

Kildare Library & Arts Services/Maynooth University
Writer-in-Residence: Introduced by Belinda McKeon
Sunday, 13 October | 1pm
Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Sunday concludes with acclaimed novelist, short story writer, playwright and Associate Professor in the English Department at Maynooth University, Belinda McKeon interviewing the newly appointed Writer-in-Residence for Maynooth University/Kildare Library and Arts Services. This promises to be an inspiring talk, offering a glimpse into the creative life of a writer and the impact of literary residencies.

‘Oíche Airneál’ sa Leabharlann
Dé Céadaoin, 16 Deireadh Fómhair | 7pm
Leabharlann agus Ionad Cultúrtha an Náis

Bígí linn i Leabharlann Nás na Ríogh le haghaidh ‘Oíche Airneál’ sa Leabharlann; oíche spreagúil comhrá, filíochta, amhránaíochta agus ceoil i nGaeilge. Beidh Seán de Paor ina óstach ar an ócáid. In éineacht leis ar an oíche beidh an tÚrscéalaí agus craoltóir Anna Heussaff, an File Louis de Paor agus an tlriseoir agus craoltóir John Downing. I rith na hoíche beidh ceol á sheinn ag Banna Céilí Chill Chéile agus an t-amhránaí iomráiteach ar an Sean Nós Féilim Mac Donncha.

For our final event this year, join us in Naas Library for a ‘Social Night’ in the Library, an exciting evening of Irish conversation, poetry, song and music. Seán de Paor will host the event. He will be joined on the night by Novelist and broadcaster Anna Heussaff, Poet Louis de Paor and Journalist and broadcaster John Downing. Music throughout the evening will be performed by the Kiltel Ceili Band and award winning Sean Nós singer Féilim Mac Donncha.

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Kildare Readers Festival 2024



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His Poetic Life - Dennis O'Driscoll's Personal Anthology

Saturday, 28 September | 11am

Naas Library and Cultural Centre

Renowned poet, critic, and essayist Dennis O'Driscoll called Naas home for many years until his untimely passing in 2012. His unique career, spanning both the bureaucratic world of Dublin Castle and the literary realm, inspired his captivating poetry. Julie O'Callaghan, a steadfast supporter of Kildare Readers' Festival, will honour O'Driscoll's legacy at this year's event. She will share insights into his life and present the prestigious Dennis O'Driscoll Literary Bursary Awards. This year's recipients are established writer John MacKenna and emerging talent Colm McDermott. John MacKenna is unable to attend but Colm McDermott will discuss the significance of this award for his writing practice and read from his work.

An Tolg Liteartha

Wednesday, 9 October | 7pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Móirmeacht liteartha na Gaeilge ag a gcuirfidh an sáchrualtóir Tristan Rosenstock ó RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltacht agallamh ar bhuaiteoirí Ghradam Foilsitheoireachta an Oireachtais 2024 – Gradam Uí Shuilleabháin (Leabhar na Bliana don Léitheoir Fásta), Gradam Réics Carló (Leabhar na Bliana don Léitheoir Óg) agus Gradam de Bhaldráithe (Leabhar na Bliana do Shaothar Aistrithe go Gaeilge ó theanga eile). Arna eagrú ag Leabharlanna Chill Dara i gcomhar le hOllscoil Mhá Nuad, leis an Oireachtas agus le RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta.

Festival Weekend: THURSDAY

Poetry of Rupture and of Rapture

Thursday, 10 October | 7pm

Maynooth Community Library

In this very special evening of poetry and conversation, award-winning poets, Seán Hewitt and Victoria Kennefick, will read their work in discussion with host, Catherine Gander. Both poets are engaged in work that gives voice to the transitional, liminal moments in our lives, our bodies. To consider the possibility that identity - fluid and without border, ever evolving - finds its freedom, its expression within the space of the poem - a freedom that is not available elsewhere. Please join us as we consider journeys of concealment and revelation, the poetry of rupture and of rapture.

Words and Wonder: An Evening with Mike McCormack

Thursday, 10 October | 8pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Join us for an evening with award-winning author Mike McCormack as he sits down with writer and broadcaster Aingeala Flannery to discuss his latest novel and his broader body of work. McCormack,

known for his distinctive narrative style and innovative approach to storytelling, has captivated readers with his unique exploration of life, time, and the human condition. His most recent novel continues to push the boundaries of literary form, blending lyrical prose with profound insights into the everyday lives of his characters. Whether you're familiar with McCormack's work or just discovering it, this conversation will provide a rich understanding of his creative process and the ideas that drive his writing.

Festival Weekend: FRIDAY

Quickly, While They Still Have Horses: Exploring Short Stories with Jan Carson

Friday, 11 October | 8pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Acclaimed author Jan Carson will discuss her work with writer Olivia Fitzsimons. Carson's new collection offers readers a powerful exploration of human connections in a fractured world. Known for her vivid characters and deeply affecting narratives, Carson weaves a story that captures the complexity of family dynamics, community, and the ties that bind us together in unexpected ways. This event is a unique opportunity to hear from one of Northern Ireland's most distinctive voices in contemporary literature.

Festival Weekend: SATURDAY

Ten Books You Should Read

Saturday, 12 October | 10am

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Join us for the ever popular Ten Books where two guests each share their five favourite books for us to discover. This year our two guests have their love of history as the common denominator. Abie Philbin Bowman, historian, documentary maker and comedian will talk with Catherine Corless, social historian, whose book *Belonging* shook the people of Ireland to appreciate what one woman can do when she sets out to right an injustice. We look forward to a fascinating conversation on the books they bring to the table.

The Revelation of Ireland with Diarmaid Ferriter

Saturday, 12 October | 12:30pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Join us for a captivating talk by renowned historian Professor Diarmaid Ferriter, author of the acclaimed *The Transformation of Ireland*. In his latest work, *The Revelation of Ireland*, Ferriter explores the dramatic transformations that shaped Ireland in the last twenty-five years. As the Republic marks over a century of independence and Northern Ireland grapples with the legacy of the Troubles, Ferriter offers a compelling analysis of this significant period in Irish history.

Reeling in the Queers with Páraic Kerrigan and Anna Nolan

Saturday, 12 October | 2:30pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Páraic Kerrigan, author of *Reeling in the Queers*, sits down with presenter, producer and Chairperson of the National LGBT Federation, Anna Nolan to discuss his groundbreaking work exploring lesser-known stories of the fight for LGBTQ+ rights in Ireland. In this thought-provoking book, Kerrigan explores fourteen key moments reflecting the changing social and cultural landscape of Ireland. This event is an opportunity to hear from Kerrigan about the process of researching this vital history and to gain a deeper understanding of the power of media in shaping social attitudes.

Debut Voices: Niamh Mulvey and Maggie Armstrong

Saturday, 12 October | 4pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

This event presents a rare chance to hear from two rising stars in the literary world as they discuss their debut books and share their experiences of bringing their stories to life. Both Mulvey and Armstrong will offer a fresh perspective on what it's like to be a new voice in literature, from the challenges of writing their debuts to the excitement of seeing their work in print.

On the Edge of the (Other) Worldly: Hagstone

Sinéad Gleeson in conversation with Sara Baume

Saturday, 12 October | 8pm

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

We are delighted to welcome the return of Sinéad Gleeson and Sara Baume to Kildare Readers Festival to discuss the role that the natural world plays in Sinéad's debut novel, *Hagstone* - how land and seascape serve as backdrop, as foreground, as character - how place comes to permeate the living - what it means to live beyond the parameters of the known world, past the horizon line. And to speak of the need for solitude, the lure of community and of so much art...

Festival Weekend: SUNDAY

Sunday Sessions: Lives Within Families

Sunday, 13 October | 11am

Riverbank Arts Centre, Newbridge

Sunday begins with author Dermot Bolger's traditional public conversation, this year featuring two distinguished guests whose recent works explore different aspects of the family unit. Claire Kilroy (*Soldier Sailor*) and Fiona Neary (*Parcels in the Post*). Both books offer poignant, thought-provoking insights into the ever-changing concept of family in today's world.

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