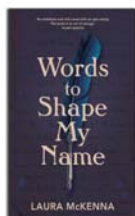
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Niamh Campbell



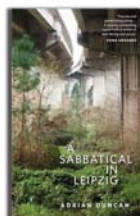
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**WORDS TO SHAPE
MY NAME**
Laura McKenna



**A SABBATICAL
IN LEIPZIG**
Adrian Duncan

The Adjudicators of this year's award are
Rachel Cusk and Richard Skinner



Prize Fund €14,000

This Year's Shortlisted Collections are



SELECTED POEMS
FOUND ARCHITECTURE
Sinéad Morrissey

The Adjudicators of this year's award are
Mark Waldron and Maura Dooley

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

All events are hosted online unless otherwise stated
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WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE

TIME	EVENT	FESTIVAL
8.00pm	Official Opening - Listowel Writers' Week 50th Festival	Adult
8.30pm	Awards Ceremony - Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award 2021	Adult
9.00pm	Awards Ceremony - Pigott Poetry Prize Award 2021	Adult
9.30pm	Awards Ceremony - All Other Awards 2021	Adult

THURSDAY 3RD JUNE

TIME	EVENT	FESTIVAL
10.00am	Welcome NCLF2021 - Philip Ardagh	Children
3rd-6th June	Story Trail	Children
10.30am	'Out of This World' - Story Time with Máiréad	Children
11.30am	Exploration Dome	Children
3.00pm	'Dear John' Taster Art Exhibition with John MacMonagle	Adult
7.00pm	'Pamphlet Power' - Tom Moore & Sarah Bryne in conversation with Victoria Kennefick	Adult
8.30pm	'Colm's Choice' - Rachel Kushner in conversation with Colm Tóibín	Adult

FRIDAY 4TH JUNE

TIME	EVENT	FESTIVAL
10.30am	'Out of This World' - Story Time with Máiréad	Children
11.00am	'Baby Boogie' with Jo Jordan	Children
3.00pm	'Drawn To Words' An Interview with Festival Artist Steve Simpson	Adult
5.00pm	'Pretoria Promise' - Damon Galgut in conversation with Colm Tóibín	Adult
7.00pm	'Brave New World' - Sarah Davis Goff, Oana Aristide, Niall Bourke in conversation with Rick O'Shea	Adult
8.30pm	'Poetry Pearls' - Caoilinn Hughes, Colm Tóibín, Niall Bourke in conversation with Victoria Kennefick	Adult

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SATURDAY 5th JUNE

TIME	EVENT	FESTIVAL
10.00am	'Twinkle Twinkle' - 'Baby Sensory' with Helena Bradley (Somers)	Children
10.30am	'Out of This World' - Story Time with Máiréad	Children
11.00am	'Baby Boogie' with Jo Jordan	Children
11.00am	'Forest Bathing' with Gráinne Bagnall - Family Experience	Adult
12noon	'Creaky Creatures' - BOOT with Shane Hegarty	Children
2.00pm	'Creative Strokes' - Family Paint Along with Me & The Moon	Children
3.00pm	'Forest Bathing with Gráinne Bagnall - Individual Experience	Adult
5.00pm	'Master Storyteller' - Patrick McGrath in conversation with Rhona Tarrant	Adult
8.30pm	'Novel Answers' - Christine Dwyer Hickey in conversation with Deirdre Walsh	Adult

SUNDAY 6th JUNE

TIME	EVENT	FESTIVAL
11.00am	Sunday Stroll - 'Streets of Listowel, Where Stories Begin'	Adult
12noon	'Making Monsters' - 'Making a MONSTER of a Story' - Join Shane Hegarty for 'Monster Story' Workshop	Children
1.00pm	'Outside the Lines' - Illustration Exploration Workshop with 'Me & The Moon'	Children
2.30pm	'Outside the Lines' - Illustration Exploration Workshop with 'Me & The Moon'	Children
3.00pm	'Legacy Writing' In Association with Kerry Writers' Museum - Alice Curtayne	Adult
5.00pm	'Exploring Yeats' - The Age of Joyce with Irish Ambassador, Dan Mulhall	Adults
7.00pm	'The 3 P's' - Theatre Production	Adults



Limited Edition

50th Festival Poster - Illustrated by Steve Simpson

To mark Listowel Writers' Week 50th Festival, we are delighted to offer a limited edition (100 prints) of Steve Simpson's poster available for sale on our website. Each poster will be individually signed by Steve. The poster sells at €17, including postage & package, and will be posted approx. June 20th.

With over 30 years' experience, **Steve Simpson** is renowned for his hand lettered packaging design, whimsical characters and illustrated barcodes. His distinctive style, inspired by the arts & crafts movement, 50's advertising and folk art, has appeared on everything from a 1" postage stamp to a 200ft screen in Times Square. His work has adorned whiskey bottles and cough bottles, board-games and board rooms, hot sauces and ceramic saucers.

Since 2008 Steve has won over 50 awards for both packaging design and illustration including Gold awards from the Association of Illustrators, Illustrators Guild of Ireland, the IDI and ICAD.

Wednesday
02 JUNE



8.00pm



WELCOME TO LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK 2021

Welcome Festival Friends, to our 50th Festival as Colm Tóibín, President of Listowel Writers' Week and Catherine Moylan Festival, Festival Chairperson, deliver their opening speeches online this year. We are immensely proud and delighted to fully support the Arts and its practitioners. This year's programme has many diverse and inclusive events, to suit all ages and interests.

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#OutOfThisWorld



8.30pm

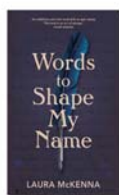
AWARDS CEREMONY

KERRY GROUP IRISH NOVEL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The exciting rise of a new generation of Irish novelists is reflected in the shortlist for the 2021 Kerry Group Irish Novel of the Year Award which will be revealed in this online ceremony. The strength of Irish fiction writing is reflected in the submitted works, with established names competing with the younger brigade for the €15,000 prize for the overall winner.

The five shortlisted novels are:

- *This Happy* by Niamh Campbell
- *Threshold* by Rob Doyle
- *A Sabbatical in Leipzig* by Adrian Duncan
- *Words to Shape my Name* by Laura McKenna
- *Bina* by Anakana Schofield



Kerry Group's sponsorship of the Irish Novel of the Year is in its 26th year. Vice President of Corporate Affairs and Communications, Catherine Keogh, said, "We are delighted to continue our support of Listowel Writers' Week. In the last year the role and value of books has never been more appreciated as writers bring us to new worlds and new experiences while our own movement has been so curtailed. Congratulations to all of the authors who have been shortlisted and I very much look forward to hearing who will be announced the winner."

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The full list of competition winners at Listowel Writers' Week will be announced and posted on our website on 2nd June visit www.writersweek.ie

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#AwardsCeremony #Literature



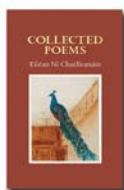
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AWARDS CEREMONY - PIGOTT POETRY PRIZE AWARD

Listowel Writers' Week will announce the prize recipients of the Pigott Poetry Prize Award 2021 in this special online ceremony. This year was like no other, and we were delighted to receive so many entries to this prestigious competition. This prize, in its eighth year, is Ireland's largest monetary prize for a poetry collection by an Irish poet, with the winner being awarded €12,000 and the two shortlisted finalists each receiving €1,000.

The three shortlisted collections are:

- *Collected Poems* by Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin
- *Found Architecture* - Selected Poems by Sinéad Morrissey
- *Ourselves* by Beda Higgins



Adjudicator & poet Maura Dooley said, "Transported, educated, made to see the world differently; we were delighted to discover many fresh and exciting new voices in amongst new books from already familiar and beloved poets. It was a very difficult task to choose just three books from such a rich field."

Kindly sponsored by **Mark Pigott KBE & The Pigott Family**

Mark Pigott KBE said "It is a blessing to be able to support this wonderful literary award and recognise the leading poets of Ireland. This is the 8th year of the prize and the competition is world class. I would like to thank our adjudicators, Mark Waldron and Maura Dooley, for their hard work and thorough review of all the entrants and congratulate them on their excellent selection of this year's shortlist which showcases the beauty, diversity and strength of Irish Poetry".

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9.30pm

AWARDS CEREMONY - CATHERINE MOYLAN ANNOUNCES LISTOWEL WRITERS' WEEK COMPETITION PRIZE RECIPIENTS

Join Catherine as she announces the award recipients for the following Listowel Writers' Week 2021 competitions:

- Bryan MacMahon Short Story Award 2021
- Nilsson Local Heritage Award 2021
- Poetry Collection Award 2021
- Creative Writing for Adults with Special Needs Award 2021
- Duais Foras na Gaeilge Award 2021
- Writing in Prisons Awards 2021



The entries for this year's competitions were of a very high standard and numerous submissions were received for which we are extremely grateful.

The support of our generous sponsors is much appreciated and helps make these prestigious prizes a staple of our Festival. Many thanks to:

**THE
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The Nilsson Family for supporting the Nilsson Local Heritage Writing Award 2021 - total prize fund €1,400

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Aspire Technology Ltd - Bill Walsh for supporting the Bryan MacMahon Short Story Award 2021 - total prize fund €1,000



Foras na Gaeilge

Foras na Gaeilge for supporting the Duais Foras na Gaeilge Award 2021 - total prize fund €1,000



**IRISH PRISON SERVICE
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PRISON SERVICE

The Irish Prison Service, the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas & the Northern Ireland Prison Service for supporting the Writing in Prisons Award 2021 - total prize fund €2,700



Pierse Fitzgibbon Solicitors for supporting the Creative Writing for Adults with Special Needs Award 2021 - total prize fund €1,000



Tim Costelloe, Profile Developments, in memory of Joni Costelloe, for supporting the Poetry Collection Award 2021 - total prize fund €2,500

Our award ceremonies are presented in partnership with
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#Competitions #LWW2021 #50FantasticFestivals
#CreativeWriting #Poetry #ShortStory

Thursday
03 JUNE



10.00am

PHILIP ARDAGH OFFICIALLY OPENS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S LITERARY FESTIVAL 2021



We are delighted to welcome **Philip Ardagh**, the National Children's Literary Festival Literary Advisor who will officially open this year's festival. The theme for this year is '*Out of This World*'. The children's wonderfully creative programme has something for all ages; a cornucopia of competitions, baby sensory, painting, baby boogie, space exploration, story trails, workshops and lots, lots more super fun things to do.

#NCLF2021 #OutOfThisWorld #Art #Stories #Dance
#Workshops #Exploration



3RD-6TH June

OUT OF THIS WORLD - SPACE TRAIL AT LISTOWEL TOWN PARK & GARDEN OF EUROPE



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Join the 'Story Trail' at Listowel Town Park & Garden of Europe, June 2nd to 6th. This year's National Children's Literary Festival theme 'Out of this World' will open your imagination to space and space exploration as you explore the Story Trail in one of the most beautiful parts of Listowel.

This is a fantastic opportunity to have a wander through our award-winning town park on this self-guided story trail. Pack a picnic and make it a day trip.

Come along and enjoy this fun activity - it's one for all the family to enjoy outdoors!
Suitable for all ages.

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#OutdoorActivity #OutOfThisWorld #SpaceTheme
#ListowelTownPark #GardenOfEurope #Exploration



3RD-6TH June **NATIONAL CHILDREN'S LITERARY FESTIVAL 2021** **COMPETITIONS - CREATIVE WRITING,** **VIRTUAL FANCY DRESS AND ART**



at
Listowel Writers' Week

This year, The National Children's Literary Festival Competitions have been launched on Facebook. The Competition announcement dates were:

- Friday, 30th April - Creative Writing
- Saturday, 1st May - Virtual Fancy Dress Costume
- Sunday, 2nd May - Art

Check out our Facebook page during the week of the Festival as we share the creative and imaginative stories, the wonderful artwork and the marvellous fancy dress costumes and announce our winners.

Competition prizes have been very generously donated by both local and national sponsors this year. We sincerely thank them for their support and generosity.

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#FancyDress #Fun #Creative



10.30am



at
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STORY TIME WITH MÁIRÉAD

Join Máiréad Slemon for 'Story Time' at 10:30am. Launch into our Story Time special space themed reading with Máiréad. Suitable for Earthlings 5 years and younger.

Come along and enjoy this fun story time!

Suitable for ages 1- 5yrs.

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11.30am

'EXPLORATION DOME' WONDERS TOUR AT NATIONAL CHILDREN'S LITERARY FESTIVAL 2021

Join 'Exploration Dome' on an "interactive" tour throughout our solar system with a fly-by of all the planets and experience the wonders of our universe.

Explore science, astronomy, geology and geography in a fun and interactive way. This inspiring and experiential tour will take you through our solar planets - an enjoyable, educational and friendly event that is suitable for all ages.

#SolarSystemTour #Inspiring #Experiential #Fun #Educational



3.00pm

'DEAR JOHN' TASTER ART EXHIBITION WITH JOHN MACMONAGLE

This 'Dear John' exhibition has been specially commissioned for Listowel Writers' Week 2021. 'Dear John' is MacMonagle's imagined responses from twenty famous or infamous people including Vladimir Putin, the Dalai Lama, Melania Trump, Pope Francis, Boris Johnson and Meghan Markle. Their very personal, idiosyncratic, fictional notes appear on the title pages of carefully selected books.

This video taster is the precursor to a physical exhibition proposed for October when the artworks will be available for purchase.

The theme for this year's Art events is *'the times they are a changin'*. Exhibitions by John feature 'faux book dedications' by famous people both living and dead. The nature of the historical, political, socio-economical and satirical content reflects how *'the times they are a changin'* for each 'dedication'.

MacMonagle would like to make it very clear - *"this is all very much made up"*. He is currently working on a second series - this time it is notes from dead writers. 'Dear John Too' will be launched in 2021.

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#TheTimesTheyAreAChangin #NobelPoet2016 #BobDylan

**7.00pm****PAMPHLET POWER - TOM MOORE & SARAH BRYNE IN CONVERSATION WITH VICTORIA KENNEFICK**

Poetry Pamphlets have never been more popular. Often viewed as a rite of passage for poets, pamphlets are increasingly becoming important and singular publications in their own right.

Join Sarah, Tom and Victoria in this lively, fun and informative event as they discuss the joys, frustrations and pitfalls of putting a poetry pamphlet together. They will offer unique insights into the process of selecting, editing and submitting poetry pamphlets for publication and how Sarah and Tom worked together to create Tom Moore's stunning pamphlet *Brother Adam* (The Well Review, 2020).

As editor and founder of The Well Review, Sarah is accepting submissions for new pamphlets during the month of June so this is a golden opportunity to hear her advice to poets who want to try their hand at this rebellious, exciting and essential form. So dust off that manuscript and prepare to discover everything you wanted to know about poetry pamphlets but were too afraid to ask!



Sarah Byrne is a writer and editor from Co. Cork. She is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, the University of Cambridge & the University of Oxford where she studied German literature, criminology and creative writing. Sarah worked for human rights organisations, charities and psychiatric research institutes for eight years before becoming a full-time editor. She founded The Well Review literary journal in 2016 which has featured Anne Carson, Paul Muldoon and Ellen Bass. The Well Review Pamphlet series was launched in 2020 with Tom Moore's *Brother Adam*. The pamphlet submission window will run from June 1st - 30th in 2021. www.thewellreview.com



Tom Moore is from Cork and is an academic and scientist at UCC, where he directs the BSc Genetics degree programme. His research interests include the genetics of autism and the biology of maternal-fetal interactions. His poetry has appeared in *The Irish Examiner*, *The Moth*, *Southword* and *The Well Review*. He won first prize in *The Moth International Poetry Prize* in 2012.



Victoria Kennefick is a poet, writer and teacher from Shanagarry, Co. Cork now based in Co. Kerry. She holds a doctorate in English from University College Cork and studied at Emory University and Georgia College and State University as part of a Fulbright Scholarship. Her pamphlet, *White Whale* (Southword Editions, 2015), won the Munster Literature Centre Fool for Poetry Chapbook Competition and the Saboteur Award for Best Poetry Pamphlet. She is a co-host of the *Unlaunched Books Podcast* and is on the committee of Listowel Writers' Week. She has just launched her debut collection, *Eat Or We Both Starve*, to widespread acclaim.

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COLM'S CHOICE - JOIN RACHEL KUSHNER IN CONVERSATION WITH COLM TOÍBÍN

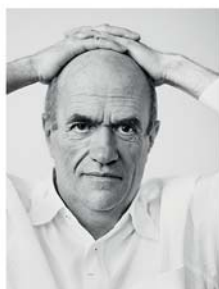
Join Colm and Rachel for a conversation exploring the intricacies of her latest novel and her adventures in pursuit of her passion for motorcycles.



Rachel Kushner is a writer celebrated for her 'chops, ambition, and killer instinct' (John Powers, *Fresh Air*). In *The Hard Crowd*, she gathers a selection of her writing from over the course of the last twenty years that addresses the most pressing political, artistic, and cultural issues of our times - and illuminates the themes and real-life terrain that underpin her fiction.

In nineteen razor-sharp essays, *The Hard Crowd* spans literary journalism, memoir, cultural criticism, and writing about art and literature, including pieces on Jeff Koons, Denis Johnson, and Marguerite Duras. Kushner takes us on a journey through a Palestinian refugee camp, an illegal motorcycle race down the Baja Peninsula, 1970s wildcat strikes in Fiat factories, her love of classic cars, and her young life in the music scene of her home town, San Francisco. The closing, eponymous essay is her manifesto on nostalgia, doom, and writing.

These pieces, new and old, are electric, phosphorescently vivid, and wry, and they provide an opportunity to witness the evolution and range of one of the world's most dazzling and fearless writers.



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This event is kindly sponsored by Con Lynch, CFE



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Friday
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10.30am



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11.00am



'BABY BOOGIE' WITH JO JORDAN

Join Performance Artist, Jo Jordan, for a fun, high energy activity morning with singing & movement for parents /guardians and children at, 'Baby Boogie' time. The session duration is 30 minutes, enough time to generate creative moves you will all enjoy.

This popular event is always a sell-out at the National Children's Literary Festival.

This is an online group session with 12 participants taking part. The creativity starts before the event. Bring your own nursery rhymes and songs, and/or home-made musical instrument to the event. Your instrument can be a jar filled with peas or a saucepan and wooden spoon. Let your imagination go wild as you create your own instrument!

Zoom 'Baby Boogie' is 30 minutes, suitable for ages 1-5yrs. Only 12 places available, book early is advisable!

'Baby Boogie' was profiled on RTÉ Nationwide. It's very popular and great fun for parents/guardians and children!

Note: Parent/Guardian must accompany child during the session.

Jo Jordan, founder of *Theatrix*, has been bringing acting to the stage since 2000 when children first performed in St John's Theatre in Listowel. Many years on with a broader geographical reach and with a reputation based on fun, inclusion, respect and creative directing, Jo continues to do what she loves – bringing the magic of theatre to children and teens. Jo is a lifetime student of drama and holds a contemporary arts degree. She is very much at home with kids and loves the challenge of bringing it all together for show-time.

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3.00pm

DRAWN TO WORDS - AN INTERVIEW WITH FESTIVAL ARTIST STEVE SIMPSON



Steve Simpson presents his exhibition of art inspired by the words of literary greats such as Oscar Wilde, Rudyard Kipling and James Joyce. For this year's art exhibition Steve will, for the first time, show a collection of type-inspired art prints he's been working on for the past 10 years.

Works by Steve, both framed and unframed prints, will be available for purchase throughout the Festival.

Have you seen the beautiful festival poster that Steve has created for our 50th festival?

We are delighted to have a limited edition print run of signed festival posters available for sale. For more details visit www.writersweek.ie

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Steve will be interviewed by local artist and illustrator **Rachael Grainger** - www.rachaelgrainger.com.



5.00pm

PRETORIA PROMISE - JOIN DAMON GALGUT IN CONVERSATION WITH COLM TÓIBÍN

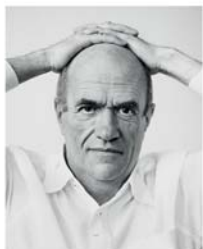
Join **Damon Galgut** as he discusses his latest book *The Promise* with **Colm Tóibín**. *The Promise* speaks about pain and the broken promise on a desire to own a home. "Simply: you must read it" - Claire Messud.



The Promise, charts the crash and burn of a white South African family, living on a farm outside Pretoria. In this story of a diminished family, sharp and tender emotional truths hit home. Confident, deft and quietly powerful, *The Promise* is literary fiction at its finest.

Damon Galgut was born in Pretoria in 1963. He has been shortlisted (twice) for the Man Booker Prize, and several other awards. *The Promise* is his ninth book and will appear in the UK and Ireland in June 2021.

(Photo Credit: Marthinus Basson)



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#DamonGalgut #ColmTóibín



7.00pm

BRAVE NEW WORLD - JOIN SARAH DAVIS GOFF, OANA ARISTIDE AND NIALL BOURKE IN CONVERSATION WITH RICK O'SHEA

'*Brave New World*' - Are we all currently living in a dystopian world?! It might really have felt like this over the past year. Yet, Sarah, Niall & Oana have been among the new wave of writers who have explored and succeeded in this genre of writing over the past few years!

So let's have a look at dystopian fiction and its place in literature! Join us at Listowel Writers' Week for what should be a fascinating and topical event, featuring Sarah Davis-Goff, Niall Bourke and Oana Aristide in conversation with Rick O'Shea.



Last Ones Left Alive by Sarah Davis Goff

Sarah Davis Goff has written about publishing, literature and gender for the Irish Times, The Guardian and LitHub. She's co-founder of independent publisher Tramp Press, and she lives in Dublin. *Last Ones Left Alive* is her debut novel.

Join us at Listowel Writers' Week for what should be a fascinating and topical event, featuring Sarah Davis Goff, Niall Bourke and Oana Aristide in conversation with Rick O'Shea.



Line by Niall Bourke

Niall Bourke is originally from Kilkenny but now lives in London, where he teaches English. Since completing an MA in creative writing at Goldsmiths University of London in 2015, he has been published widely in magazines and journals in both the UK and Ireland. His poems and short stories have been listed for numerous awards. His debut poetry collection *Did You Put The Weasels Out?*, was published in April 2018 and was long-listed as one of The Poetry School Book of the year. *Line*, his debut novel, was published by Tramp Press in April 2021. His second poetry collection - a 'choose your own poetry adventure' called *The Erection Specialists* - is forthcoming in 2022 from Broken Sleep Books.



Under the Blue by Oana Aristide

Oana Aristide was born in Transylvania, to parents of Romanian, Greek and Yemeni background. After the fall of communism, the family emigrated to Sweden. She has worked in the City of London as a macroeconomist, and as an advisor to the Romanian Prime Minister. In 2018 she took on the task of converting a heritage villa on the Greek island of Syros into a small hotel, and now divides her time between Syros and London. Her debut novel *Under the Blue*, a literary thriller about a pandemic, the rise of AI, and how - or why - we might save the human race, is published in hardback and eBook by Serpent's Tail.



Rick O'Shea is a broadcaster with RTÉ - weekday mornings on RTÉ Gold and presenter of The Book Show on RTE Radio 1. He runs The Rick O'Shea Book Club (Ireland's largest), chooses the quarterly Must Reads lists for Eason with author Sinéad Moriarty, and recommends books on RTÉ Radio 1's Today Show. He has pieces in two anthologies (Open House and The 32) published in 2021.

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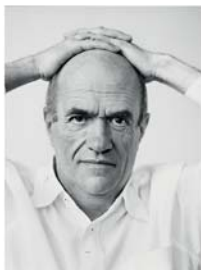
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8.30pm

**POETRY PEARLS - JOIN CAOILINN HUGHES,
VICTORIA KENNEFICK, COLM TÓIBÍN
IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN MCAULIFFE**

Let's talk about poetry and the way that poems fit into writing and other works, with **Colm Tóibín**, **Victoria Kennefick** and **Caoilinn Hughes** in conversation with **John McAuliffe**. The conversation will also focus on poetry in their anthology series.



Colm Tóibín is the author of nine novels and two collections of stories. His work has been translated into more than thirty languages. He is a contributing editor at the London Review of Books, the Irene and Sidney B. Silverman Professor of the Humanities at Columbia University, and Chancellor of Liverpool University. (Photo credit: Brigitte Lacombe)



Caoilinn Hughes' latest novel *The Wild Laughter* (2020) is currently shortlisted for the Royal Society of Literature's Encore Award and the Dalkey Literary Awards. It was a finalist for the An Post Irish Book Awards' Novel of the Year and RTÉ Radio 1 Listener's Choice Award, and was longlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize. Her first novel *Orchid & The Wasp* (2018) won the Collyer Bristow Prize 2019. Her poetry collection, *Gathering Evidence* (2014), won the Irish Times Strong/Shine Award. She is the 2021 Writer Fellow at Trinity College Dublin. (Photo credit: Danijel Mihajilovic)



Victoria Kennefick is a poet, writer and teacher from Shanagarry, Co. Cork now based in Co. Kerry. She holds a doctorate in English from University College Cork and studied at Emory University and Georgia College and State University as part of a Fulbright Scholarship. Her pamphlet, *White Whale* (Southword Editions, 2015), won the Munster Literature Centre Fool for Poetry Chapbook Competition and the Saboteur Award for Best Poetry Pamphlet. She is a co-host of the Unlaunched Books Podcast and is on the committee of Listowel Writers' Week. She has just launched her debut collection, *Eat Or We Both Starve*, to widespread acclaim.



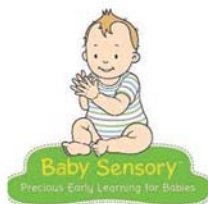
John McAuliffe grew up in Listowel and lives in Manchester, where he is Professor of Poetry at the University of Manchester's Centre for New Writing and works as Associate Publisher at Carcanet Press. John founded and, for its first three years, co-ordinated and chaired the Irish Times Poetry Now Award. He co-edited *New Poetries VIII* (2021) with Michael Schmidt, and in 2020 published his fifth collection with The Gallery Press, *The Kabul Olympics*.

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Saturday
05 JUNE



10.00am



TWINKLE TWINKLE - 'BABY SENSORY' WITH HELENA BRADLEY (SOMERS)

Join us for Baby Sensory with **Helena Bradley**, a relaxing and bonding morning with your precious one. This event will be presented live with a 45 minute session, giving enough time for you to share a little something special with your bundle of joy. Helena will share some useful techniques that you can use after the event.

Places are limited to 15 participants, so book early!

Materials needed for this event include:

- Homemade Pom-Poms (See our website for instructions)
- Shaker or Macara (A water bottle with rice works well too)

The National Children's Literary Festival space theme this year, *'Out of This World'*, will be incorporated into the morning.

#NCLF2021 #OutOfThisWorld #BabySensory #BabyTips #Workshops



10.30am



STORY TIME WITH MÁIRÉAD

Join Máiréad Slemon for 'Story Time' at 10:30am. Launch into our Story Time special space themed reading with Máiréad. Suitable for Earthlings 5 years and younger.

Come along and enjoy this fun story time!

Suitable for ages 1- 5yrs.

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11.00am



'BABY BOOGIE' WITH JO JORDAN

Join Performance Artist, Jo Jordan, for a fun, high energy activity morning with singing & movement for parents / guardians and children at, 'Baby Boogie' time. The session duration is 30 minutes, enough time to generate creative moves you will all enjoy. This popular event is always a sell-out at the National Children's Literary Festival.

This is an online group session with 12 participants taking part. The creativity starts before the event. Bring your own nursery rhymes and songs, and/or home-made musical instrument to the event. Your instrument can be a jar filled with peas or a saucepan and wooden spoon. Let your imagination go wild as you create your own instrument!

Zoom 'Baby Boogie' is 30 minutes, suitable for ages 1-5yrs. Only 12 places available, book early is advisable!

'Baby Boogie' was profiled on RTÉ Nationwide. It's very popular and great fun for parents/guardians and children!

Note: Parent/Guardian must accompany child during the session.

Jo Jordan, founder of Theatrix, has been bringing acting to the stage since 2000 when our children first performed in St John's Theatre in Listowel. Many years on with a broader geographical reach and with a reputation based on fun, inclusion, respect and creative directing, we continue to do what we love – bringing the magic of theatre to children and teens. Jo is a lifetime student of drama and holds a contemporary arts degree. She is very much at home with kids and loves the challenge of bringing it all together for show-time.

#NCLF2021 #OutOfThisWorld #Art #Stories #Dance
#Workshops #Exploration

**11.00am****FOREST BATHING WITH GRÁINNE BAGNALL
AT LISTOWEL TOWN PARK - FAMILY EVENT**

Join Gráinne Bagnall, for an Afternoon Forest Bathing / Shinrin-Yoku experience, at Listowel Town Park!



Come along and enjoy a creative outdoor activity and enjoy a relaxed and reflective stroll - Guided Nature & Forest Bathing / Shinrin-yoku / Mindfulness in Nature, from 11am to 2pm approx. We would be grateful if you would comply with the most recent government Covid19 regulations in place at the time of this event.

The day will include:

- Guided Nature & Forest Bathing
- A series of invitations to help deepen your connection
- Time to wonder by yourself
- Listening & sharing circle

This is not a hike, nor is it a nature trail. Instead it can be described as a slow saunter in woodlands that awakens your senses. A great experience to increase feelings of overall well-being!

About the event:

Shinrin-yoku is a term that means "taking in the forest atmosphere" or "forest bathing." It was developed in Japan during the 1980s and has become a cornerstone of preventive health care and healing in Japanese medicine. It blends a walk in the forest with mindfulness. The practice asks participants to listen to the forest's soothing noises, such as the sounds of birds, and study the patterns of trees and leaves in an attempt to blueprint Mother Nature's impossibly calm aura.

Irish ecotherapist Shirley Gleeson thinks a walk in the park is all we need to sooth the mind. Ecotherapists write their patients what Gleeson calls a "green prescription". The prescription requires a trip to the forest where patients can bury their stress and return vivacious and carefree until the hectic city and town life demands another visit.

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12noon

CREAKY CREATURES - JOIN SHANE HEGARTY FOR 'BOOT: THE CREAKY CREATURES' WORKSHOP

Book your place for a fun, lively *'Boot, the Creaky Creatures'* activity workshop with Shane Hegarty. Shane's latest book is both hilarious and endearing - a story about a small robot on a big adventure, certain to captivate any young reader.



Shane Hegarty, author of the bestselling *BOOT* series, gives us an insight into where he gets his ideas and where young storytellers can find theirs. Fun, interactive and filled with activities, it's guaranteed to leave kids bursting with imagination and creativity.

Suitable for ages 6-11 years.

Places are limited to 20 participants, so book early!

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2.00pm

CREATIVE STROKES - LIVE PAINT ALONG WORKSHOP WITH 'ME & THE MOON', FAMILY EVENT



'Creative Strokes' - Join artists 'Me & the Moon' as they provide process art workshops to stimulate curiosity, creativity and confidence in a fun environment. This workshop is a fun **family event**. Each individual creates work unique to themselves, rather than replicating a teacher's sample. We allow for creative play and experimentation, encouraging development of each child's imagination.

Suitable for 9 years +

Materials required for the event include:

- Sketch paper
- Pencil
- Large sheet of Paper (you could use a cereal box, cardboard, old wallpaper roll etc.)
- Paint - red, yellow, blue, black, white - poster paint, readymix, whatever you have handy
- Paintbrushes (one large one small)
- Water jar
- Palette for mixing colours
- Scissors
- Masking tape

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3.00pm



FOREST BATHING WITH GRÁINNE BAGNALL AT LISTOWEL TOWN PARK - INDIVIDUAL EVENT

Join Gráinne Bagnall, for an Afternoon Forest Bathing / Shinrin-Yoku experience, at Listowel Town Park!

Come along and enjoy a creative outdoor activity and enjoy a relaxed and reflective stroll - Guided Nature & Forest Bathing / Shinrin-yoku / Mindfulness in Nature, from 3pm to 5pm approx. We would be grateful if you would comply with the most recent government Covid19 regulations in place at the time of this event.

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5.00pm

JOIN PATRICK MCGRATH IN CONVERSATION WITH RHONA TARRANT

Join author, **Patrick McGrath**, in conversation with **Rhona Tarrant** where he discusses his wonderful novel *Last Days in Cleaver Square*, packed with emotion and a compelling tale. Patrick's latest novel is a haunting and atmospheric tale set in seventies London, where Francis McNulty - a veteran of the Spanish Civil War - is tormented by grief and guilt about an act of betrayal committed in the war.

"This is a wonderful, thrilling novel . . . in Last Days in Cleaver Square, McGrath has broken through to new depths of insight and emotion" - John Banville.



Patrick McGrath is the author of nine award-winning novels and his writing is known for its rare and extraordinary exploration of the human psyche, for evoking the gothic and grotesque, and for masterfully using the first person unreliable narrator. Previous books include the international bestseller *Asylum*, made into a film by David Mackenzie; *Trauma*, shortlisted for the Costa Novel Award; *Spider*, made into a film by David Cronenberg; and *The Wardrobe Mistress*, shortlisted for the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction. McGrath grew up near Broadmoor Hospital, where his father was a Medical Superintendent, and now lives in London, married to the award-winning West End director and actor Maria Aitken.



Rhona Tarrant is an editor with Storyful, a social media news intelligence agency that verifies footage emerging from breaking-news stories for newsrooms. Storyful also specialises in online investigations. Before joining Storyful in 2017, she worked as a reporter with RTÉ Radio 1 and WNYC. Rhona is a Listowel native and long-time member of Listowel Writers' Week.

(Photo credit - Patrick McGrath: Isabella De Maddalena)

#LWW2021 #50FantasticFestivals #Novel #Thriller
#AtmosphericTale #Storyful



8.30pm

**NOVEL ANSWERS - JOIN CHRISTINE DWYER HICKEY
IN CONVERSATION WITH DEIRDRE WALSH**

Join Award-winning novelist Christine Dwyer Hickey, in conversation with journalist and broadcaster Deirdre Walsh, as they take you through the process of writing a novel - location, characters, plot, structure, research and, what to do when you finally reach....The End.



Christine Dwyer Hickey is a novelist and short story writer. She has published eight novels, one collection of short stories and a full-length play. Her novels are widely translated. She has won many awards including the Kerry Group Novel of the Year and the Listowel Writers' Week Short Story Prize on two occasions. She has also won The Irish Short Story of the Year at the Irish Book Awards and The Observer/Penguin award. In 2020, her novel *The Narrow Land* won The Walter Scott Award for Historical Fiction and was the inaugural winner of The Dalkey Literary Award. Her novel *Tatty* was One City One Book choice for 2020. She is a member of Aosdána.



Deirdre Walsh has worked as a journalist for over 30 years. She began her career with 'The Kerryman', rising to the role of News Editor and Deputy Editor. In 2007, she joined Radio Kerry, and now presents the popular afternoon magazine programme 'TalkAbout', which commands around 22,000 listeners, according to latest JNLR figures. A native of Ballybunion and an avid reader, Deirdre likes to write poems and essays and plans to write a novel – one of these days! She lives in Tralee with her husband Dermot Crean and their daughter Olivia.

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#WriteNovel

Sunday
06 JUNE



11.00am

SUNDAY STROLL - 'STREETS OF LISTOWEL - WHERE STORIES BEGIN'



Join us on a special online tour of the streets and square of Lovely Listowel, where the past fuses with the present to create a vibrant literary environment. Meet the people, view the landmarks and relive the historical events that have made our town such a special place.

In the words of John B. Keane -

*"Here, within a single little street
Is everything that is
Of pomp and blessed poverty made sweet
And all that is of love
Of Man and God above."*

#LWW2021 #50FantasticFestivals #ListowelTour #Memories
#JohnBKeane



12noon

MAKING MONSTERS – 'MAKING A MONSTER OF A STORY' - JOIN SHANE HEGARTY FOR 'MONSTER STORY' WORKSHOP



Book your place for a fun, lively 'Making a MONSTER of a Story' activity workshop with Shane Hegarty.

The bestselling author of *Darkmouth* and *Boot*, **Shane Hegarty**, will show you how he found inspirations for the monster roaming his books, and the kids who have to fight them. He will also help young writers create their own terrific (or terrifying) tales at this inspiring and fun workshop.

Suitable for ages 9-12 years.

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1.00pm
& 2.30pm

OUTSIDE THE LINES - ILLUSTRATION EXPLORATION WORKSHOP WITH 'ME & THE MOON'

'Outside the Lines' – Join 'Me & The Moon' as we explore characters and their worlds, and draw outside the lines in this fun Illustration Workshop. As part of the workshop you will be helped along in developing your ideas from drawings to finished piece.



'Me & the Moon' provide process art workshops to stimulate to curiosity, creativity and confidence in a fun environment. Each individual creates work unique to themselves, rather than replicating a teacher's sample. We allow for creative play and experimentation, encouraging development of each child's imagination.

Suitable for 9 years +

Materials required for the event include:

- Sketchbook
- Paint and brushes (gouache/watercolour)
- Paper
- Pencil
- Black Pen / Marker
- Colours (whatever is handy e.g. pencils/twistables/markers etc.)

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#Workshop



3.00pm

**'LEGACY WRITING' - ALICE CURTAYNE
IN ASSOCIATION WITH KERRY WRITERS' MUSEUM**

Kerry Writers' Museum, in association with Listowel Writers' Week, presents a lecture on Tralee-born writer Alice Curtayne (1898-1981). 2021 marks the 40th anniversary of her death and the lecture will be delivered by her grandson Niall Rynne. Her books were mainly biographical and include:

- Patrick Sarsfield (1934)
- The Trial of Oliver Plunkett (1953)
- The Irish Story (1962)
- Francis Ledwidge: A Life of the Poet (1972)
- The Complete works of Francis Ledwidge



Alice Curtayne was born on November 6th 1898 in Co. Kerry, Ireland. She was educated at St Anne's Southampton, England. In 1935 she married Stephen Rynne and had two sons and two daughters. She was a successful author and critic, and during her lifetime, she wrote many books and worked for several newspapers.

Some have been reprinted by a US publisher this year. Join us for the inside track on a fascinating Kerry writer.

In association with Kerry Writers' Museum



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#Writer #Books



5.00pm

'EXPLORING YEATS & JOYCE' - THE AGE OF YEATS AND JOYCE WITH IRISH AMBASSADOR DAN MULHALL



Dan Mulhall, Irish Ambassador to the U.S.A. and passionate advocate for the works of W.B. Yeats & Joyce, takes us on a journey of Yeats poetry and Joyce's works.

Dan is an honorary president of the Yeats Society Sligo and considers Yeats a national treasure. We agree!

This event will draw on the lives and works of two of Ireland's greatest modern writers, and look at the Ireland they came from and how Ireland fed their enormous creativity.

A number of years ago, Dan began treating us to daily tweets of Yeats poetry. Since then, he has continued to share a wealth of Irish poetry through Twitter and introduce our finest Irish poets to a worldwide audience. In times where poetry has played a prominent role in politics and is used to convey the emotions of our changing landscape, we look forward to hearing more about the power of Yeats poetry and the lifelong impact it has had on the ambassador.

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#Poetry



7.00pm

'THE 3 P'S': THEATRE PRODUCTION 'POSTMEN, PRIESTS & POLITICIANS'



Join us for an evening of Theatre!

From Alter To Halter - Based on John B. Keane's celebrated letters, St John's Theatre presents a dramatisation of humorous characters and encounters featuring: the parish priest, the postman, the successful TD and the matchmaker.

This is the perfect introduction to some of Keane's wittiest and best-loved creations - a dramatic presentation that's sure to bring a smile to your face.

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Adjudicators: Listowel Writers' Week Editorial Board

Prize Fund: €1,000

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Programme and performers may be subject to change. All information in this programme is correct at the time of going to press.

Events are approximately 1 hour in duration.

Please login 10 minutes before the event starts.

Phone our office +353 (0)68 21074 or email info@writersweek.ie with any booking queries.

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The recording of live events will not take place at this year's festival.

We ask participants to refrain from recording these live events. This is in compliance with our children safe-guarding protection policy.

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