

Sunday 31.03

Shine Strong Award

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 10.00am **Tickets:** Free event

An undoubted festival highlight, our Poetry Now 2018 winner and 2019 Shine Strong judge Leontia Flynn announces the winner of the best debut anthology of the year.

Ann Devine is Ready for Her Close-Up

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 11.00am **Tickets:** €15 / €12

We are delighted that first time novelist Colm O'Regan will be on hand to get us worked up about Ann Devine, in the company of writer, comedian and presenter Maia Dunphy.

Pilgrims of the Soul

Venue: dlr LexIcon Lab, Level 3
Time: 11.00am **Tickets:** €15 / €12

For a Sunday morning treat, poets John F. Deane and James Harpur delight and enthrall us as they read from their latest collections.

Essays: rediscovered

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 12.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

2018 saw Brian Dillon's outstanding collection *In the Dark Room* reissued and the huge success of Emilie Pine's *Notes to Self*. They explore the power of the essay with UCD Professor Margaret Kelleher.

Democracy in Peril? David Runciman and Catriona Crowe

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 1.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Join Professor David Runciman (LRB Politics Podcast and author of *How Democracy Ends*) as he surveys the political landscape of the West with archivist and historian Catriona Crowe.

Normal People

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 2.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Join award-winning Sally Rooney for a discussion of her latest novel *Normal People* in the company of Edel Coffey.

One on One with Sarah Davis-Goff of Tramp Press

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Room 3, Level 5
Time: From 1.00pm **Tickets:** €10

Sarah Davis-Goff of Tramp Press invites you to chat to her about whatever books-related topic you'd like. Book a 20 minute slot to come and say hi, ask about the sector, how the slush pile works, for advice on submissions—or any other book—related topic you'd like!

Sessions available:
1.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.00pm,
2.30pm, 3.00pm, 3.30pm

Poetry and pictures

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 3.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Join poets Doireann Ní Ghríofa and Gerard Smyth, and artist Alice Maher with Clíodhna Shaffrey in the chair as they discuss connections between poets and visual artists.

Sunday 31.03 (continued)

On the Border

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 4.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Join film maker Nuala O'Connor in a discussion of one of the most contentious and misunderstood political issues of our time — the border. With Professor Diarmaid Ferriter and novelist Eoin McNamee.

Jess Kidd in conversation with Sara Keating

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 4.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Hear Jess Kidd in conversation with Sara Keating as she shares the inspiration behind *The Hoarder*, set in a house collapsing under the weight of its terrible memories. Can we ever outrun the past?

Dazzling Debuts

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 5.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Let us introduce you to a small selection of debuts: Anne Griffin with her *When All is Said*, publishing legend Sarah Davis-Goff's *Last Ones Left Alive* and Ian Maleney with his collection of essays called *Minor Monuments*. Hosted by Martin Doyle of The Irish Times.

The Wonder

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 6.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

We welcome back Emma Donoghue, bestselling author of *Room*, for a reading from and discussion of her novel, *The Wonder* in which eleven-year-old Anna O'Donnell believes herself to be living off manna from heaven, and a journalist is sent to cover the sensation. Hosted by Edel Coffey.

Slow at Sea

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 7.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Join Ruth Fitzmaurice (sea swimmer and author of *I Found My Tribe*) in conversation with Aoife McElwain (sea swimmer and author of *Slow at Work*) as they talk about what the sea means to them with Inni K (sea swimmer and musician) performing sea songs.

Constellations

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 8.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

From one of our best-loved and most admired writers, Sinéad Gleeson, comes *Constellations*, her first collection of essays. Join Sinéad in a discussion of *Constellations* with Maeve Higgins and singer songwriter Maria Doyle Kennedy.

Family Programme

For everyone aged 0+

Featuring: Flying ponies, legend-hunters, knights on bikes and a zoologist in residence...

Meet: Authors and illustrators.

See: A very special performance of Roald Dahl's *Little Red Riding Hood*.

Participate: Adopt an Author. Join a scavenger hunt. Create a giant mural at our draw-along. With quizzes, games, and more...



Book tickets

Online: Tickets for all events will be available online at www.mountainstosea.ie from mid January.

Pavilion Theatre & dlr LexIcon events:

Phone: +353 1 231 2929
(€1 Booking Fee applies)

Box Office Hours:
Mon to Sat 12pm - 5pm
Open 2 hours before performances.

dlr Mill Theatre events:

Phone: +353 1 296 9340
(€1 Booking Fee applies)

Box Office Hours:
Mon to Fri 11am - 5pm
Open 1 hour before performances.

Useful info

Tickets sell out quickly so book early to avoid disappointment.

Events last approximately one hour unless otherwise stated. Adult masterclasses are approximately two hours long.

Children must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.

Please arrive 15 minutes before events commence. Latecomers will only be admitted at the discretion of the venue.

If you are collecting tickets, they must be collected a minimum of 30 minutes before the event starts.

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Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival

28th – 31st March 2019

+International Women's Day
on 8th March

Programme

Join us for a festival of books, chat and fun at Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 2019 where you'll hear from some of our finest writers of poetry, fiction and non-fiction from 28th March to 31st March 2019. Lots of events for schools (28th and 29th March) and family events on Saturday 30th March. Check us out at www.mountaintosea.ie

Friday

08.03

International Women's Day

#BalanceforBetter: Storytelling and Activism

Venue: Newman Building, U.C.D.
Time: 2.00pm **Tickets:** €10*

In association with UCD School of English, Drama and Film, we present a call-to-action for driving gender balance with remarkable Skein Press authors Melatu Uche Okorie, Philomena Mullen and Rosaleen McDonagh in a discussion chaired by Dr Anne Mulhall. Special thanks to Professor Danielle Clarke, Head of UCD School of English, Drama and Film.

Food for the Soul

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 7.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12 *

Sarah Maria Griffin and Lilly Higgins explore the world of food writing. Expect to hear lots about food and women's culinary reflections about the politics of food.

To book go to www.eventbrite.ie and search "mountains to sea IWD"

*Attend both events on International Women's Day for €20



Thursday

28.03

Poetry Elevenses

Venue: dlr LexIcon Lab, Level 3
Time: 11.00am **Tickets:** Free Event

Everyone's welcome, especially Poetry by the Pond regulars, to join us for a coffee and readings hosted by dlr Senior Librarian Susan Lynch with poet Pete Mullineaux and short story writer Moya Roddy.

Welcome reception for Mountains to Sea guests

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 3
Time: 7.00pm

Before attending our opening night events, join An Cathaoirleach Cllr. Ossian Smyth as he officially launches Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 2019 and meet the festival team.

Talking with strangers

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 7.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Poet Damian Gorman in the company of Prof. Rosemary Hollis share readings and experiences of negotiating differences through poetry and writing.

The Writing life

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 8.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Novelist Margaret Drabble, biographer Michael Holroyd and broadcaster/writer Niall MacMonagle discuss their writing lives.

Festival Club

Venue: The Library Bar, Haddington Hotel
Time: 9.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Wonderful words and music with Peter Fallon in the company of Oisín Leech (*Lost Brothers*) and Saramai Leech.

Friday

29.03

Poetry workshop: In the company of strangers

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Room 2, Level 5
Time: 11.00am **Tickets:** €20

Damian Gorman will host a poetry workshop following his event with Professor Rosemary Hollis in which he will encourage would-be poets to write outside of themselves, 'into the company of strangers'. Workshop duration 2 hours.

For the Foodies

Venue: dlr Mill Theatre Dundrum
Time: 6.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12 **

Feeling hungry? Join The Currabinny Cookbook duo as they chat about food and food writing with Rick O'Shea.

Rick O'Shea hosts novelists Hannah Beckerman, John Boyne and Kate Mosse

Venue: dlr Mill Theatre Dundrum
Time: 8.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12 **

A stellar line up for a conversation about each of these hugely admired novelist's latest novels.

**Attend both Friday evening events in dlr Mill Theatre for €20

Friday 29.03 (continued)

Age of Anger

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 6.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Professor Ciarán Benson discusses a history of the present, the crisis in masculinity and a generation of failed politicians with renowned essayist and novelist Pankaj Mishra.

An evening with Laureate for Irish Fiction Sebastian Barry

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 8.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

We explore nature and the natural world in Laureate for Irish Fiction Sebastian Barry's writing, as he shares the stage with singer songwriter Johnny Duhan. Hosted by Evelyn O'Rourke.

Notions

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 9.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Notions – poet and broadcaster John Kelly reads from his stunning new collection of poetry with special guest, 10-string fiddle supremo, Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh.

Saturday

30.03

The Importance of Being Aisling

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 10.00am **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Much-loved authors Sarah Breen and Emer McLysaght discuss the importance of putting paid to all manner of foolishness with Paul Howard and Róisín Ingle.

Now we can talk openly about everything

Venue: dlr LexIcon Lab, Level 3
Time: 10.30am **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Award-winning poets, essayists and novelists Martina Evans — *Now We Can Talk Openly About Men* and Rosemary Jenkinson— *Catholic Boy* discuss their recent, critically acclaimed collections with Paula Shields.

Creative Writing workshop with Mary O'Donnell

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Room 3, Level 5
Time: 10.00am **Tickets:** €20

Develop your writing skills under the direction of novelist, poet and academic Mary O'Donnell, whose previous publications include *Where They Lie*, best-selling debut novel *The Light Makers* and *Empire*. Workshop duration 2 hours.

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival / Irish Times Poetry Now Award

Venue: dlr LexIcon Lab, Level 3
Time: 12.00pm **Tickets:** Free Event

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival and The Irish Times once again present the Poetry Now Award in the company of judges, poets Bernard O'Donoghue, Moya Cannon and Lucy Collins.

Riot Days

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 12.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

To back down an inch is to give up a mile... join Pussy Riot's Maria Alyokhina for a festival highlight as she plots her journey with former Moscow correspondent with *The Irish Times* Conor O'Clery.

Saturday 30.03 (continued)

Strangers in a strange land

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 2.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Join Sorcha Pollak — *New to the Parish* and Daniel Trilling— *Lights in the Distance* as they discuss what it's like to be a stranger, migrating or living as an immigrant.

Writing Lives

Venue: dlr LexIcon Lab, Level 3
Time: 2.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Meet poet and novelist Mary O'Donnell as she discusses her writing with fellow poet and novelist, Nessa O'Mahony.

On the Road

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 3.00pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Much loved critic, travel writer and always intriguing Dervla Murphy discusses her life on the road with poet Grace Wells. Join these two very unique voices as they share experiences and poetry.

Talking with Strangers

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 4.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Join our Shine Strong 2018 Award winner Rachael Hegarty with a wondrous gathering of poets including Toby Buckley, Stephen James Smith and Helen Hutchinson. Expect the unexpected!

This is not a border

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 5.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

French correspondent with The Irish Times Lara Marlowe together with novelist, critic and political activist Ahdaf Soueif discuss their experiences in Palestine, their writing lives and the role of artists and writers as public intellectuals in calling time on injustice.

Another Planet with Tracey Thorn

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 6.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

The legendary Tracey Thorn of Everything But The Girl, author of the eagerly anticipated *Another Planet: A Teenager in Suburbia* in conversation with writer and broadcaster Nadine O'Regan.

The Blank Page in association with the National Library of Ireland

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 7.30pm **Tickets:** €15 / €12

Writer and broadcaster Niall MacMonagle is joined by poets Moya Cannon and Bernard O'Donoghue as they explore the world of strangers in their poetry and the inspiration for these poems.

Aeneid Book VI

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 8.30pm **Tickets:** €20 / €15

Join us for a staging of *Aeneid Book VI*, Seamus Heaney's translation of Virgil's Aeneid by two of his collaborators and friends, Stephen Rea and cellist Neil Martin. By kind permission of the Heaney Estate.