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**CULTURE
NIGHT**

Friday 22nd September 2023

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The Write Time

A Celebration of Creativity & Writing in Fingal



Welcome to The Write Time Festival 2023

The Write Time Festival 2023 is packed with a range of events to inspire you to write, meet published, working authors, discover the craft of writing short stories and explore your options for getting published. We have a fantastic, diverse group of facilitators with most of the events taking place in your local library and some online via zoom. Workshops range from using art as inspiration, to beginning your novel, crafting memoir, submitting your writing to magazines and publications, and taking your idea from the abstract to a crafted piece of writing. In our 'Words with Writers' series, we have six amazing writers who will be sharing their creative writing process, their journey to publication, and the many challenges and supports they encountered along the way. We encourage you to sign up, come along and be inspired by people you meet, and the stories you hear at the many free events spread throughout the month of September.



Anne McDonald
Festival Curator

About Anne McDonald

Anne is an award-winning writer, spoken word poet and creative writing teacher who has had poetry, short stories and non-fiction published. She is a regular reader on open mic nights and worked as a librettist for the Performance Arts Labs summer school. She works as a facilitator with the Irish Writers Centre, libraries, arts festivals, and not-for profit organisations. Her first collection of poetry, *Crows' Books*, was published in March 2021.

The Write Time Events at a Glance

Event	Location	Start Time
Saturday, 2nd September		
Ekphrastic Poetry: Art as inspiration with Damien Donnelly	Donabate Library	10:00am
Tuesday, 5th September		
Starting Your Novel (Finally!): A 4 week workshop for beginners with Derek Flynn See further workshops & dates on page 5	Online	7:00pm
Thursday, 7th September		
Words with Writers: 1st talk in the author series with Kevin McCarthy	Balbriggan Library	6:30pm
Friday, 8th September		
Creatively Aging & Writing Wisdom: A 4 week workshop with Felicia McCarthy See further workshops & dates on page 9	Baldoyle Library	11:00am
Wednesday, 13th September		
<i>I'll be Good</i> : discussing her memoir of a Dublin childhood with Peig McManus	Donabate Library	6:45pm
Thursday, 14th September		
September Short Stories: A 3 week writing workshop with Fiona O'Rourke See further workshops & dates on page 6	Blanchardstown Library	11:00am
Saturday, 16th September		
Words with Writers: 2nd talk in the author series with Pam Lecky	Rush Library	10:00am
<i>I'll be Good</i> : discussing her memoir of a Dublin childhood with Peig McManus	Blanchardstown Library	2:00pm
Wednesday, 20th September		
Words with Writers: 3rd talk in the author series with Kevin Curran	Malahide Library	6:30pm
Culture Night, Friday 22nd September		
View the archival collections of Fingal	Fingal Local Studies & Archives	6:00pm
Prosper Fingal Art exhibiton, Silver Tree Story Telling with Clíodhna Noonan & a talk by Balbriggan Heritage Group	Malahide Library	5:45pm
Summer Stars Award Ceremony with Alan Nolan, Dublin Gospel Choir & Blanchardstown Brass Band	Blanchardstown Library	5:45pm

Event	Location	Start Time
Saturday, 23rd September		
In the Company of Words with Jane Buckley, Paddy Osborne & Yvonne Reddin	Balbriggan Library	10:00am
<i>I'll be Good</i> : discussing her memoir of a Dublin childhood with Peig McManus	Balbriggan Library	2:30pm
Wednesday, 27th September		
Words with Writers: 4th talk in the author series with Karl MacDermott	Howth Library	6:30pm
Thursday, 28th September		
Words with Writers: 5th talk in the author series with Maria Hoey	Swords Library	6:45pm
Friday, 29th September		
Write, Submit, Repeat: submitting your work to literary journals & competitions with Joanne McCarthy & Derek Flynn	Online	10:00am
Saturday, 30th September		
Words with Writers: 6th talk in the author series with Sam Blake	Malahide Library	2:00pm



Ekphrastic Poetry: Art as inspiration

with Damien Donnelly

Love art? Love poetry? Join Fingal poet, podcaster, curator and editor Damien Donnelly to explore how you can find inspiration from the visual world. Create ekphrastic poems crafted from your own unique response to what you see and enjoy blending what you see with what you are inspired to write.

Donabate Library

Saturday, 2nd September

10:00am – 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Starting Your Novel (Finally!):

A 4 week online writing workshop for beginners

with Derek Flynn

Always wanted to write a novel? Don't know where to start? Join writer, playwright, actor and creative writing teacher, Derek Flynn, to plot, plan, get over procrastinating and finally write the novel you've always wanted.

Online event	Tuesday, 5th September	7:00pm – 9:00pm
	Tuesday, 12th September	7:00pm – 9:00pm
	Tuesday, 19th September	7:00pm – 9:00pm
	Tuesday, 26th September	7:00pm – 9:00pm

Booking essential via Eventbrite or scan QR code:

Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/starting-your-novel-online-writing-workshop-for-beginners-with-derek-flynn-tickets-689448146967>



Words with Writers:

1st talk in the author series with Kevin McCarthy

Join author Kevin McCarthy to hear about his life, his creative journey and what inspires his writing. Kevin has written several historical novels: the highly acclaimed novel, *Peeler, Irregulars* which was shortlisted for the Ireland AM Crime Fiction Book of the Year 2013, *Wolves of Eden* and *The Wintering Place*.

Balbriggan Library

Thursday, 7th September

6:30pm – 7:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

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September Short Stories:

A 3 week writing workshop with Fiona O'Rourke

Want to explore the short story form? Join Fiona O'Rourke to get reading, get talking, get writing! The workshops will include guided writing exercises inspired by the featured story to help writers generate new prose in the short form.

Blanchardstown Library	Thursday, 14th September	11:00am – 1:00pm
	Thursday, 21st September	
	Thursday, 28th September	

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Words with Writers:

2nd talk in the author series with Pam Lecky

Discover more about Pam Lecky's historical novels, *Her Secret War*, *Her Last Betrayal* and *The Last Letter from London* and the very popular *Lucy Lawrence Mysteries*. Join Pam to hear about her life, her creative journey and what inspires her writing.

Rush Library	Saturday, 16th September	10:00am – 11:00am
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Words with Writers:

3rd talk in the author series with Kevin Curran

Join Fingal writer Kevin Curran to hear about his life, his creative journey and what inspires his writing. Kevin's new book *YOUTH* was released in June. *YOUTH* is set in Balbriggan and centers around four teenagers. He has published two novels to date *Beatsploitation* (2013) and *Citizens* (2016) all to critical acclaim and national attention.

Malahide Library	Wednesday, 20th September	6:30pm - 7.30pm
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To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



In the Company of Words

with Jane Buckley, Paddy Osborne & Yvonne Reddin

This workshop is perfect for anyone who wants to learn from the trials, tribulations, and successes that self-publishing offers. Jane, Paddy and Yvonne will deliver witty tales about their writing experiences from riding the emotional rollercoaster of getting a book to completion, plus wacky and out-of-the-box ways they have promoted their highly successful books.

Balbriggan Library

Saturday, 23rd September

10:00am – 12:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Words with Writers:

4th talk in the author series with Karl MacDermott

Former stand-up comedian Karl MacDermott is the author of the critically acclaimed short comic fiction collection *Juggling With Turnips*. His new novel, *58% Cabbage* published by The Black Spring Press Group is about a sit-down nobody who tries stand-up comedy. Join Karl to hear about his life, his creative journey and what inspires his comic writing.

Howth Library

Wednesday, 27th September

6:30pm – 7:30pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.



Words with Writers: 5th talk in the author series with Maria Hoey

Maria Hoey is from Swords, Co Dublin. She is the author of *The Last Lost Girl*, published by Poolbeg and shortlisted for the Kate O'Brien Debut Award. Her second novel is *On Bone Bridge*, and her third novel, *When They were Bad*, was published in 2022. Join Maria to hear about her life, her creative journey and what inspires her writing.

Swords Library

Thursday, 28th September

6:45pm – 7:45pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

Write, Submit, Repeat: submitting your work to literary journals & competitions with Joanne McCarthy & Derek Flynn

Bilingual poet Joanne McCarthy and writer and actor, Derek Flynn are co-editors of the literary journal *The Waxed Lemon*. This interactive highly informative workshop will take you through the do's, don'ts, and what it takes to make your writing stand out in the world of literary publishing and competitions.

Online event

Friday, 29th September

10:00am – 12:00pm

Booking essential via Eventbrite or scan QR code:

Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/submitting-your-work-with-joanne-mccarthy-derek-flynn-tickets-689451968397>



Words with Writers: 6th talk in the author series with Sam Blake

Sam Blake is a multiple number one bestselling crime writer, who has been shortlisted for Irish Crime Novel of the Year three times. As The Write Time Festival comes to an end, join Sam as she unravels the mystery of crime writing and discusses her bestselling crime novels.

Malahide Library

Saturday, 30th September

2:00pm – 3:00pm

To reserve a place, please contact the library hosting the event.

About the Writers

Sam Blake

Sam Blake is a multiple number one bestselling crime writer, who has been shortlisted for Irish Crime Novel of the Year three times. Sam is the founder of Ireland's International Crime Writing Festival, Murder One, and is the co-ordinator for National Crime Reading Month in the UK and Ireland (June 2023). She is a board member of the Society of Authors and the Crime Writers Association.



Jane Buckley

Indie-Reader award winning author Jane Buckley was born in Derry, Northern Ireland and is the author of The Stones Corner Tetralogy: *Turmoil* (2021), *Darkness* (2022) and *Light* (2022). The final book in the tetralogy, *Hope* will be available in December 2023.



Kevin Curran

Kevin Curran's novel *Youth* was published in June 2023 by Lilliput Press. He has published two novels previously, *Beatsploitation* (2013) and *Citizens* (2016). His short stories have appeared in literary journals such as *The Stinging Fly* and he has also written non-fiction for the *Guardian* and *The Observer*.



Damien B. Donnelly

Damien B. Donnelly is the author of two pamphlets, a micro-collection and full collection, *Enough!*, published by Hedgehog. He is the host and producer of *Eat the Storms*, a poetry podcast and editor-in-chief of *The Storms* journal. His second collection arrives in 2024 with Turas Press.



Derek Flynn

Derek Flynn is an Irish author, playwright, and actor with a Masters in Creative Writing from Trinity College. He has published several novels and his award-nominated plays have been performed in various venues. Derek is the co-founder and co-editor of the literary magazine *The Waxed Lemon*, and he writes a column for Writing.ie and contributes non-fiction articles to the *Irish Times*.



About the Writers

Maria Hoey

Maria Hoey is from Swords, Co Dublin. She is the author of *The Last Lost Girl*, published by Poolbeg and shortlisted for the Kate O'Brien Debut Award. Her second novel is *On Bone Bridge*, and her third novel, *When They were Bad*, was published in 2022.



Pam Lecky

Pam writes historical crime for Avon Books UK. She is a member of the Historical Novel Society, The Crime Writers' Association, and the Society of Authors. Pam has two popular series: *The Sarah Gillespie WW2* series and *The Lucy Lawrence Mysteries*. Her debut novel was shortlisted for the Carousel Aware Prize 2016.



Felicia McCarthy

Felicia McCarthy is a poet and creative facilitator in Fingal. Her work can be found in print and online. Salmon Poetry published her first collection *My Country is the Whole World* in August 2022. Felicia received an Agility Grant award from the Arts Council in 2023.



Joanne McCarthy

Joanne McCarthy's poetry has been published widely in journals and anthologies. She is co-editor of the literary journal *The Waxed Lemon* and she is currently reading poetry at the Seamus Heaney Centre, Queen's University Belfast. Joanne writes both in English and as Gaeilge.



Kevin McCarthy

Kevin McCarthy is the author of four novels. His highly acclaimed historical crime novel, *Peeler* (2010), was published by Mercier Press. Kevin's second novel, *Irregulars* (2013) was shortlisted for the Ireland AM Crime Fiction Book of the Year 2013. *Wolves of Eden* (2018), was selected by Amazon as one of its 20 Best Books 2018. His latest novel is *The Wintering Place* (2023).



About the Writers

Karl MacDermott

Karl MacDermott is an Irish humour practitioner. A former comedian, he has written comedy series for radio and television in both Ireland and the UK and is the author of three books of humour fiction. He has also written many humour articles for the *Irish Times*.



Peig McManus

Peig grew up in one of the last of Dublin's tenements, under the shadow of the World War II. She has trained as a therapist and worked in radio and television for many years. Peig is a long-standing Fingal OPC Committee member and has recently published her memoir *I'll be Good*.



Fiona O'Rourke

Fiona is an author and facilitator whose short stories have been broadcast for radio and published and translated in journals and anthologies. She was a winner in the Irish Writers Centre Novel Fair and runs a writing collective, eXpress Writing Community. She facilitates writing courses and mentorships with the Irish Writers Centre, libraries, and festivals.



Paddy Osborne

Paddy is Dublin born author, playwright, screenwriter & horticulturist. His novels include *Baxter's Boys* (2020) which was likened to Roddy Doyle's Barrytown trilogy by the *Irish Independent*. He also wrote *When Your Number's Up* (2023). Paddy was selected by the Irish Writers' Centre in 2022 for their Mentorship programme.



Yvonne Reddin

Yvonne is a professional journalist, writer, blogger and interviewer. Her love of writing and books led her to create a video interview platform called The Writer's Mindset where she has interviewed many authors about their writing process. Yvonne has published many articles for the *Irish Independent*, *Ireland's Own* and *Image* magazine.





CULTURE NIGHT / OÍCHE CHULTÚIR AT FINGAL LIBRARIES FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

Culture Night celebrates culture and creativity in Ireland by connecting people to cultural activities locally and nationally. Audiences of all ages can enjoy a variety of cultural events including story-telling, music, dance and a tour of Fingal Local Studies and Archives.

Fingal Local Studies & Archives

6:00pm – 8:00pm

46 North Street, Swords, County Dublin

To celebrate Culture Night 2023, Fingal Local Studies and Archives will open their doors to the public. Visitors will be able to view many of the hidden gems which nestle within their collections. Hand-written minute books of Dublin County Council from 1898 along with those of the Rural District Councils, Howth Urban District Council and the Balbriggan Town Commissioners will be on display. Letters written by those involved in the fight for Ireland's Independence can be read along with harrowing letters from the trenches of WW1. Survey maps of lands owned by the Hamiltons of Abbotstown and the Earl of Howth will be on view as well as a number of historic maps and a comprehensive local history collection. This is a rare opportunity for the public to go behind the scenes of Fingal Local Studies and Archives. Staff will be onsite to answer questions and guide visitors through the night.





Malahide Library

Main Street, Malahide, County Dublin

Exhibition of art from Prosper Fingal

On view all day

Come along to see this fabulous display of art which was created in conjunction with Prosper and artist John Carpenter. Suitable for all ages.

Silver Tree Story Telling with Cliodhna Noonan

5:45pm – 7:30pm

Come along to the library and sit under the beautiful twinkly Silver Tree for bedtime stories. Bring along your favourite teddy and get extra snuggly!

There will be two Storytime sessions: the first from **5:45pm to 6:30pm** for 0 to 3 years and the second from **6:45pm to 7:30pm** for 3 to 6 years.



Stockings for the Queen:

a talk by Balbriggan Heritage Group

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Balbriggan, a small coastal town in North Fingal, was once a place with royal connections. From here, the word of fine Balbriggans (synonymous with underwear and hosiery of especially fine knitted fabric) spread around the world. Several renowned hosiery factories were established here, including the well-known Smyth & Co., whose high quality hosiery won clients from the ranks of European aristocracy including the Empress of Austria, the Tsarina of Russia and the Princess of Denmark. Its most famous customer was Queen Victoria of England who first commissioned stockings in 1837, the year of her coronation. Join us for a fascinating talk and showcase of original artefacts of this once acclaimed local craft. Suitable for Adults.



Blanchardstown Library

The Civic Centre, Blanchardstown Centre, Dublin 15

Summer Stars Awards Ceremony with Special Guest Alan Nolan

5:45pm – 6:45pm

Come and join author and illustrator Alan Nolan for a fun session to celebrate all of the amazing little readers in Dublin 15! Alan is an illustrator, author and graphic designer. He is the author and illustrator of *Fintan's Fifteen*, *Conor's Caveman* and the *Sam Hannigan* series for the O'Brien Press, amongst many others. Suitable for ages 6-12.

Dublin Gospel Choir Culture Night Celebration

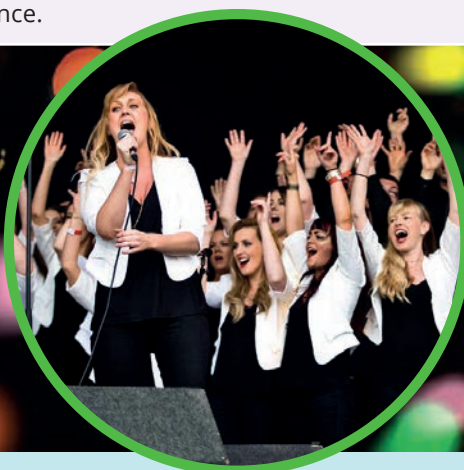
7:00pm -8:00pm

Join the amazing Dublin Gospel Choir for a special Culture Night Performance! A household name in Ireland, they are one of the most-often featured music acts on national television and radio, and aside from their success as a touring & recording artists, they also support a huge amount of charity work, performing at countless fundraising concerts annually. They spread joy! Fun for all of the family.

Blanchardstown Brass Band Family Friendly Performance

8:15pm – 9:00pm

One of the oldest bands in Ireland, the Blanchardstown Brass Band is committed to fostering an interest in brass music in the youth of the community. Come along and dance the night away! We look forward to another stirring performance.



Cá bhfuil mo leabharlann is cóngaraí? Where is my nearest library?

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Fingal Libraries are on Social Media

