

WATERFORD

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Writers  
WEEKEND



WRITERS

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26<sup>TH</sup> - 29<sup>TH</sup>

OCTOBER

2023



2025  
THURSDAY



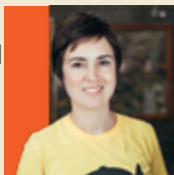
## Kevin's in a Mood

Suzy and Kevin are Best Friends. They do everything together!

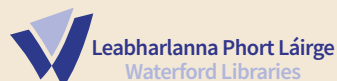
Except today, because for some reason, "Kevin's in a MOOD". Join author and illustrator Sarah Bowie to see can you get to the bottom of Kevin's mood in this interactive and engaging schools event for junior and senior infants. For booking contact Carrickpherish library.

### Bio

Sarah Bowie is an author and illustrator based in Waterford City. Since 2015, she has published four books for children, and her stories have



appeared in The Guardian and The Irish Times. Sarah is passionate about visual language and delivers a range of workshops in schools, colleges and libraries, including: Comic making, visual storytelling, sketchnoting (for learning & the workplace) and doodling for wellbeing. She is co-founder of The Comics Lab (a space to explore visual storytelling) and of Ireland's first Graphic Short Story Prize in partnership with The Irish Times. She is founder of the weekly meetup group Waterford Sketchers.



**CARRICKPHERISH  
LIBRARY**

**WATERFORD CITY**

10AM

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**CALL TO BOOK**



## Tramore Writers Booklet Launch

The Tramore Writers Group was established in October 2006 and currently has 15 members. We meet fortnightly to support and encourage each other in our writing journey.

The Group was reinvigorated when we got back to face to face meetings post Covid. We embarked on a series of successful workshops from which this collection has evolved.

The pieces draw from our own varied experiences and interests reflecting our renewed joy of writing and sharing our work.

We would like to acknowledge the Waterford City and County Council Arts Office for their support in this venture.



**TRAMORE LIBRARY**  
**CO. WATERFORD**  
 6.30PM  
**FREE EVENT**

THURSDAY 26TH

BOOK LAUNCH



## Only When I'm Dancing Can I Feel This Free

“Only When I’m Dancing Can I Feel This Free” is Wayne Power’s third poetry collection. Published by The Manuscript Publisher, this new collection once again showcases his endless gift to wield words that will make you laugh, cry and think. All wrapped up in a singular, powerful and unique voice, that celebrates and laments modern Ireland, modern romance, in a comedic, thought provoking, gritty and edgy style. With an unmistakable grá for his home town of Waterford. We are delighted to launch this collection with him.

### Bio

Wayne Power is a writer, poet and spoken word artist based in Waterford city. In 2020 Wayne released his debut poetry collection entitled ‘Everyone’s A Star After Midnight’.

Playwright Jim Nolan described it as a collection that ‘will speak for and to a lot of his generation’

Evening event  
Wayne Power

**ST.PATRICK'S  
GATEWAY  
WATERFORD CITY  
7PM  
FREE EVENT**

2025  
FEBRUARY  
WEDNESDAY  
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## Ceardlanna Cuimhní Fileata (1/2)

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**TOWN HALL  
THEATRE  
DUNGARVAN  
11AM  
SAOR IN AISCE  
(FREE EVENT)**

**Friday 27th & Saturday  
28th. Ní mór do  
rannpháirtithe freastal  
ar an dá cheardlann.**  
(Participants must attend  
both workshops.)

Workshops for adults are  
open to anyone over the age  
of 16. No previous writing  
experience is necessary.  
Everyone is welcome to  
attend a workshop.

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# EXHIBITION

## FRIDAY 27TH



## Mór Artists Collective

Join us for the opening of Mór Artists Collective's Members Exhibition, a showcase celebrating artistic talent across East Cork and West Waterford.

Rooted in the spirit of Mór Mumhan, the goddess of Munster, our collective brings together visual, performing, and literary artists in a supportive community. We meet monthly to share works, insights, and opportunities, aiming to foster collaboration and diminish artistic isolation.

Facilitated by Greywood Arts and in partnership with Waterford City and County Council and Cork County Council, our collective highlights the extraordinary skill and diversity in our region's artistic community.

Come connect, be inspired, and experience the vibrant tapestry of local artistry.



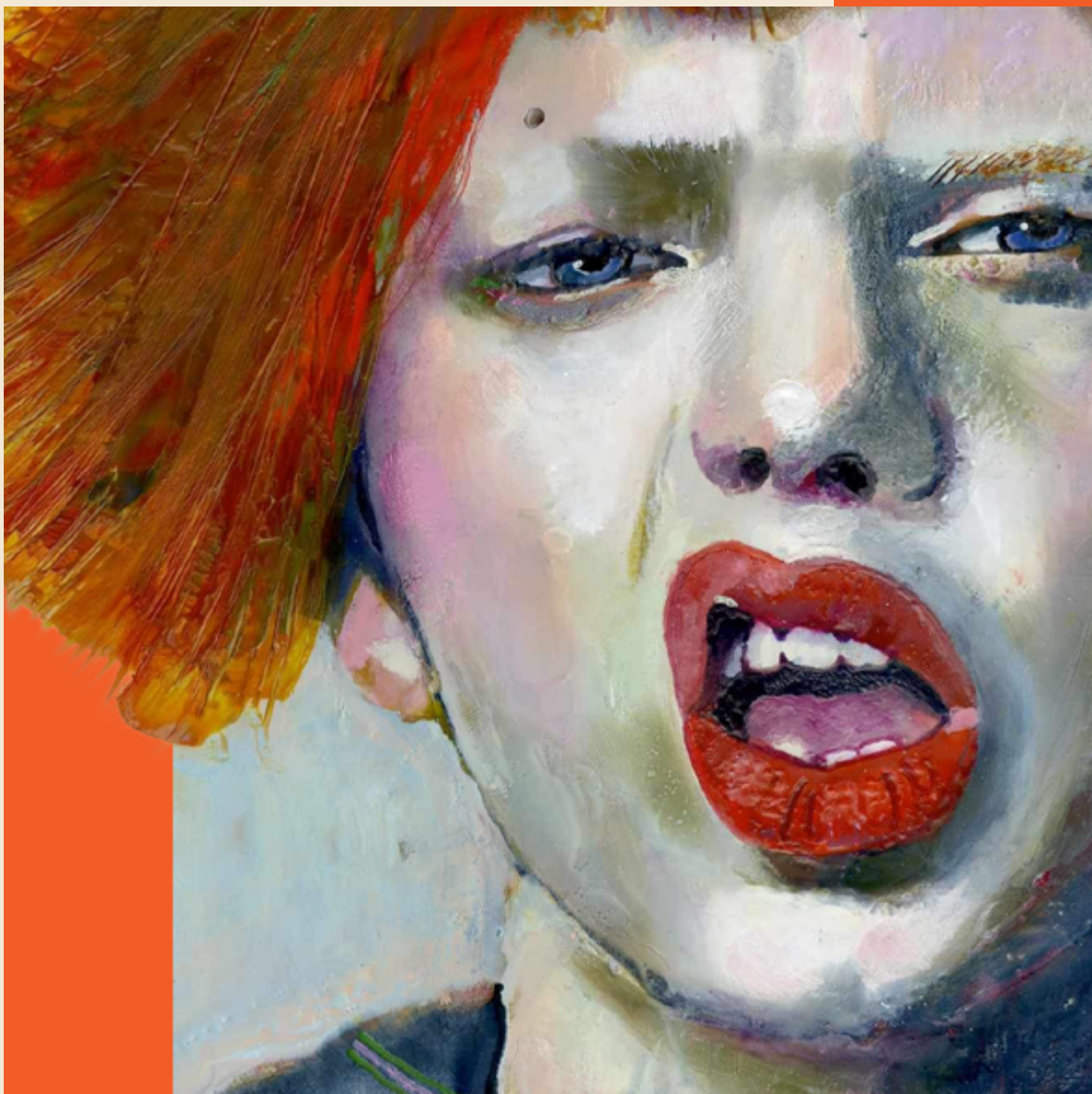
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Cork County Council



**OLD MARKET  
HOUSE ARTS  
CENTRE  
DUNGARVAN**

**12 Noon  
(Exhibition Opening)  
FREE EVENT**

**Collective meeting  
10am to 12 noon.**



## Waxed Lemon Launch

The Waxed Lemon literary journal launches Issue 6, packed with national and international works of poetry, story, art and flash fiction.

Edited by Joanne McCarthy and Derek Flynn and supported by Waterford City and County Arts Office, this journal is going from strength to strength.

**THE BOOK CENTRE  
WATERFORD CITY  
6PM  
FREE EVENT**

FRIDAY 27TH

OPEN MIC



## Open Mic Event (Speakeasy)

SpeakEasy is an established open mic night that hosts a galaxy of local writing talent in their regular events in Grimes pub. For the Waterford Writers Weekend 2023 they are delighted to host acclaimed short story writer Colin Barrett. Colin is the award-winning author of *Young Skins*. A novella from that collection, "Calm With Horses", was made into a film starring Barry Keoghan and David Wilmott.

**This event will also feature poet Colm Keegan who will announce the Waterford Poetry Prize Winners 2023.**



**PHIL GRIMES**

(UPSTAIRS)

**WATERFORD CITY**

7.30PM

€5

(PAY ON DOOR)

28th JUNE  
SATURDAY



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SATURDAY 28TH

## WORKSHOP



## Free The Genies

Poetry workshop with Colm Keegan. An immersive site specific poetry workshop combining innovative prompts and the history of the Old Market House to create new work.

**Bio:**

Colm Keegan is an award-winning Dublin-based writer and poet known for his critically acclaimed books “Don’t Go There” and “Randomer.” He’s garnered attention in the theatre world with plays like “For Saoirse,” shortlisted for the

Fishamble New Writing award, and the poignant “Something Worth Saying” for the Abbey Theatre’s Dear Ireland project. A pillar in the Irish literary community, he co-founded Lingo, Ireland’s first Spoken Word festival, and has been awarded numerous residencies and teaching roles. Recently, he celebrated a decade of the collaborative work “Three Men Talking About Things They Kinda Know About,” available as a book and audio play.

**OLD MARKET  
HOUSE ARTS  
CENTRE  
DUNGARVAN  
11AM  
€20  
LIMITED PLACES**

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SATURDAY 28TH

## WORKSHOP



## Taster Ekphrastic Session & Freeing your Voice. Owing your words

### Taster Ekphrastic Session with poet Lani O' Hanlon

Lani O'Hanlon, winner of the 2022 Poetry Ireland/Trócaire Competition, is a multi-faceted Irish artist with an MA from Lancaster University. Notably, she is a Hennessey Prize-winner in short stories. Scheduled for a poetry collection release in November 2023 by Dedalus Press, her work is widely published and broadcast. **2.30 - 3:30pm**

### Freeing your Voice. Owing your words with dramatist Louise Bradley.

Louise really enjoys working with poets because they are on their own creative journey and already working on and finding their own voice.

Techniques include – Vocal warm-ups, body-voice explorations, tension release, tone and pitch variation are techniques. How to perform with presence and overcome nerves and self-doubt before a reading. **3.30 - 5pm**

### TOWN HALL THEATRE DUNGARVAN

2:30PM & 3:30PM  
€20

#### Limited places

One ticket, two treats. €20 fee covers both workshops.

This is a combined workshop, and individual workshops cannot be booked separately.

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SATURDAY 28TH

CHILDRENS



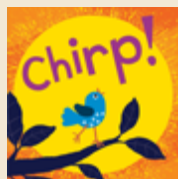
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10AM

€5

(AGE 5-8)

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SATURDAY 28TH

## POETRY JAM



## Poetry Jam with Luke Morgan & Molly Twomey

Writing poetry can feel isolating and this workshop aims to empower new writers to explore the craft of poetry in a supportive, shared environment. It also strives to encourage experienced writers to be open and flexible with their practice, allowing for a greater sense of spontaneity and radical creativity, enabling them to produce new work they could never create alone.

### Bios

Molly Twomey, an MA Creative Writing graduate from University College Cork,

published her award-winning debut poetry collection, 'Raised Among Vultures', in 2022. Her work has been featured in various journals and she recently received the 2023 Ireland Chair of Poetry Bursary.

Luke Morgan, a Galway-based filmmaker, writer, and theatre director, released his 2nd poetry collection, 'Beast', in 2022. His debut, 'Honest Walls', came out in 2016, and his work has appeared in several poetry reviews.

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11AM**

**€20**

Poets Luke Morgan and Molly Twomey will host a two-hour Poetry Jam workshop targeted at writers aged over sixteen, of all levels.

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SATURDAY 28TH

WORKSHOP



## Léimís! Ceardlann Filíochta: Irish language Poetry in translation

Léimís! Ceardlann Filíochta: Irish language Poetry in translation Read contemporary poems by Irish language poets, in Irish and in translation. A shared reading experience, with time for reflection and writing. You do not need to speak Irish to attend, all levels of Irish language welcome. All materials provided.

### Bio

Joanne McCarthy writes in Waterford in both English and

Irish. 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.

File dátheangach í Joanne McCarthy atá ag cur fúithí i bPort Láirge. Is comheagarthóir í ar an iris 'The Waxed Lemon' agus tá sí ag léamh filíochta fé láthair in Ionad Seamus Heaney, Béal Feirste.

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WATERFORD CITY**  
11AM  
€20

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## Book Doctors

Are you a young reader? Looking for a new series to delve into? Feeling uninspired by your bookshelves at home? Then pop along to Children's Books Ireland Book Clinic! Chat to the Book Doctor, consult on your favourite reads and leave with a prescription for your next book which you can take to your local bookshop or library!

Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors give guidance about books to children and their families. Based on an informal chat, the white coat-clad Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors recommend excellent

books for any age of young reader, supported by Children's Books Ireland's many reading resources. All families are welcome to the Book Clinic, regardless of ability, need or barriers to reading. Every child leaves the Book Clinic with their own individual Book Prescription and a copy of Children's Books Ireland's Reading Guide

The Book Clinic operates on a drop-in, first come first served basis. Each Book Doctor consultation will be 10 minutes in duration.



**THE BOOK CENTRE  
WATERFORD CITY**

**11AM - 4PM**

**FREE EVENT**

**(DROP-IN)**



## Milk; On Motherhood and Madness

One of The Irish Times' 'Best Books to Look Forward to in 2023'. Alice Kinsella was in her mid-twenties when she became pregnant with her first child, newly engaged and about to embark on a life in an unfamiliar town on the west coast of Ireland. Into this warm cocoon, this big, empty house, would arrive a little baby. And soon Alice's world began to expand and contract in ways she could never have imagined. Join Alice for a reading from and discussion about her powerful new book.

### Bio

Alice Kinsella's poetry has appeared in Banshee, The Irish Times, Poetry Ireland Review, The North, and Multipoetry Project Krakow, among others. She holds a BA (Hons) in English Literature and Philosophy from Trinity College Dublin, and a first class honours Masters in Writing from NUI, Galway.



**WATERFORD  
GALLERY OF ART  
WATERFORD CITY**

1PM

€8

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SATURDAY 26TH

LITERATURE



## Donal Ryan

Donal Ryan, from Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, is the author of six number one bestselling novels and a short story collection. He has won several awards for his fiction, including the European Union Prize for Literature, the Guardian First Book Award and four Irish Book Awards, and has been shortlisted for several more, including the Costa Book Award and the Dublin International Literary Award. He was nominated for

the Booker Prize in 2013 for his debut novel, 'The Spinning Heart', and again in 2018, for his fourth novel, 'From A Low and Quiet Sea'. In 2021 he became the first Irish writer to be awarded the Jean Monnet Prize for European Literature.

Donal returns to Waterford to read from his latest novel, 'The Queen of Dirt Island', and chat about writing, inspiration and the importance of place.

**GARTER LANE  
ARTS CENTRE  
WATERFORD CITY**  
3PM  
€10

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STAND OUT



## Patrick Holloway

The Short Story: writing a first paragraph that stands out. This workshop will focus on the tools and craft in structuring a short story, with specific emphasis on the opening paragraph, using examples to illustrate stories that stand out from the pile. There will be an opportunity for in class writing and for those who wish to share their work with the other writers.

Patrick Holloway is the winner of The Bath Short Story Prize, The Molly Keane Creative Writing Award, The Flash 500 Prize, the Allingham Fiction

Prize, among others. He was second in The Raymond Carver Short Story contest, was highly commended for the Manchester Fiction Prize and shortlisted for many prizes including The Moth Short Story Prize, Bath Flash Fiction Prize, and the prestigious Alpine Fellowship for Fiction. His work has appeared in Southword, The Stinging Fly, The Irish Times, The Irish Independent, Carve, The London Magazine, The Moth, and many others. He is an editor of the literary journal, The Four Faced Liar.

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## Mary Murphy (relaxed)

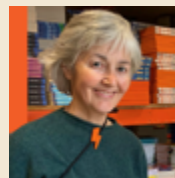
Relaxed Events are specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed performance environment, including people with an Autism Spectrum Condition, sensory and communication disorders, or a learning disability.

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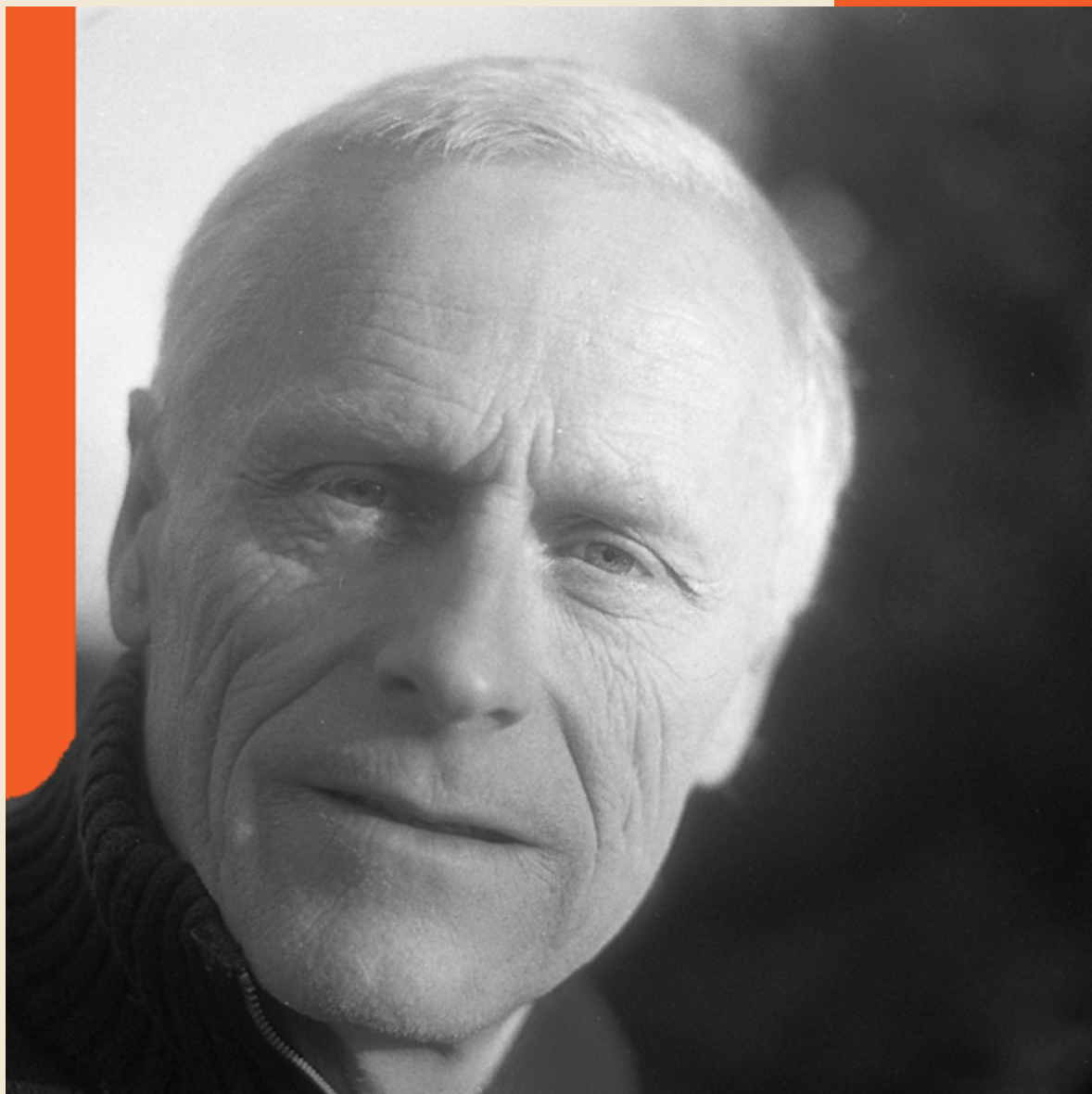
11AM

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## Edward Denniston Book Launch

Originally from Longford town, Edward Denniston has lived and worked in Waterford City since 1980, the city to which his Presbyterian ancestor came as a dissenting minister in the early 18th century. Edward is a retired teacher of English and Drama. His publications are: *The Point of Singing* (Abbey Press, 1999); *Eskimo Advice* – an ebook (Rectory Press & Hayrake Poetry, 2007); *Interacting* – 60 Drama Scripts (Russell House Publishing UK, 2007); *The Scale of Things* (Salmon Poetry, 2013) and *For Crying Out Loud* (Salmon Poetry,

2017). *Hospital Voices* (2018), in collaboration with composer, the late Eric Sweeney, for the 25th Anniversary of Waterford Healing Arts Trust. As editor: *Teachers Who Write* (Waterford Teachers' Centre, 2018). In 2021, *Entry and Exit Wound*, a text to accompany music composed by Irish composer Gráinne Mulvey and first performed at Smock Alley Theatre, Dublin. In Autumn of 2023, Gráinne Mulvey will use Edward's sequence, 'Texts For A Civil War' in her composition of the same name; the work is to be performed by Hard Rain Ensemble.

**WATERFORD  
GALLERY OF ART  
WATERFORD CITY  
2PM  
FREE EVENT**

SUNDAY 29TH

**CLOSING EVENT**

## Closing Event/ Celebration

Join us for some light refreshments as we unwind and celebrate another successful festival, a chance to mingle with authors, poets and fellow book lovers in the beautiful surroundings of our partner venue Waterford Gallery of Art.

**WATERFORD  
GALLERY OF ART  
WATERFORD CITY  
3PM  
FREE EVENT**

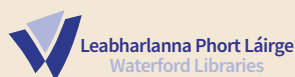


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### GARTER LANE ARTS CENTRE

22a O'Connell St, Trinity Without, Waterford, X91 DX57

Phone: (051) 855 038

[LINK](#)



### PHIL GRIMES

60 Johnstown, Waterford, X91 AF10

Phone: (051) 875 759

[LINK](#)



### ST PATRICK'S GATEWAY

PATRICK ST, WATERFORD. X91 YX61

Phone: (051) 843 589

[LINK](#)



### WATERFORD GALLERY OF ART

31-32 O'Connell St, Trinity Without, Waterford, X91 RR2R

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Lower Main St, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

Phone: (058) 48944

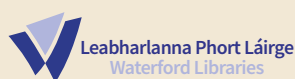
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### TOWN HALL THEATRE DUNGARVAN

St Augustine St, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford

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### TRAMORE LIBRARY

Market St, Tramore West, Tramore, Co. Waterford, X91 CY96

Phone: (051) 849 594

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# BOOKING



Waterford City & County Council is pleased to present the Waterford Writers Weekend 2023 under the curatorship of Eimear Cheasty.

There is a broad range of events and workshops to suit writers and readers alike of all ages.

In the spirit of one Waterford, we are delighted this year to have a West Waterford programme in Dungarvan, in addition to our City offering.

Working with our Arts and Library service, we are confident that the Waterford Writers Weekend is a 'must' on the artistic calendar.

Bain taitneamh as.



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