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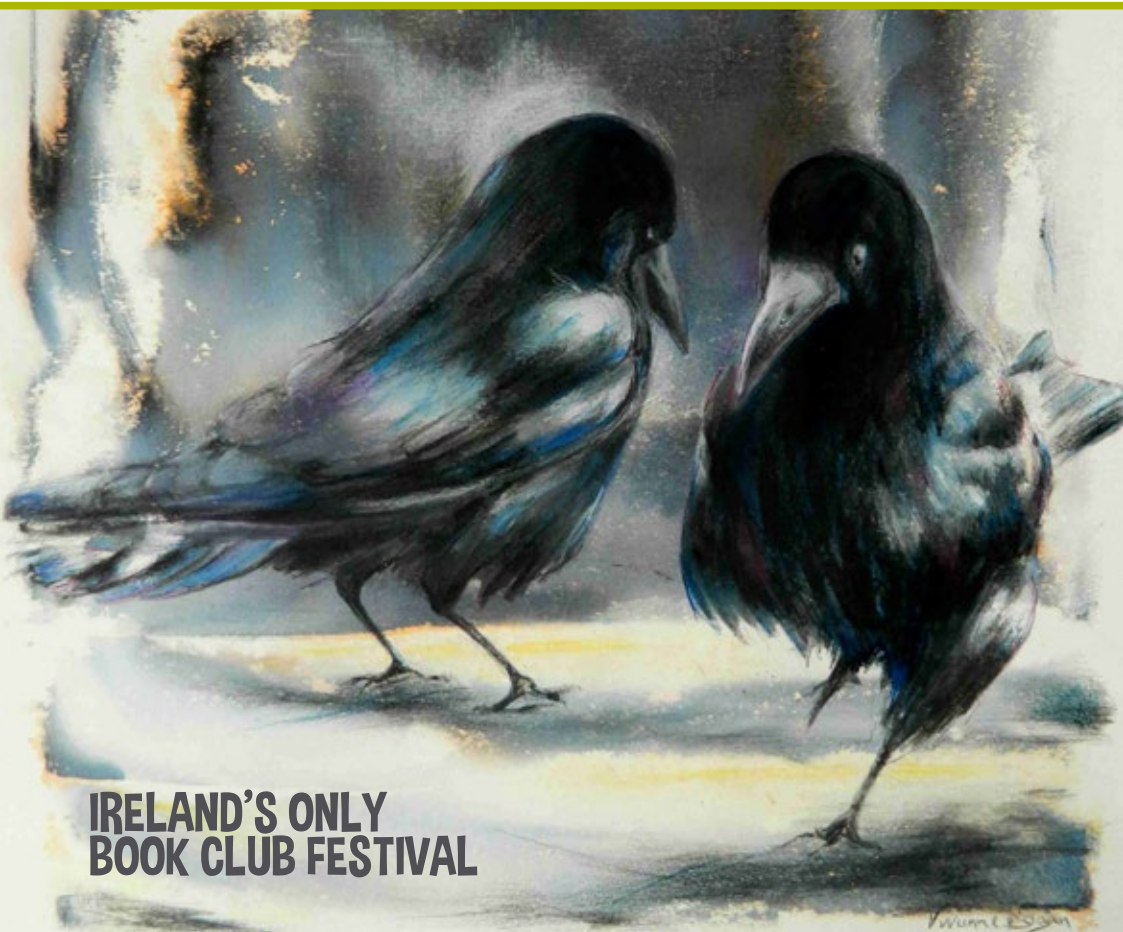
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March 2019 FESTIVAL



IRELAND'S ONLY
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Artistic Director - Paul Perry

Welcome to the 2019 EBCF programme. We are very excited to welcome book lovers to the festival from far and wide.

This year we are delighted to host world-renowned author Elif Shafak to Ennis. We're not forgetting our festival favourites either; the Irish Times Book Club returns, as does the ever-popular Rick O'Shea Book Club. 10 Books You Should Read is back with a twist, and we're delighted to host Sunday Miscellany. American novelist Michelle Richmond joins us, and many, many others. We missed your company last year due to the snow.

This year, we can't promise the sun, but we can promise you good company, and a wonderful warm atmosphere to share your interest in books and reading.

There'll be all sorts of extra opportunities to meet and chat with other readers. Be sure to say hello to one of our volunteers, our committee members, authors, and to me. We want you to have a wonderful time in Ennis.



Chairperson - Cora Gunter

Fáilte go hInis!

I'm especially delighted to be welcoming you all back to Ennis this year given that we had to cancel the 2018 Festival. I'm so thankful to all our friends, supporters, grant providers and local businesses who stood by us in the last twelve months so making it possible for us to regroup, rebuild and come back with this programme.

I'm delighted to say that 2019 comes with a host of new relationships and ideas, which we look forward to building on over the years ahead. We have new events, new venues and of course an amazing range of authors to inspire our reading.

We are as always grateful to the Arts Council, Clare County Council especially the County Library service. We wish all our readers and book club members – be you regular Festival goers or first time visitors – a weekend of inspiration, discovery and good fun at EBCF 2019.

James Joyce, Ennis, and Outside the Pale

A Talk by David Butler

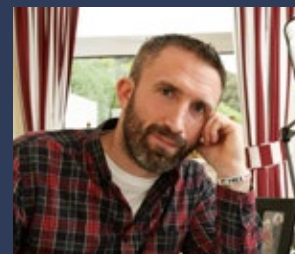
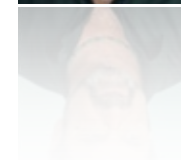
Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 2pm

Venue: Cruises, Queens Hotel **Price:** Free

James Joyce is famously known as the author whose work; three novels, his play, Exiles, and all fifteen of the short stories are set in the Dublin of his youth.

What is less well known is that much of Joyce's imaginative world takes place outside the city that 'wore the mask of a capital'. Whether the Galway of Nora Barnacle alluded to in *The Dead*; the Cork to which Simon Dedalus brings young Stephen in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*; the Mullingar where Millie Bloom is sojourning on June 16th, 1904 or the Queen's Hotel, Ennis where Leopold Bloom's father tragically took his life, an entire imaginative hinterland is conjured beyond the bounds of the Dear Dirty Dublin he immortalised.

This talk will be an exploration of that imaginative hinterland.



Demons - The Black and Tans in Memory and History

Date: Fri 01 March

Time: 2pm

Venue: Temple Gate Hotel

Price: Free

An exploration by **Tomás Mac Conmara** of the Black and Tans and the Irish War of Independence in social memory using oral recordings documented across Clare with the county's oldest citizens.

Crafty Readers Activity

Date: Fri 01 March
Time: 2pm
Venue: Clare Museum
Price: €8

Fancy making your own book mark?
 Perhaps with matching earrings?

This craft workshop, hosted by **Burren Beads**, is a chance to relax, meet other festival-goers and have the pleasure of making something to bring home.

No experience needed and all equipment is provided.

Spaces are limited.



Thomas Lynch: The Long Subtraction

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 4pm
Venue: St. Columba's Church **Price:** €8



What Michael Hartnett called "the long subtraction" began for **Thomas Lynch** on Christmas Eve 2012 with news of the death of Dennis O'Driscoll. This sadness was followed by the death in September of 2013 of Seamus Heaney, then Phillip Casey in February of 2018, Macdara Woods in June and Matthew Sweeney in August the same year.

These men of Lynch's generation had been fixtures in his catalogue of poets, friends, correspondents and heroes and had kept his access to Irish poetry incarnate and alive. Their work in words, their powerful memories, attending their funerals were, of course, a sort of comfort. But their dead and goneness, their beyond our reachness, the hush where their mighty voices used to be remain real griefs. The power of their poems is undiminished and by keeping those poems in the discourse of poets and readers, we honour and celebrate their lives and their gifts of language.



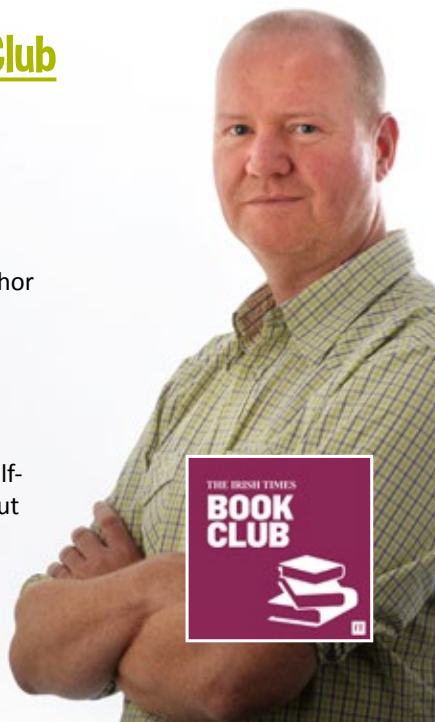
The Irish Times Book Club

with Kevin Breathnach

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 4pm
Venue: Temple Gate Hotel
Price: €8

Martin Doyle, Irish Times books editor, interviews author **Kevin Breathnach** on his debut novel, *Tunnel Vision*.

It is a documentary of the narrator's post-adolescent relationships; an account of his life abroad; an autobiography of a compulsive liar detailed in six piercingly intelligent critical essays on photographic self-portraiture and a personal diary. Whether writing about the sale of Susan Sontag's archive, or the reframing of André Kertész's wedding photograph, Breathnach's writing - brave, wild, and genre-bending - inaugurates a dazzling new voice in art and literature.



Festival Official Opening

and the opening of Elemental Fusion exhibition at the glór gallery

Date: Fri 01 March
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: glór
Price: Free

Join us for the Official Opening of EBCF 2019 and the opening of Elemental Fusion at the glór gallery.

See further detail under Exhibition
 Guided Tour on Saturday 02nd March
 in glór.

Notes to Self

Emilie Pine in conversation with Dr. Tina O'Toole

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 6pm

Venue: glór **Price:** €8/€6

Notes to Self is an Irish Book Award winner, and one of the most talked about books of the last year. Uncovering many taboos in Irish culture, the book has been described as 'honest, brave, searing' by The Sunday Times. **Emilie Pine** is Associate Professor in Modern Drama at University College Dublin, Ireland. She has published widely on Irish culture, including reviews for RTÉ's *Arena*, *Irish Theatre Magazine* and the *Irish Times*.

Please also see Pop-up Book Club on *Notes to Self* with lunch on Saturday 2nd March.



The Shoemaker and his Daughter

Conor & Zhanna O'Clery with Gavin Grace

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 8pm **Venue:** glór **Price:** €12/€10

Conor O'Clery and his wife **Zhanna** talk to Clare FM's Gavin Grace about Conor's new book *The Shoemaker and his Daughter*, which follows in the footsteps of Zhanna's remarkable family whose epic story spans eighty years of Soviet and Russian history, from Stalin to Putin, and provides an insight into life in a secretive world at seismic moments in time. '[A] superb, illuminating book... A memoir of great power and poignancy.' Peter Hitchens, Mail on Sunday.



This event is kindly supported by
The Rowan Tree Café

Festival Club

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 10pm **Venue:** glór **Price:** Free

Join us after a busy day for the Festival Club at glór. A chance to catch up on all the day's events and mingle with authors and readers alike!

Walking Tour

with Jane O'Brien

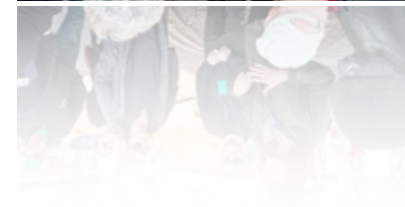
Date: Sat 02 March

Time: 9am

Venue: Meet @ glór

Price: €8

Join **Jane O'Brien** on her award-winning walking tour of Ennis. Praised by the *Lonely Planet* as the best way to appreciate the town!



Books & Buns

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 10am

Venue: Rowan Tree Café **Price:** €10/€8

Enjoy a Saturday morning book club gathering and test your knowledge of all things literary in our beloved Books & Buns session. Refreshments included, setting you up for a busy day!



Creating a Happy Closet

with Annmarie O'Connor

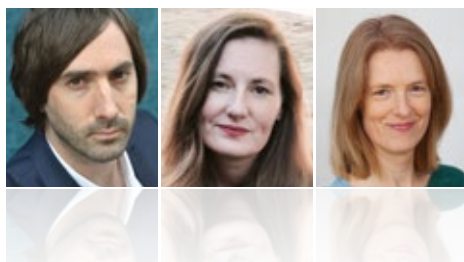
Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 10am
Venue: County Boutique **Price:** €10

Join **Annmarie O'Connor** to discuss decluttering tips that help take the stress out of getting dressed. Annmarie is a best-selling author, award-winning stylist, fashion writer and wardrobe wellness coach. A self-styled 'inexpert expert' on the subject of mindfulness, Annmarie's books, *The Happy Closet* and *The Happy Medium* explore how considered choices can increase our sense of satisfaction. What better venue to be in than the County Boutique for this stylish talk!

10 Books You Should Read

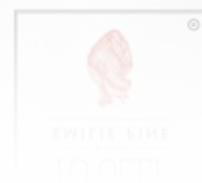
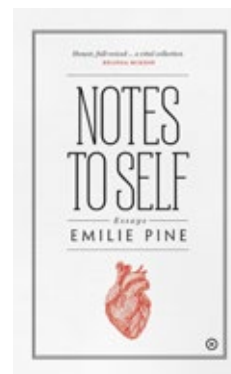
with Paul Lynch & Michelle Richmond
 hosted by Paula McGrath

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 11.30am
Venue: glór **Price:** €12/€10



Michelle Richmond is the bestselling author of *The Year of Fog*, *No One You Know*, *Dream of the Blue Room*, *Golden State*, and the award-winning *The Girl in the Fall-Away Dress*. A native of Alabama's Gulf Coast, she lives in Paris. Her latest novel *The Marriage Pact* is a New York Times Bestseller. **Paul Lynch** is the internationally-acclaimed, prize-winning author of *Grace*, *The Black Snow* and *Red Sky in Morning*. He won the French booksellers' prize Prix Libr'à Nous for Best Foreign Novel and was a finalist for the Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger (Best Foreign Book Prize). US author Ron Rash has called Paul, "one of his generation's very finest novelists". A firm festival favourite – 10 Books never disappoints. Novelist and yoga-guru **Paula McGrath** will chair our authors' passionate recommendations. Not to be missed.

This event is kindly supported by
Temple Gate Hotel



Pop-up Book Club with Lunch

Notes to Self

Date: Sat 02 March
Time: 11.30am
Venue: Temple Gate
Price: €10 (includes lunch)

This pop-up book club will discuss **Emilie Pine's** *Notes to Self* in small groups, and then be joined by Emilie to respond to the points that came up in the discussion. This is an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with fellow readers, engage with an author and also have a light lunch. As in all good book clubs, it helps to have read the book beforehand!

Please also see *Notes to Self* event on Friday 1st March.

Elemental Fusion

Guided Tour of the Exhibition

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 11.45am
Venue: glór Gallery **Price:** Free

Four Clare makers, Vivienne Bogan, Kathryna Cuschieri, Nicola Henley and Jane Seymour, have been brought together for an exhibition, *Elemental Fusion*, based on themes of gender, identity and place. **Vivienne Bogan** works mostly with mixed media on paper, found materials and experimental print techniques. Glass Artist, **Kathryna Cuschieri** captures the beauty of rivers and the fragile natural eco splendour that is slowly eroding in Clare. Textile Artist, **Nicola Henley's** work explores our native birds - their relationship to sky, sea and land, reminding us of our own connection with the natural environment. Ceramicist **Jane Seymour** completes the foursome, creating vessels made by smoke firing, and also working figuratively, etching into the unfired clay. Join them for guided tour of their exhibition as they discuss their work.



Clare Youth Theatre

Presents *Little Friend*

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 1pm **Venue:** Studio @ glór **Price:** Free

Clare Youth Theatre presents *Little Friend*, a dramatised performance inspired by the book by Mexican writer, Emilio Rojas, who is a contemporary successor in the literary tradition of Gibran, Saint-Exupery and Tagore. The book is an allegorical adventure of the human search for understanding. Members of Clare Youth Theatre chose the stories and created the work with directors **Clare Townsend** and **Eleanor Feely**.



Intergenerational Event

Getting To Know You!

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 2pm
Venue: Studio @ glór **Price:** Free

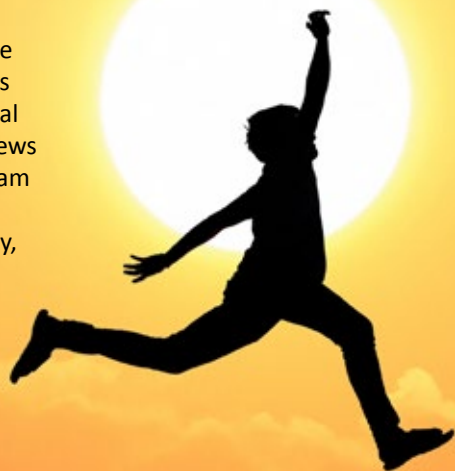
This event is an intergenerational performance by residents of St. Joseph's Hospital, Ennis and members of Clare Youth Theatre, featuring poetry, drama and readings. It is directed and supported by **Eleanor Feely** and **Clare Townsend**.

The Beyond Borders Book Club

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 2pm
Venue: Temple Gate Hotel **Price:** Free

The Beyond Borders Book Club took place once a month on Thursday evenings for four months during the winter of 2018/19. In this year's final session, Clare based poet Sarah Clancy interviews the four presenters Malgorzata Buchalik, William Wohlgemuth, Deirdre Yelverton, and Evgeny Shtorn who revisit books from Poland, Hungary, South Africa, and Russia that they generously shared with us.

This event is kindly supported by **Essilor**



Lies: Poetry & Music

with Doireann Ní Ghríofa,
Maya Homburger and Barry Guy

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 2pm
Venue: St. Columba's Church **Price:** €10

Join us for what promises to be a unique event with world renowned musicians **Barry Guy** and **Maya Homburger** who provide the music, while award winning bilingual Irish writer **Doireann Ní Ghríofa** provides the poetry.



New Voices

with Grace Wells,
Niall Allsop &
Margaret Hickey

Date: Sat 02 March
Time: 2pm
Venue: Clare Museum
Price: Free

Ennis Book Club Festival is delighted to support and introduce local writers through the **New Voices** event. This year the writers include **Niall Allsop**, **Grace Wells** and **Margaret Hickey**.



The Seven Sisters Poet's Corner

Date: Sat 02 March

Time: 3pm

Venue: Record Break Café

Price: Free

The 'Seven Sisters' is a group of female poets, gathered together, to address gender imbalance in the representation of Irish writers, enticed by the idea that a cogent response is imperative.

Women poets will orate for ten minutes each, sharing from their own work, as well as work from 18th to 21st Century Irish Females.

The Seven Sisters are **Deirdre Devally**, **Mary Ellen Fean**, **Karen J McDonnell**, **Ruth Marshall**, **Deborah Ryan**, **Clare Sawtell** and **Sinéad Nic Síoda**.



MIS le Biddy Jenkinson

Tá an ócáid seo trí Ghaeilge

This event is through Irish

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 4pm

Venue: glór, Studio **Price:** €10/€8

Athinsint ar rómáns meánaoiseach é *Mis* de chuid **Biddy Jenkinson**, tour-de-force amach is amach. Cruthóidh **Enda Reilly**, cumadóir agus giotáraí, cúlra ceoil don údar le haghaidh an léimh bheo seo agus cruthóidh **Margaret Lonergan** íomhánna scanrúla ar scáileán.

Mis by **Biddy Jenkinson** is a tour-de-force retelling of an Irish medieval romance. Biddy will read *Mis* to a live musical backdrop created by composer and guitarist **Enda Reilly** and screen projections by **Margaret Lonergan**.

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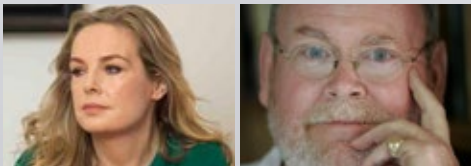
Rick O'Shea Book Club Special

with **Julia Kelly & Thomas Lynch**

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 4pm

Venue: glór **Price:** €12/€10

Join the host of Ireland's largest Book Club, **Rick O'Shea** as he meets novelist **Julia Kelly**; and poet, undertaker, and essayist, **Thomas Lynch**. Julia discusses her moving memoir *Matchstick Man*. Thomas talks about his latest book *Whence and Whither: On Lives and Living*.



Debut Authors Event

Anne Griffin, **Caoilinn Hughes**
with **Paul Lynch**

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 6pm

Venue: Temple Gate Hotel **Price:** €10/€8

Don't miss this trinity of sparkling debut novelists.

Come to hear readings and discussion from **Anne Griffin's** *When All Is Said* and **Caoilinn Hughes' Orchid & the Wasp with novelist **Paul Lynch**.**

This event is kindly supported by
Irish Writers Union

Elif Shafak

in conversation with
Seán Rocks

Date: Sat 02 March

Time: 8pm

Venue: glór

Price: €15/€13

Join us for a stimulating evening with the award-winning novelist, women's rights activist and inspirational public speaker, **Elif Shafak**.

Elif writes in both Turkish and English, and has published 16 books, 10 of which are novels, including the bestselling *The Bastard of Istanbul*, *The Forty Rules of Love* and her most recent, *Three Daughters of Eve*.

Her books have been published in 48 languages. Elif is also a TED Global speaker.

This event is kindly supported by
The Ennis Bookshop

Festival Club with Pat O'Connor

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 10.30pm **Venue:** Rowan Tree Café **Price:** Free

Join us for some traditional music at the Festival Club at the Rowan Tree Café with **Pat O'Connor**. Pat is a fiddle player from Feakle in East Clare and his music has the moderate pace and easy flow associated with the East Clare tradition. He is immersed in traditional music and performs at concerts and sessions in America and Japan as well as locally. He gives fiddle playing lessons and has compiled many albums the latest of which 'Conversation at the Crosses' is a collaboration with guitar and accordion player **Eoghan O'Sullivan**, who will join him on the night.

The Curious Incident of the Downward Facing Dog:

A yoga class for readers and writers

Date: Sun 03 March

Time: 9am

Venue: Ennis Yoga Studio

Price: €12

Novelist **Paula McGrath** first qualified as a yoga teacher in 1996 and went on to train in and teach Iyengar, Astanga and Shadow Yoga before turning to the sedentary life of writing. This class will guide readers and writers (and anyone who spends long hours at a desk) through some of her favourite slump-countering postures. Suitable for all levels of yoga experience.



Closing Chapters

with Ciana Campbell

Date: Sun 03 March

Time: 9.30am

Venue: Maguire Suite, Old Ground Hotel

Price: Free

Closing Chapters – reflections and readings to remember book club members who have died. All are welcome to join in an informal gathering on Sunday morning where we will take time to remember book club members who have died. It will be an opportunity to share stories, favourite readings and reflections on their contribution to our book club lives. Please do let us know if you would like a particular reading included. You can email info@ennisbookclubfestival.com with Closing Chapters in the subject line.

RTÉ Sunday Miscellany

Date: Sun 03 March
Time: 11.30am
Venue: glór
Price: €15/€13

Sunday Miscellany comes to EBCF 2019 and glór for a special recording of the iconic Sunday morning radio show. The programme's new radio essays and occasional poems, interspersed with complementary music, capture our times, passions and curiosities. With contributions from new and established writers alike, Sunday Miscellany has been a part of Sunday mornings since 1968. It is essential listening to many thousands across Ireland and more around the world. Expect magical readings, and music that will transport you.



Literary Lunch

with **Mary Kenny** in conversation with **Ciana Campbell**

Date: Sun 03 March
Time: 1.30pm
Venue: Old Ground Hotel
Price: €22 (includes lunch)

Join us for a unique lunch of stories, debate, and chat with **Mary Kenny**. Mary has been a journalist, writer and broadcaster for over four decades. She has written for over 30 newspapers and magazines in London and Dublin and has published many books, including *Goodbye to Catholic Ireland* and *Crown & Shamrock: Love and Hate between Ireland and the British Monarchy*. A 'selective memory' biography, *Something of Myself* was published in 2013, and most recently New Island published *Am I a Feminist?*

This event is kindly supported by
The Old Ground Hotel



Thrillers

Tanya Farrelly & Michelle Richmond
 hosted by **Nessa O'Mahony**

Date: Sun 03 March
Time: 3.30pm
Venue: Old Ground Hotel
Price: €10/€8

What makes a great psychological thriller? How does a writer make the hearts of their readers race? Poet and author of the historical thriller *The Branchman*, **Nessa O'Mahony** asks these questions and more of **Michelle Richmond**, New York Times bestselling author of *The Marriage Pact* and **Tanya Farrelly**, a Kate O'Brien Award winner and author of *The Girl Behind the Lens*.

EBCF 2019 At a Glance...

Friday, 01 March

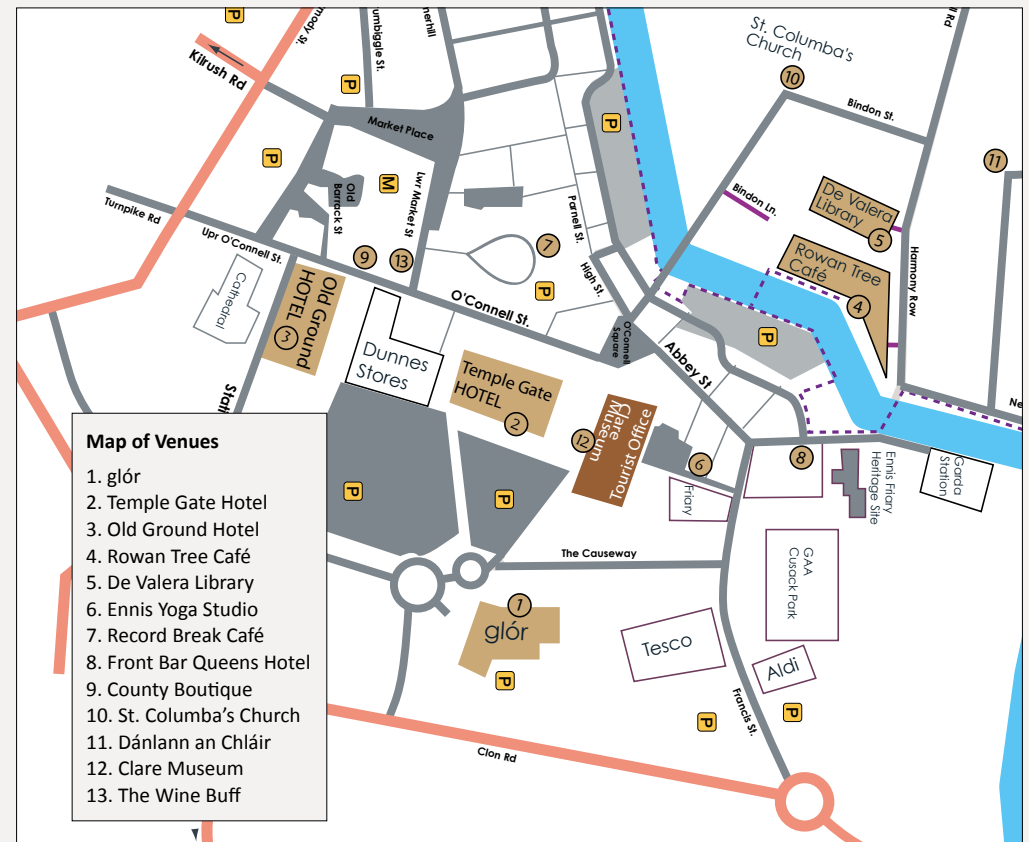
Time	Event	Venue	Price
2pm	David Butler on Joyce	Cruises, Queens Hotel	Free
2pm	Tomás Mac Conmara on <i>The Time of the Tans</i>	Temple Gate Hotel	Free
2pm	Crafty Readers Activity	Clare Museum	€8
4pm	Irish Times Book Club with Kevin Breathnach	Temple Gate Hotel	€8
4pm	Thomas Lynch : The Long Subtraction	St. Columba's Church	€8
5.30pm	Festival & <i>Elemental Fusion</i> Exhibition Opening	glór	Free
6pm	Emilie Pine author of <i>Notes to Self</i> with Tina O'Toole	glór	€8/€6
8pm	Conor & Zhanna O'Clery with Clare FM's Gavin Grace	glór	€12/€10
10pm	Festival Club	glór	Free

Saturday, 02 March

Time	Event	Venue	Price
9am	Walking Tour with Jane O'Brien	Meet @ glór	€8
10am	Books & Buns	Rowan Tree Café	€10/€8
10am	Creating a Happy Closet with Annmarie O'Connor	County Boutique	€10
11.30am	10 Books You Should Read with Paul Lynch & Michelle Richmond hosted by Paula McGrath	glór	€12/€10
11.30am	Pop-up Book Club with lunch	Temple Gate Hotel	€10
11.45am	Guided Tour of <i>Elemental Fusion</i> Exhibition	glór gallery	Free
1pm	Clare Youth Theatre presents <i>Little Friend</i>	glór, Studio	Free
2pm	Getting to know you! - Intergenerational event with Clare Youth Theatre	glór, Studio	Free
2pm	Beyond Borders Panel Discussion	Temple Gate Hotel	Free
2pm	<i>Lies</i> with Doireann Ní Ghríofa, Maya Homburger & Barry Guy	St. Columba's Church	€10
2pm	New Voices: Grace Wells, Niall Allsop & Margaret Hickey	Clare Museum	Free
3pm	The Seven Sisters Poet's Corner	Record Break Café	Free
4pm	Rick O'Shea Book Club Special with Julia Kelly & Thomas Lynch	glór	€12/€10
4pm	Mis le Biddy Jenkinson	glór, Studio	€10/€8
6pm	Debut Novelists Anne Griffin & Caoilinn Hughes with Paul Lynch	Temple Gate Hotel	€10/€8
8pm	Elif Shafak in conversation with Seán Rocks	glór	€15/€13
10.30pm	Festival Club with Pat O'Connor	Rowan Tree Café	Free

Sunday, 03 March

Time	Event	Venue	Price
9am	Literary Yoga with Paula McGrath	Ennis Yoga Studio	€12
9.30am	Closing Chapters with Ciana Campbell	Maguire Suite Old Ground Hotel	Free
11.30am	Sunday Miscellany	glór	€15/€13
1.30pm	Literary Lunch with Mary Kenny (includes lunch)	Old Ground Hotel	€22
3.30pm	Thrillers with Michelle Richmond & Tanya Farrelly hosted by Nessa O'Mahony	Old Ground Hotel	€10/€8



Booking Information

Full programme details available on ennisbookclubfestival.com
 Booking for all Festival events is through glór **Box Office** Tel: 065 6843103; glor.ie

EBCF 2019 CHILDREN'S & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAMME



Date & Time	Free Events	Venue
Tue 26 Feb @ 10am	Irish mythology influences on <i>The Call</i> with Peadar Ó Guilín	De Valera Library
Tue 26 Feb @ 2pm	Irish mythology influences on <i>The Call</i> with Peadar Ó Guilín	Kilrush Library
Thur 28 Feb @ 10am	Sheena Wilkinson & Nessa O'Mahony On Writing Historical Fiction	De Valera Library
Thur 28 Feb @ 2pm	Sheena Wilkinson & Nessa O'Mahony On Writing Historical Fiction	Kilrush Library
Fri 01 Mar @ 10.30am	Patricia Forde discussing <i>The Wordsmith</i>	De Valera Library
Fri 01 Mar @ 10am	Greetings, Heroes! A New Show by Dave Rudden & Graham Tugwell	glór
Fri 01 Mar @ 11.30am	Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin : A Poetry Reading	glór
Sat 02 Mar @ 10am	Family Storytime with Derek Mulveen	De Valera Library
Sat 02 Mar @ 11.30am	Inclusive Storytime with Derek Mulveen (Book with glór box office)	Clarecare Building

PLEASE CALL THE VENUES CONCERNED
TO BOOK YOUR CLASS GROUP



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Teen Week

In association with Clare County Library Services

We're delighted to be teaming up again with Clare County Library to offer readings and workshops with award-winning poets and young adult authors. Events will take place in glór, De Valera Public Library, Ennis and Kilrush Library.



Peadar Ó Guilín

Irish mythology and *The Call*

Venue: De Valera Library **Date:** Tue 26 February @ 10am **Free**
Venue: Kilrush Library **Date:** Tue 26 February @ 2pm **Free**

Peadar's talk is about the wonders of Irish mythology and how it has influenced his latest work, *The Call*. He tells a few stories along the way and throws in a few of the more interesting words in the Irish language. This event is a short, fun workshop on how to create stories. *The Call* has won several awards including the CBI Children's Choice Award and the European Science Fiction Society Achievement Award for Best Work of Fiction. Suitable for all YA, join Peadar in De Valera Public Library or Kilrush Public Library.



Sheena Wilkinson & Nessa O'Mahony

On writing historical fiction

Venue: De Valera Library **Date:** Thur 28 February @ 10am **Free**
Venue: Kilrush Library **Date:** Thur 28 February @ 2pm **Free**

Join authors **Sheena Wilkinson & Nessa O'Mahony** as they discuss family histories, love of history and writing historical fiction. Sheena will discuss her writing *Name Upon Name* and *Star By Star*, which together look at the events of World War One, The Easter Rising, the Spanish Flu and women's fight for the vote. Nessa O'Mahony recounts the story of her grandfather's experiences in the three major conflicts of the 20th century: the First World War, the War of Independence and the Civil War in her new novel, *The Branchman*. Students, Transition Years in particular, are encouraged to find out about their own family histories in advance of the workshop.



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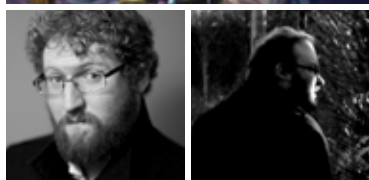
Greetings, Heroes!

A New Show by Dave Rudden & Graham Tugwell

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 10am

Venue: glór **Price:** Free

Ever wanted to be a wizard? Considered yourself a conjurer? Pictured yourself as a paladin? Join award-winning authors **Graham Tugwell** (*Everything is Always Wrong, Down Below the Reservoir*) & **Dave Rudden** (*Knights of the Borrowed Dark, Doctor Who: Twelve Angels Weeping*) in a unique interactive theatre experience where the audience becomes the hero. Make decisions. Defeat puzzles and monsters. Create your own adventure and win glory... or face a terrible fate. **No two shows are the same. You make the choices. You write the story.** Suitable for 3rd to 6th classes.



Children's Book Club

with Patricia Forde

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 10.30am

Venue: De Valera Library

Price: Free

Join us for the festival's third Children's Book Club where Patricia Forde will talk with and take questions from our younger readers about their experience on her novel *The Wordsmith*. Ideal for 10-12 year olds.



Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin: a Poetry Reading

Date: Fri 01 March **Time:** 11.30am **Venue:** glór **Price:** Free

The Ireland Professor of Poetry Eiléan Ní Chuilleanáin will read from her acclaimed work. She is author of many collections including *The Girl Who Married a Reindeer* (2001) and *The Sun-fish* (2010). Suitable for all YAs but especially for Leaving Certificate students.



Family Story Time

Oisín the Brave - Robot Island

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 10am **Venue:** De Valera Library **Price:** Free

Join bi-lingual author and illustrator **Derek Mulveen** on a journey to Robot Island and travel across many seas, meeting strange creatures and help a little robot's quest to find the golden key to save Robot Island, before time runs out.



Relaxed Story Time

in association with Ennis Voices for Autism (EVA)*

Date: Sat 02 March **Time:** 11.30am **Venue:** Clarecare **Price:** Free

Relaxed Events are intended specifically for people with autism spectrum conditions, language processing, sensory and communication conditions. They are designed so they can access and enjoy the arts in a stress-free environment. Events have smaller numbers. There is a very relaxed attitude to noise and movement and the event runs alongside the engagement of the audience on the day. There will be access to a separate chill-out space for those who may need a time out of the story time room.

Oisín the Brave - Robot Island

Join author, illustrator and storyteller Derek Mulveen on an interactive, sensory exploration story time from his book *Oisín the Brave - Robot Island*, through the Dolmen of Time as he tells you the story of Oisín and his friend Orane the Dragon. Derek is currently in training as a teacher in Special Needs and has a wealth of experience of working and engaging with children who engage with stories in their own unique ways. A Social Story and map of the building are available on the Festival Website for you to download for your child. *** Limited places**

**Booking for
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Time event
through glór
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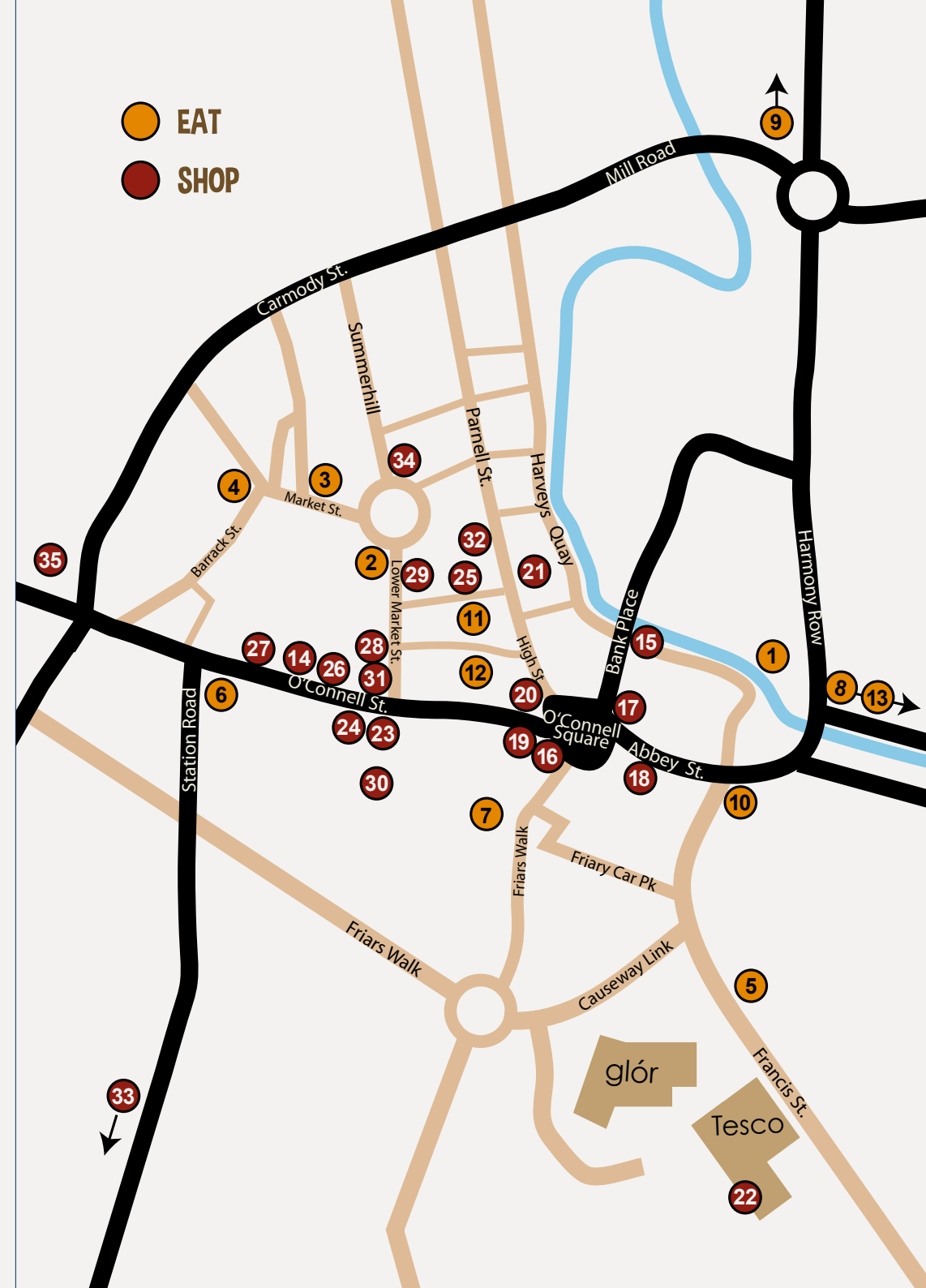


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Booking is essential and time slots are available on the hour from 2pm to 7pm on Friday 1st March 2019, duration 30 minutes.

Phone 065 684 2082 to book and bring an EBCF event ticket with you.

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