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## MAYOR'S WELCOME

# CLLR. ALAN EDGE

I am delighted to welcome you to the Red Line Book Festival brought to you by South Dublin Libraries and Arts. Now in its 12th year the festival is a celebration of all things literary.

The Red Line Book Festival programme is once again packed with wonderful authors such as John Banville, Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen, C Pam Zhang and Andrea Mara to name but a few. We look forward to meeting crime journalist and podcaster Nicola Tallant and authors Nick Foster, Sharon Lawless and Maresa Fagan in what is sure to be an intriguing insight into unsolved murders in Ireland.

Other highlights include Francis Brennan, who will be talking to presenter Marty Morrissey about growing old gracefully and local Tallaght author Jennifer Carroll who will be talking to about her new book Jen's Journey. We are excited to introduce our Writer in Residence programme: The Queenship Cypher. As well as songwriting workshops exploring the art of lyrical storytelling, the programme aims to attract aspiring female MCs, producers, dancers, and visual artists with the aim of fostering career expansion and artistic development.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners and venues for their commitment to the festival in particular the Local Enterprise Office South Dublin, Office of Public Works, and The Civic. I would also like to acknowledge the incredible work that goes into producing the festival and in particular the work of the team in South Dublin Libraries and Arts.

The Red Line Book Festival truly has something for everyone, so be sure to join us. I'll see you there!



## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S MESSAGE

# COLM WARD

The 2023 Red Line Book Festival, which runs from 16th to 22nd October, again sees our Libraries and Arts teams showcasing the best of South Dublin County. With over 35 events, featuring many special guests, in fantastic venues including the Civic Theatre, Tallaght Stadium, Rathfarnham Castle, Pearse Museum, and Brú Chrónáin-Round Tower Visitor Centre Clondalkin, Red Line promotes a variety of local cultural and historical offerings.

This year's festival programme includes a special conference on the Decade of Centenaries, hosted by historian, author and presenter Turtle Bunbury. This will include a talk from David McCullagh on Éamon de Valera's 1923 while historian Liz Gillis will share "The Story of Noel Lemass: His Life and Death" and she'll also be in conversation with Niall Quinn about the story of footballer, rebel and politician, Oscar Traynor. Flor McCarthy will tell the deeply personal story of her family's links on both sides of the War of Independence and Caitriona Crowe will round off the conference with "The Decade of Centenaries: a retrospect".

Literary and theatrical events feature heavily throughout the festival with selected highlights including John Banville discussing his life and work with author Dermot Bolger, "Aisling Ever After" authors Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen chatting with Muireann O'Connell about their best-selling series, true crime podcaster and journalist Nicola Tallant exploring some of Ireland's unsolved murders with authors Nick Foster, Sharon Lawless and Maresa Fagan.

Also included are a range of events and shows such as "Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers", a family fun day at the Cultural Quarter in Tallaght, writing workshops, and "The Art of Collaboration", which will close this year's festival.

There really is something for everyone in the diverse programme of events and we invite from residents from South Dublin and beyond to join us and enjoy this year's Red Line Book Festival.



## WRITER IN RESIDENCE

# THE QUEENSHIP CYPHER

**DATE:** Thursday 19th October  
**TIME:** 8pm  
**VENUE:** The Civic Main Space  
**ADMISSION:** €5

**ALAYEX**

**NOISE**  
MUSIC

In partnership with NOISE Music, the Red Line Book Festival Writer in Residence for 2023 is The Queenship Cypher collective, led by Alayex, a ground-breaking female-led creative agency. As part of their residency, The Queenship Cypher are leading a five-week development programme of workshops which aim to start a revolution in the Irish music industry, creating a sisterhood of creative women and empowering female artists through career expansion, talent showcasing, and artistic development. The Queenship Cypher issued an open invitation for all female creatives aged 18-25 to express interest in being part of the programme.

This revolutionary platform serves as a steppingstone for those seeking to turn their musical, movement and visual expressions into a fulfilling career, while forming connections with audiences and fellow female creatives. The Queenship Cypher emerges as the much-needed representation and collaboration for female rap artists in Ireland.

The programme is curated in four complimentary streams, each led by industry experts:

- **Songwriting:** Guided by Alicia Raye, an acclaimed artist and music mentor, the songwriting workshop will delve into the heart of lyrical storytelling.
- **Music Production:** Led by NOISE Music mentors, the music production program will help artists to master the art of music production and create inspiring sounds.
- **Set Design:** Ella Bertilsson, a resident artist at Rua Red, will help artists to elevate their stage presence with mesmerising visual experiences.
- **Dance:** Under the guidance of Vithoria Escobar, from UMAKOKO Productions, artists will explore the language of movement and how to use it to complement music.



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**DATE:** Sunday 22nd October  
**TIME:** 11:00am - 5:00pm  
**VENUE:** Tallaght Stadium  
**ADMISSION:** Free

# DECADE OF CENTENARIES SEMINAR

South Dublin County Council's Decade of Centenaries Programme has explored and reflected on the impact of the pivotal events of 100 years ago at both a national and local level.

In 1923, some of the most traumatic and brutal events of the Civil War took place. In this, the final year of the Decade of Centenaries, we remember all of those who suffered and lost their lives - those who died in combat, by firing squad, and on hunger-strike. We also remember the civilians caught up in these events.

South Dublin County Council's Decade of Centenaries programme is supported by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Decade of Centenaries 2012-2023 initiative.

Turtle Bunbury will host seminar sessions as follows:

David McCullagh "Nothing but a bullet will stop me": de Valera's 1923  
Éamon de Valera began 1922 as President of the Republic, the undisputed leader of Irish nationalism. By 1923, de Valera seemed to be finished - a hunted man, in danger of execution; politically sidelined, powerless to bring the Civil War to an end. The 1923 General Election saw his dramatic arrest, but it also ensured his return to political prominence.

Niall Quinn (in conversation with Liz Gillis) Oscar Traynor - A Re-evaluation of a footballer, rebel, politician and football administrator

Flor McCarthy - The Dauntless Man  
An illustrated and deeply personal story of Flor's family's links on both sides of the War of Independence.

Liz Gillis - The Story of Noel Lemass: His Life and Death

Caitriona Crowe - The Decade of Centenaries: a retrospect  
No public historian has made more impact on the commemorative decade than former National Archives curator Caitriona Crowe, shepherd of the digitisation of the 1901 and 1911 censuses, without which the decade would have had far less meaning. In this talk she looks back at how we managed to commemorate (and occasionally came close to sabotaging) the centenary of the revolutionary decade. There will be plaudits ... and a few brickbats.

Please visit [redlinefestival.ie](http://redlinefestival.ie) for more information about this event.



# FAMILY FUN DAY

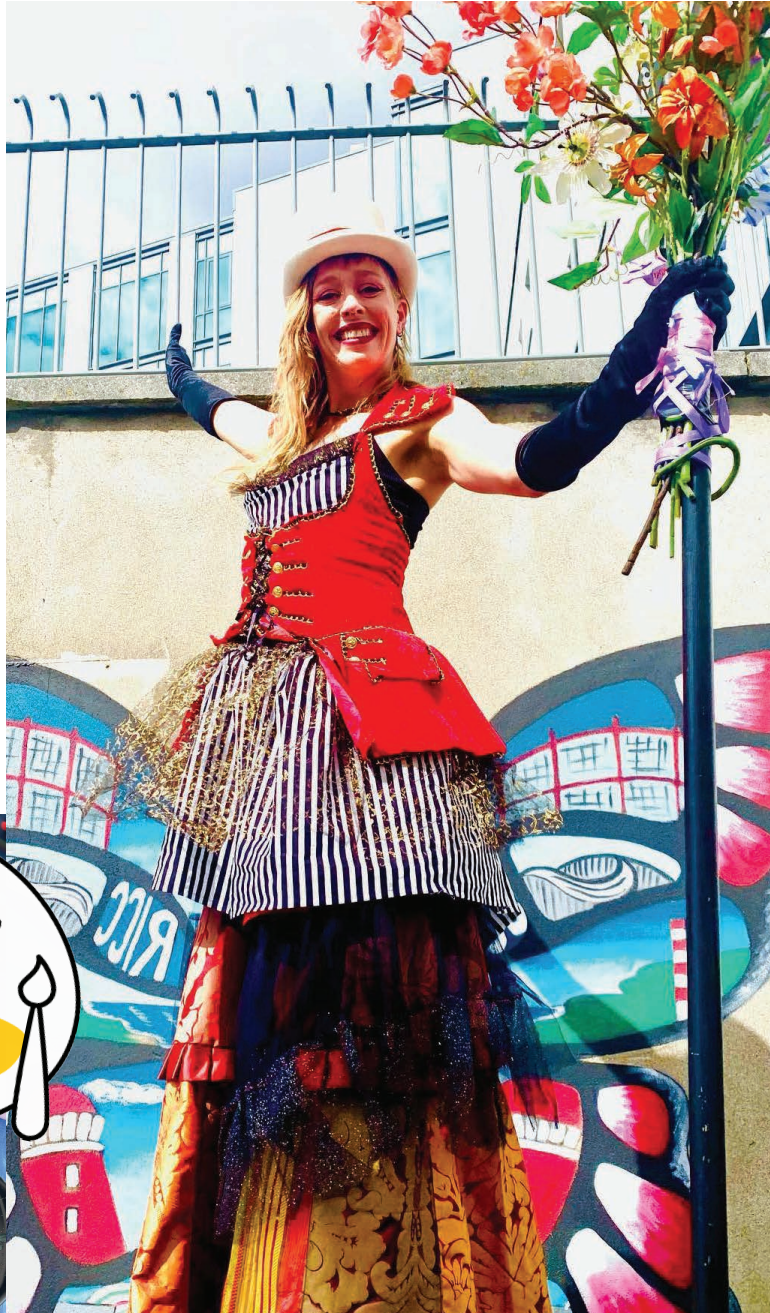
**DATE:** Saturday 21st October  
**TIME:** 11.00am-4.00pm  
**VENUE:** Cultural Quarter Tallaght  
**ADMISSION:** Free, booking essential

The Red Line Book Festival caters to all the family and this year we are delighted to be holding an amazing Family Fun Day in the Cultural Quarter Tallaght (The Civic, Rua Red, County Library Tallaght).

Festival in a Van will be outside County Library Tallaght throughout the day bringing you music, stories, songs and poetry. Inside the library enjoy author Gerry Creighton talking about his time at Dublin Zoo, making Mary Poppins Kites or Rubble Bots with your family, be thrilled by visiting dinosaurs with Jurassic Hire and get your face painted or a balloon animal made.

Teenagers can enjoy Music Production and DJing workshops in Rua Red with NOISE Music and all the family can enjoy the Billy Bubbles Magic and Punch and Judy Show and Voices of Tallaght choral events at the Civic.

For more information on individual events see [www.redlinefestival.ie](http://www.redlinefestival.ie).



Mucky Picnic



## ROALD DAHL AND THE IMAGINATION SEEKERS

**DATE:** Sunday 22nd October  
**TIME:** 11.00am & 2.30pm  
**VENUE:** The Civic Theatre Main Space  
**ADMISSION:** €20 Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 children)  
 €8 adult,  
 €5 children

All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but children's minds too! Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of Tale Tenders can save the stories - and they need your help... Especially made for ages 5 and up, the show develops both creative and literacy skills through performance, games and creative play, while exploring Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including The BFG and The Twits along the way.

Liis Mikk - Brenda Bogg

Liis is a London-based actor, originally from Estonia. She trained at National Youth Theatre. Previous theatre credits include Ellie & Starlight (Dramacube), Rhino (LUXE), Cailleach Óg (Blackshaw), The Bacchae (Lazarus Theatre Company), La bohème (OperaUpClose). She also sings in a covers band.

Will Gillham - Terry Tibblestick

Will is a London-based actor, originally from East Sussex. He trained at Drama Studio London. Previous credits include The Wizard of Oz (Hobgoblin Theatre Company), Beauty and the Beast (LP Creatives), The Tempest (The Pantaloons), The Comedy of Errors (Petersfield Shakespeare Festival), and The Winter's Tale (The Festival Players). He is also a Voiceover Artist and Photographer.



## BILLY BUBBLES MAGIC & PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW

**DATE:** Saturday 21st October  
**TIME:** 1.00-1.50pm  
**VENUE:** The Civic Studio Theatre  
**ADMISSION:** €15 family ticket (2 adults, 2 children),  
 €8 adult,  
 €5 children

Come and experience fun and magic for all the family with Billy Bubbles!

Billy Bubbles has presented his show all over the country, from living rooms to public parks and corporate hospitality suites to Ireland's leading theatres. He mixes amazing, jaw dropping Magic, hilarious comedy and audience participation together with his high energy Punch & Judy Show to create an experience for his audience that will have them laughing their heads off.





## IMAGINING MURDER

**DATE:** Saturday 21st October  
**TIME:** 5pm  
**VENUE:** The Civic Main Space  
**ADMISSION:** €12 / €10  
**SPECIAL OFFER:** Tickets for Imagining Murder, True Crime & dinner in Betelnut Café €40 (limited availability)

Join Louise McSharry (Podcaster, Presenter and Writer) as she talks to current stars of Crime Fiction Una Mannon, Olivia Kiernan and Andrea Mara.

Louise McSharry is a broadcaster and writer from Dublin. Louise worked in radio for nineteen years, starting out as a researcher in Newstalk before moving to presenting in iRadio followed by eleven years on air on RTE 2FM.

Una Mannon was born in Philadelphia and lives in Co. Sligo. She has won numerous prizes for her work including the Hennessy Emerging Poetry Award. Her debut novel A Crooked Tree was shortlisted for Newcomer at the Irish Book Awards and the Dalkey prize and was winner of the Kate O'Brien Prize 2022.

Olivia Kiernan is an Irish writer living in the UK. She was born and raised in County Meath and holds an MA in Creative Writing awarded by the University of Sussex. The End of Us is Olivia's first standalone after her acclaimed Frankie Sheehan Series.

Andrea Mara is a Top Ten Sunday Times and Number One Irish Times bestselling author, who has been shortlisted for a number of awards. Her newest book, No One Saw A Thing, was published in May 2023 and was a Number One bestseller in Ireland.



## TRUE CRIME: MURDER IN IRELAND

**DATE:** Saturday 21st October  
**TIME:** 8pm  
**VENUE:** The Civic Main Space  
**ADMISSION:** €18 / €14  
**SPECIAL OFFER:** Tickets for Imagining Murder, True Crime & dinner in Betelnut Café €40 (limited availability)

Join host Nicola Tallant (journalist and presenter of Ireland's top True Crime podcast Crime World) as she talks murder in Ireland with authors Nick Foster (author of Murder at Roaringwater), Sharon Lawless and Maresa Fagan (authors of Anatomy of an Injustice, The Killing of Father Niall Molloy).

Nicola Tallant is an award winning journalist, author and podcaster. She specialises in organised crime and regularly appears on TV and radio. She is Executive Producer of a number of crime documentaries as well as the award winning Podcast The Witness in His Own Words. Her new book Cocaine Cowboys will be released in October 2023.

Nick Foster is a former British diplomat. Nick's book Murder at Roaringwater: The Inside Story of the Death of Sophie Toscan du Plantier is a memoir of his six-year investigation into the killing of Frenchwoman Sophie Toscan du Plantier in Co. Cork in 1996.

Sharon Lawless has worked in the media for over 30 years, including Mercury Media, RTÉ and as a Producer/Director for Flawless Films. The ground-breaking TV series 'Adoption Stories' ran for six series on TV3/Virgin and 'The Killing of Fr. Niall Molloy' for RTE won the Royal Television Society Best Factual Series in 2022.

Maresa Fagan has worked across a variety of local, national, and international media platforms. She spent more than a decade working as a senior reporter with the Roscommon Herald, where she first became intrigued with the unsolved killing of Fr Niall Molloy and the many unanswered questions the case continued to pose.







## AISLING EVER AFTER

**DATE:** Friday 20th October  
**TIME:** 7pm  
**VENUE:** Civic Main Space  
**ADMISSION:** €12 / €10

It's the end of an Era! Authors Emer McLysaght and Sarah Breen and broadcaster Muireann O'Connell discuss the fifth and final book in the phenomenal bestselling Aisling series. Join us from 7pm for a drinks reception, and some surprises, followed by the main event at 8pm.

Oh My God, What a Complete Aisling was the best selling fiction title of 2017 and its sequel, The Importance of Being Aisling, won the award for best popular fiction book at the 2018 Irish Book Awards. The third in the series, Once, Twice, Three Times an Aisling, won the same award the following year and the fourth book in the series, Aisling and City, won in 2021. The final book in the five-part Aisling series is due to be published in Autumn 2023.

Emer McLysaght has worked extensively in journalism and radio and is a columnist at The Irish Times. She knows the N7 like the back of her hand and lives in Dublin 8.

Sarah Breen's background is in print journalism, specifically magazines. She lives in Dublin 7 and dreams of the day Oasis will reunite.

Muireann O'Connell is a TV presenter and broadcaster; she currently co-hosts Virgin Media One ratings hit, Ireland AM. The Limerick native has amassed a significant fanbase and online following thanks to her wit, candour, and relaxed onscreen presence.



## DARING DEBUTS

**DATE:** Tuesday 17th October  
**TIME:** 7pm  
**VENUE:** Ballyroan Library  
**ADMISSION:** Free, booking essential

Who says men can't write romantic comedies? Join host Claire Hennessy as she talks to debut authors J.F. Murray, Bryan Moriarty and Ryan Love about their debut novels.

J. F. Murray is an Irish writer from Co. Meath, Ireland. When the 2020 pandemic hit, Murray used the lockdown as an opportunity to pursue storytelling full-time, and began writing his debut novel Fling. He is a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community and has gained a following on TikTok with a unique brand of Irish comedy sketches.

Bryan Moriarty was born in Dublin and studied at Trinity College Dublin before moving to London to train as an actor at LAMDA. In addition to performing in theatre, film, and TV, he has written and produced several short films, plays and a web series. His first novel, Sounds Like Fun, was selected for the Irish Writers Centre Novel Fair 2021.

Born and raised in the island town of Enniskillen in Northern Ireland, Ryan Love is a NCTJ-qualified journalist. He was the first Showbiz Editor at Digital Spy and has written for publications including the Independent, the Telegraph, Attitude, Radio Times and Yahoo. Ryan's debut novel, Arthur and Teddy Are Coming Out, was published by HarperCollins in April 2023.

Claire Hennessy is a writer, book reviewer, editor, and creative writing facilitator from Dublin.





## JOHN BANVILLE IN CONVERSATION WITH DERMOT BOLGER

**DATE:** Wednesday 18th October  
**TIME:** 8pm  
**VENUE:** Rathfarnham Castle  
**ADMISSION:** €18 / €14

John Banville is one of the greats of Irish Literature. Join John as he speaks to host and author Dermot Bolger about his life and work.

John Banville is a novelist, screenwriter, playwright and book reviewer. He worked in journalism for many years, and was literary editor at The Irish Times from 1988 to 2000. He is a regular contributor to The New York Review of Books, and other journals. His novels include The Book of Evidence, The Sea, and, most recently, The Singularities. Among the awards he has received are the Man Booker Prize, the Austrian State Prize for Literature, the Kafka Prize, Irish PEN Award and the Prince of Asturias Award. He has written a number of crime novels, including Snow, and, most recently, The Lock-Up. He was born in Wexford, and lives in Dublin.

Dermot Bolger is a poet, novelist and playwright. His fourteen novels include The Journey Home, The Family on Paradise Pier, An Ark of Light and, most recently, The Lonely Sea and Sky and A Second Life, both published in new editions in 2022. His debut play, The Lament for Arthur Cleary, received The Samuel Beckett Award.

Other plays include an adaptation of Joyce's Ulysses and Last Orders at the Dockside, both staged by the Abbey Theatre. His latest poetry collection, Other People's Lives, appeared from New Island in 2022.



## LAND OF MILK AND HONEY: C PAM ZHANG IN CONVERSATION WITH SINÉAD CUDDIHY

**DATE:** Monday 16th October  
**TIME:** 7pm  
**VENUE:** Ballyroan Library  
**ADMISSION:** Free, booking essential

Join Sinéad Cuddihy as she speaks to PEN/Hemingway Award finalist, Booker Prize Longlist and author of one of Barack Obama's favourite books of the year C Pam Zhang about her life, career and her new book Land of Milk and Honey.

Born in Beijing, C Pam Zhang is mostly an artifact of the United States. She is the author of How Much of These Hills Is Gold, longlisted for the Booker Prize, a finalist for the PEN/Hemingway Award, and one of Barack Obama's favourite books of the year. Zhang's writing appears in Best American Short Stories, The Cut, McSweeney's Quarterly, The New Yorker, and The New York Times. She is a National Book Foundation 5 Under 35 Honoree.

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## REIC

**DATE:** Tuesday 17th October  
**TIME:** 7.00-8.30pm  
**VENUE:** North Clondalkin Library  
**ADMISSION:** Free, booking essential

Is oíche filíochta dhátheangach (agus in amantaí ilteangach) í REIC. Cuirtear fáilte roimh an Ghaeilge i gcónaí, chomh maith le taispeántas i dteaghnacha eile. Cuireann bean an tí Ciara ní É REIC ar siúl gach mí nó mar sin i mBÁC, agus tugann sí í chuig féilte éagsúla timpeall na tíre - International Literature Festival Dublin, Cúirt Galway, Dublin Book Festival, Electric Picnic, Body and Soul, IMRAM, agus eile.

REIC (pronounced 'wreck') is a bilingual, and often multilingual, spoken word event featuring poetry, rap, music, storytelling, and everything else you can think of! It provides a welcoming space where Gaeilge is encouraged. Ciara Ní É organises REIC regularly in Dublin and the event also features at festivals such as International Literature Festival Dublin, Cúirt Galway, Dublin Book Festival, Electric Picnic, Body and Soul, and IMRAM.

Writer and activist Ciara Ní É is currently Artist in Residence with the Dublin Fringe Festival. She is a co-founder of the LGBTQ+ arts collective AerachAiteach-Gaelach and is an Irish Writers Centre ambassador.

Gormfhlaith Ní Shíocháin Ní Bheoláin is a poet, writer, actor, tin whistle-player, pianist, sean-nós singer and set-dancer. She is currently completing an MA in Early and Medieval Irish in UCC.

Sam Ó Fearraigh is a poet, writer, and theatre-maker from Gort a'Choirce, Co. Donegal. His poetry has been published in Comhar, The Poets' Republic, Green Carnations | Glas na Gile, and ROPES. Sam works as a storyliner and scriptwriter for Ros na Rún.

Cormac Mac Gearailt is a writer and spoken word artist from Dublin. He performs in English and Irish, and has stood on stages at festivals, poetry nights and in pubs across the country. He recently won the WeAreGriot Talkatives Slam, and was a runner up in the All Ireland Poetry Slam Final.



## THE ART OF COLLABORATION PRESENTS: TULCA 'JUST BE'

**DATE:** Sunday 22nd October  
**TIME:** 7pm  
**VENUE:** The Civic Main Space  
**ADMISSION:** €18/€14

Tulca 'Just Be' is an exploration of connection in a world of transience through music and word. To come into presence and enjoy the art of slow living in a fast moving world. Being thoughtful, engaged and joyful and learning to nourish ourselves by living in the moment with music and words that are uplifting.

The Art of Collaboration is an interdisciplinary collective formed in 2018 by Artistic Director Paul Roe. It is a community of practice in which professionals from backgrounds as diverse as musical performance, psychiatry, leadership development, design and education share experience, insight and knowledge, and collaborate on creative projects.



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## AGE IS JUST A NUMBER: A GUIDE TO GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY WITH FRANCIS BRENNAN AND MARTY MORRISSEY

**DATE:** Wednesday 18th October  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**VENUE:** Rua Red  
**ADMISSION:** €12 / €10

Age is just a number after all. Join well-known hotelier and television presenter Francis Brennan as he talks to presenter Marty Morrissey about growing old gracefully.

Francis Brennan is a well-known hotelier and television presenter. He fronts one of Ireland's most popular TV shows, At Your Service, where his wit and charm have endeared him to a mass of fans across the country. He is the bestselling author of It's the Little Things, Counting My Blessings, The Book of Household Management and A Gentleman Abroad, as well as three home keeper's diaries.

Together with his brother John he is co-owner of the five-star Park Hotel Kenmare and the four-star Lansdowne Kenmare. Francis also has a bestselling hotel-inspired luxury lifestyle collection with Dunnes Stores.

Francis' new book, Age Is Just a Number, is published by Gill Books on the 21st September 2023.



## JEN'S JOURNEY. JENNIFER CARROLL IN CONVERSATION WITH FIONA BRENNAN

**DATE:** Wednesday 18th October  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**VENUE:** Castletymon Library  
**ADMISSION:** Free, booking essential

Instagram star and author of "Jen's Journey", Jennifer Carroll chats to host Fiona Brennan about her journey to healthier living, Instagram success and writing a book. Jennifer Carroll is best known for her Instagram page 'Jen's Journey', in which she documents her journey to healthier living. She has over 120,000 followers. She lives in Tallaght with her son, Carter.

Fiona Brennan is an acclaimed Clinical Hypnotherapist with a constantly booked-out private clinic. She is a two-times best-selling author, a mental health expert on Today FM (Ireland) and the Business Post and a TEDx speaker. Fiona regularly delivers talks and workshops on a range of areas from stress and anxiety to building confidence and public speaking to many multinational companies, charities, and other organizations.

She also runs therapeutic retreats and events, as well as online webinars and has several online courses available.

Fiona has a weekly newsletter that goes out to thousands of subscribers.

She is active on Instagram (@the\_positive\_habit\_) where she also does live sessions. Full info can be found on [www.thepositivehabit.com](http://www.thepositivehabit.com).





## TWIGGY WOMAN AND OTHER STORIES OF THE SUPERNATURAL WITH OEIN DEBHAIRDUAIN

**DATE:** Thursday 19th October  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**VENUE:** Clondalkin Round Tower Centre  
**ADMISSION:** €12 / €10 Adult Event

Halloween is coming so pull up a chair for some terrifying ghost stories. Writer and storyteller Oein DeBhairduain will tell tales from his new book *Twiggy Woman* and share stories of the Ghosts of South Dublin County!

Oein DeBhairduin is a writer, activist and educator with a passion for preserving the beauty of Traveller tales, sayings, retellings and historic exchanges.

He is the author of the award-winning *Why the moon travels* (Skein Press, 2020), *Weave* (Skein Press, 2022) and *The Slug and The Snail* (Little Island & Skein Press, 2023).

He is the Traveller Culture Collections Development Officer with the National Museum of Ireland and seeks to pair community activism with cultural celebration, recalling old tales with fresh modern connections and, most of all, he wishes to rekindle the hearth fires of a shared kinship.



## BRENDAN BEHAN. A TRIBUTE ON THE 100TH YEAR OF THIS ENIGMATIC AND BELOVED DUBLIN WRITER

**DATE:** Thursday 19th October  
**TIME:** 7.30 pm  
**VENUE:** The Coach House in Palmerstown  
**ADMISSION:** Free, booking essential

Roslyn Hickey in conversation with author Patrick McCabe.

Join us for an evening of discussion with Patrick McCabe, author, and creator of the excellent Brendan Behan exhibition at MoLi, *The Holy Hour: a requiem for Brendan Behan*.

Enjoy some tunes from Phillip O'Toole and poetry and prose synonymous with the famous Behan family.

Patrick McCabe was born in Clones, Co. Monaghan in 1955. He has many novels published including *The Dead School* and *The Butcher Boy*. Movies include *the Butcher Boy* and *Breakfast on Pluto*, both directed by Neil Jordan. He is currently performing his 'analogue monologue' series here and there about the place.

He is married with two grown-up children, to the artist Margot Quinn and is a member of Aosdana.

Roslyn Hickey has worked in education for over forty years.





## CRIME WRITING MASTERCLASS WITH CATHERINE RYAN HOWARD

**DATE:** Saturday 21st October  
**TIME:** 2.00pm  
**VENUE:** Lucan Library  
**ADMISSION:** Free

Learn how to get away with murder with no. 1 bestseller Catherine Ryan Howard. In this 90 minute masterclass, learn how to interrogate your idea, plot the perfect murder and prepare for your work for submission to agents and editors so your crime can pay. Open to writers at all levels/stages.

Catherine Ryan Howard is the award-winning, no. 1 bestselling author of seven thrillers including the lockdown thriller *56 Days* which was named a best thriller of 2021 by the New York Times and the Washington Post, and won An Post Irish Crime Novel of the Year. It is currently being developed for television by Amazon Studios/Atomic Monster. She is published in 19 languages and her work has been shortlisted for the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award for Best Novel and the CWA John Creasey and Ian Fleming Daggers, and longlisted for the Dublin Literary Award 2023. Her latest thriller is *The Trap*.



## BOOKSTAGRAM LUCAN

**DATE:** Thursday 19th October  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**VENUE:** Lucan Library  
**ADMISSION:** Free

By popular demand, Bookstagram is back for 2023! Join social media influencers @nursefancypants and @tiredmammybookclub as they discuss the influence of social media, online book clubs, and the effect of the book reading/reviewing Instagram community on reading habits. A must attend event for booklovers, you're sure to come away with a long list of recommendations for your next great read.

Chloe Cowman is a nurse, mum, and reading enthusiast who you can find on Instagram @nursefancypants. A self-described voracious reader of almost all genres, she regularly posts reviews on her bookstagram page and can often be found in her local library. She recently featured in an Irish Independent piece espousing the virtues of the Irish bookstagram community and of course, promoting the library, a service she believes is vital. Chloe is greatly looking forward to returning to the Red Line Festival again this year to talk all things books and bookstagram.

Sinéad Cuddihy is the founder of Tired Mammy Book Club, an Instagram based book club, set up after her first child was born to get back reading and to build a community of mothers and others who had fallen out of the habit of reading.

Sinéad has built a community of over 11,000 followers and coined the hashtag #TiredMammy30minutes to encourage members to make time to read every day.

Sinéad has facilitated interviews with several Irish authors, such as Andrea Mara, Jamie O'Connell, Catherine Ryan Howard, and Sophie White; and authors Fiona Scarlett, Dolen Perkins-Valdez and Deirdre Finnerty have joined Tired Mammy Book Club discussions.





**GUIDED WALK  
WILD WATERS: THE LIFFEY  
WITH RICHARD NAIRN**

**DATE:** Sunday 22nd October  
**TIME:** 2.00pm  
**VENUE:** Meet at  
The Sluice Car Park,  
Lucan.  
**NO DOGS PLEASE.**  
**ADMISSION:** €5

Join ecologist and author of Wild Waters, Richard Nairn for a fascinating and beautiful wander down the Liffey.

Richard Nairn is an ecologist and author. He has worked to protect nature all his life and has written a total of seven books on the topic. The three most recent titles form a trilogy called Wild Woods, Wild Shores and Wild Waters. Richard previously worked as a nature reserve warden and was the first National Director of BirdWatch Ireland.



**GUIDED WALK  
FORAGING ALONG THE DODDER  
WITH FEEBEE FORAN**

**DATE:** Saturday 21st October  
**TIME:** 12-2.00pm  
**VENUE:** Meet at the entrance to the  
Dodder Valley Park  
(Playground entrance)  
opposite the Speaker Connolly.  
**ADMISSION:** €20

Join Feebee Foran of Forager.ie for a gorgeous foraging walk through Firhouse and along the Dodder. Take a step back in time and take a fun glimpse at what life was like in Tallaght throughout the ages as we walk, forage and have the craic. Learn some fun facts about the history of the surrounding areas, featuring some great but almost forgotten stories and folklore. Discover and deep dive the wild herbs that grow in abundance along the Dodder, with tips on plant identification, understanding their uses, their lore and why they are so important to us.

Touch, taste (if you wish) and learn how to forage in a way that both utilizes and protects nature.

Take your interest in foraging to the next level and enjoy a taste of nature, with a delicious, specially curated lunch from Teegan's Treats featuring locally foraged wild herbs and plants. Think Nettle muffins, Wild Foraged Leaf & Flower Salad, Cleaver Crackers with local Dublin Hills Goats Cheese - all complimented with locally sourced ingredients from artisan food producers right here on our doorstep.

Feebee Foran is a herbalist and owner of Forager, a 100% natural skincare brand that harnesses the natural medicine of wild Irish weeds. She is passionate about sharing her love of the wild and regularly guides groups along the Dodder teaching people how to introduce nature into their lives with a respectful nod to our Irish heritage.



# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE



DAY	TITLE	TIME	VENUE	TICKETS
OCTOBER	Quentin Blake: Book Covers	All Day	Ballyroan Library	Free
MONDAY 16/10/23	Conversations about Activism and Change	11am - 12pm	North Clondalkin Library	Free, booking essential
MONDAY 16/10/23	Land of Milk and Honey: C. Pam Zhang in conversation with Sinéad Cuddihy.	7pm - 8pm	Ballyroan Library	Free, booking essential
MONDAY 16/10/23	Writing and Re-Writing the Short Story with Brian Kirk	6pm - 8pm	Tallaght Library	Free, booking essential
MONDAY 16/10/23	Revolutionary Rathfarnham Walk with Liz Gillis	11am - 12.30pm	See website for Meeting Point details	Free, booking essential
TUESDAY 17/10/23	Murder most Horrid: Crime Fiction for Teenagers with Sam Blake and Tríona Campbell (Schools Event)	11am - 12pm	Tallaght Library	Free, booking essential
TUESDAY 17/10/23	Daring Debuts	7pm - 8pm	Ballyroan Library	Free, booking essential
TUESDAY 17/10/23	Writing Poetry	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Clondalkin Library	Free, booking essential
TUESDAY 17/10/23	REIC Filíocht, Ceol, Scéalta	7pm - 8.30pm	North Clondalkin Library	Free, booking essential
WEDNESDAY 18/10/23	Poetry Night & Poetry Awards	6pm - 8pm	Clondalkin Library	Free, booking essential
WEDNESDAY 18/10/23	Jen's Journey, Jennifer Carroll in conversation with Fiona Brennan	7pm - 8pm	Castletymon Library	Free, booking essential
WEDNESDAY 18/10/23	Age is Just a Number: A Guide to Growing Old gracefully with Francis Brennan and Marty Morrissey	7pm - 8pm	Rua Red	€12 / €10
WEDNESDAY 18/10/23	John Banville in conversation with Dermot Bolger	8pm - 9pm	Rathfarnham Castle	€18 / €14
THURSDAY 19/10/23	Black and Irish Podcast Live Recording with guest Felispeaks (Schools event)	11am - 12.30pm	The Civic Studio Theatre	Free, booking essential
THURSDAY 19/10/23	Prison Notebooks	2pm - 3pm	Pearse Museum, St. Endas	Free, booking essential
THURSDAY 19/10/23	Beginning to Write with Claire Hennessy	6pm - 8pm	Castletymon Library	Free, booking essential
THURSDAY 19/10/23	The Hole in the Ground. Movie and interview with screenwriter Stephen Shields.	6pm - 8pm	North Clondalkin Library	Free, booking essential
THURSDAY 19/10/23	Bookstagram Lucan	7pm - 8pm	Lucan Library	Free, booking essential
THURSDAY 19/10/23	Twiggy Women and Other Stories of the Supernatural with Oein DeBhairduain	7pm - 8pm	Clondalkin Round Tower Centre	€12 / €10
THURSDAY 19/10/23	Revolutionary Clondalkin Walk with Liz Gillis	11am - 12.30pm	Meeting Point: Clondalkin Library	Free, booking essential
THURSDAY 19/10/23	The Queenship Cypher	8pm - 10pm	The Civic Main Space	€5
THURSDAY 19/10/23	Brendan Behan. A tribute on the 100th year of this enigmatic and beloved Dublin writer.	7.30pm - 9pm	The Coach House, Palmerstown	Free, booking essential



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DAY	TITLE	TIME	VENUE	TICKETS
FRIDAY 20/10/23	Aisling Ever After	7pm - 9pm	The Civic Main Space	€12 / €10
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Voices of South Dublin	11am - 12.30pm	The Civic Main Space	€10 / €8
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: Festival in a Van	11am - 3.30pm	Tallaght Library	Free, No Booking Required.
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: Raised by the Zoo with Gerry Creighton	11am - 12pm	Tallaght Library	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: Mary Poppins Kite Workshops	12.30, 2.00, 3.30pm	Tallaght Library	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: Face Painting, Balloon Modelling & Stilt Walker	12.00-3.00pm	Tallaght Library	Free. No booking required
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: Rubble Bots Family Workshop	2pm - 4pm	Tallaght Library	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: Mucky Picnic	11am - 1pm	Tallaght Library	Free, No booking required
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: Dinosaur Fun	2pm - 2.30; 3.30pm - 4pm	Tallaght Library	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Family Fun Day: NOISE Music Workshop	11am - 1pm; 2pm - 4pm	Rua Red	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Billy Bubbles Magic & Punch and Judy Show	1pm - 1.50pm	The Civic Studio Theatre	€15 family (2+2) / €8 adult / €5 child
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers	11am - 12pm; 2.30pm - 3.30pm	North Clondalkin Library	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Writing Flash Fiction with Claire Hennessy	12pm - 2pm	Ballyroan Library	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Crime Writing Masterclass with Catherine Ryan Howard	2pm - 3.30pm	Lucan Library	Free, booking essential
SATURDAY 21/10/23	A Ramble around Tallaght with Albert Perris: Walk and Talk	2pm - 4pm	Walk Meeting Point: The Civic Talk: The Civic Studio Theatre	€12 / €10
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Foraging Along the Dodder with Feebee Foran	12pm - 2pm	See website for Meeting Point details	€20
SATURDAY 21/10/23	Imagining Murder	5pm - 6pm	The Civic Main Space	€12 / €10
SATURDAY 21/10/23	True Crime: Murder in Ireland	8pm - 9pm	The Civic Main Space	€18 / €14
SUNDAY 22/10/23	Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers	11am - 12pm; 2.30pm - 3.30pm	The Civic Main Space	€20 Family ( 2+2) / €8 adult / €5 child
SUNDAY 22/10/23	Decade of Centenaries Seminar	8pm	Tallaght Stadium	Free, booking essential
SUNDAY 22/10/23	Wild Waters : The Liffey with Richard Nairn	2pm - 4pm	See website for Meeting Point details	€5
SUNDAY 22/10/23	The Art of Collaboration Presents: Tulca 'Just Be'	7pm - 8pm	The Civic Main Space	€18 / €14

## HOW TO BOOK:

Online for all events: [redlinefestival.ie](http://redlinefestival.ie)

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## CONCESSIONS:

Over 55s, Students, Carers, Library Members.



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## VENUES:

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Clondalkin Library: Monastery Road, Clondalkin, D22 XPO3.  
T: 04 459 3315 E: [clondalkin@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:clondalkin@sdublincoco.ie) Luas: red Cow Stop Bus: 13, 68/A, 69.

Lucan Library: Lucan Shopping Centre, Newcastle Road, Lucan, Dublin, K78 V295.  
T: 01 621 6422 E: [lucan@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:lucan@sdublincoco.ie) Bus: 25A.

North Clondalkin Library: 1 Liscarne Close, Rowlagh, D22 E2Y2. T:  
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LUAS: Red Line to Tallaght. Bus: 75, 175, 76, 76A, 77A, 27, 49, 54A, 65.

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T: 01 462 7477. LUAS: Red Line to Tallaght. Bus: 75, 175, 76, 76A, 77A, 27, 49, 54A, 65.

Rua Red: South Dublin Arts Centre, Tallaght D24KV8N.  
T: 01 451 5860. LUAS: Red Line to Tallaght. Bus: 75, 175, 76, 76A, 77A, 27, 49, 54A, 65.

Tallaght Stadium: Whitestown Way, Tallaght, D24FNK6.  
T: 01 420 3033. LUAS: Red Line to Tallaght. Bus: 75, 175, 76, 76A, 77A, 27, 49, 54A, 65.

Pearse Museum: St.Enda's Park, Grange Road, Rathfarnham, D16 Y7Y5.  
T: 01 493 4208. Bus:16, 17, 75.

Rathfarnham Castle: Rathfarnham Road, D14 K3T6.  
T: 01 493 9462. Bus:16, 15B, 75.

The Round Tower Clondalkin: Tower Road, Clondalkin, D22 DV56.  
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