

CULMORE
LITERARY FESTIVAL
Annual Festival

Monday 6th to Wednesday 22nd June



Tickets £5.00*

All events must be pre-booked
*except Anthony Toner - £15.00

To book

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Welcome

We're back with the second annual Culmore Literary Festival. We have an excellent line-up for this year's festival and are excited to include sessions for Children and Young People, we're sure your literary thirst will be well and truly quenched!!

There is something for everyone. Award winning writers, poets, storytellers, singers, print, radio and television journalists will present a range of events for all ages and interests. We have book readings and interviews, conversations, script writing workshops, poetry readings, tall

tales for adults, bedtime stories for kids and an evening of songs and stories with singer-songwriter, Anthony Toner.

Derry/Londonderry has a rich literary tradition, we believe this festival reflects the ongoing love of words that we have, not just in Culmore, but throughout the City.

We invite you to come and join us here in Culmore, on the banks of the beautiful River Foyle, to celebrate our wonderful literary tradition.

CULMORE LITERARY FESTIVAL JUNE 2022

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 11th June	7.30-9.30pm	Michael Bradley , 'My Life As An Undertone' - Book reading and chat
Wednesday 15th June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Joe Mahon , 'A life in broadcasting - 30 years and still getting the hang of it!'
Friday 17th June	7.30pm-9.30pm	George Murphy , an evening of storytelling and song
Saturday 18th June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Anthony Toner , an intimate evening of songs and stories
Monday 20th June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Sam Burnside , Feargal Friel and Emily Cooper, an evening of poetry and chat
Wednesday 22nd June	7.30pm-9.30pm	Claire Allan and Brian McGilloway , Crime writers evening

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Biographies of key speakers/performers



Michael Bradley joined his school friend's group in Derry in the Summer of 1974. They had two guitars and no singer. Four years later the Undertones recorded 'Teenage Kicks' and became one of the UK's most fondly remembered bands of the post punk era. Michael works as a radio producer at BBC Radio Foyle and has managed to remain the band's bass player since 1974. In 2016 he wrote a book about his memories of The Undertones, covering the years from 1974 to 1983. Michael will join us to discuss 'My Life As An Undertone' on Saturday 11th June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.



Joe Mahon started his career as a schoolteacher, teaching English and History. He went on to work on BBC Radio Foyle as a contributor before becoming a producer. He then became manager of Radio Foyle, before moving to TV. He worked at the BBC and then took up a post with independent production company Northland Films. Joe is best known as the presenter and producer of Lesser Spotted Ulster, Lesser Spotted Journeys and Ulster Giants. A born explorer of place and people, Joe lives in Derry/Londonderry. Joe will be joining us on Wednesday 15th June at 7.30pm for a great night's entertainment giving us an insight into his long and varied career.



George Murphy was a musician for 30 years, who told hilarious stories. Gradually, the stories became more frequent, and funnier. He still sings the occasional song, especially if it is humorous. He constantly performs at comedy clubs, weddings, storytelling clubs and concerts. George was winner of the London Comedy Award in 2015. He continues to travel throughout out Ireland and the UK displaying his humour, at many festivals, to great acclaim. Join George for a highly entertaining evening of storytelling and songs on Friday 17th June at 7.30pm.



Anthony Toner is delighted to join us for an intimate evening of songs and stories in the upstairs room at the Hub, in a year that will see him releasing TWO albums: Emperor, a completely acoustic collection, revisiting favourite songs from his back catalogue, including 'Sailortown', 'The Road to Fivemiletown', 'Well Well Well' and many more – and The Book of Absolution (due for release in August). This album will add to his catalogue of personal songs, full of insights about the human condition that never fail to strike a chord with listeners. Between songs, Anthony always shares some hilarious and insightful stories from the road; and is also one of Northern Ireland's finest guitarists. As one audience member recently commented after an Anthony show – 'it was like experiencing a series of beautiful short films.' Anthony will perform at the Hub on Saturday 18th June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm



Sam Burnside is an established poet and writer who lived for many years in the Culmore area. Sam Burnside was born in Co Antrim and has spent most of his working life in the North West where he was involved in Adult Education before establishing and becoming the first Director of the Verbal Arts Centre. His writing has attracted a number of awards, including the Allingham Poetry Prize, the University of Ulster McCrea Literary Award, the Sunday Tribune Hennessy Literary Award in 1989. He was shortlisted for the Pushcart Prize (USA) for his long poem "Stretcher Bearer" in 2016. He is recipient of a Hennessey Literary Award. In 2012 he was appointed MBE for his contribution to the arts. Sam will read some of his best loved poems at our poetry evening on Monday 20th June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm



Feargal Friel is Vice Principal of Hollybush P.S. and has been teaching the children of Culmore for the last twenty-four years. His love of the natural world and the local landscape influenced his decision to start dabbling in poetry writing in 2016. Feargal will join Emily Cooper and Sam Burnside for an evening of poetry readings and chat on Monday 20th June from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Emily Cooper

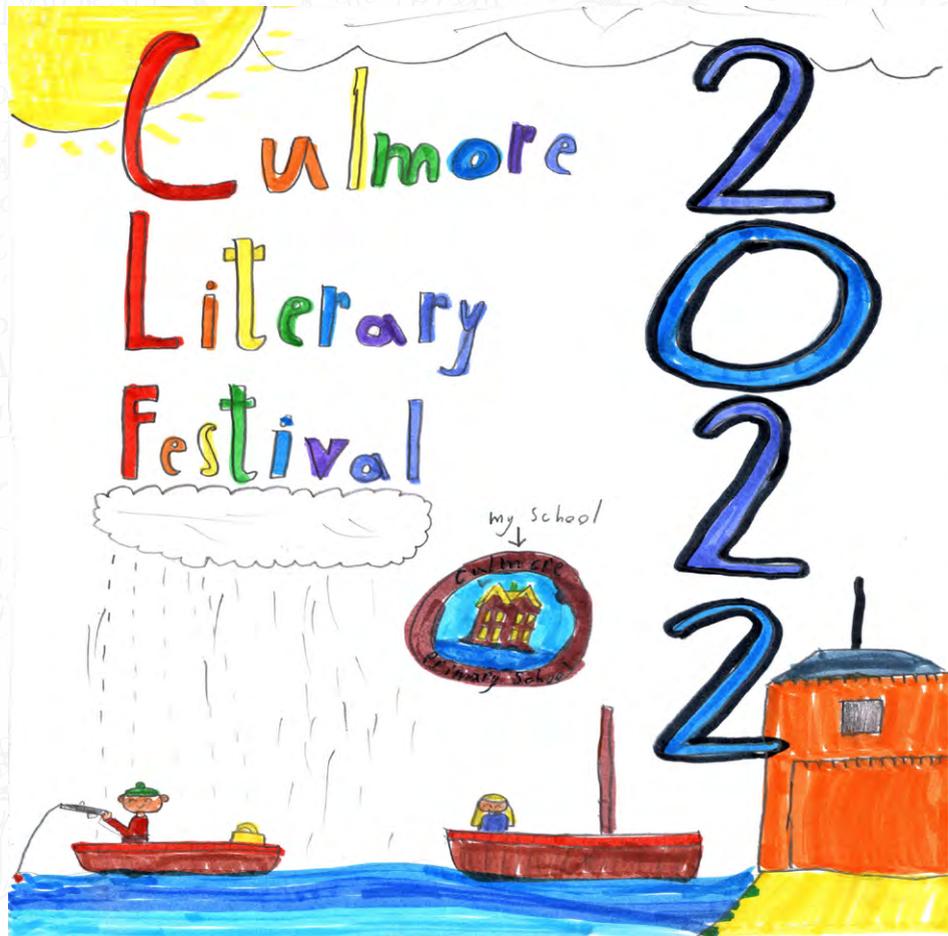
has been published in the Stinging Fly, Banshee, Poetry Ireland Review, the Irish Times, Stand and the London Magazine, among others. She has been awarded residencies by the RCC, Donegal; the Arts Council of Northern Ireland; Greywood Arts; Centre Culturel Irlandais, Paris; and the Irish Writers Centre. Since 2019 she has been a recipient of the Next Generation Award, Literature Bursary and Agility Award from the Arts Council of Ireland, as well as a SIAP Award from ACNI, two Artist Bursaries from Donegal County Council and a Culture and Creativity Grant from Creative Ireland. She is a contributing editor for The Pig's Back literary journal and her poetry debut Glass was published by Makina Books in 2021.



Claire Allan is a former journalist from Derry in Northern Ireland, where she still lives with her husband, two teenage children, two cats and a dog who thinks she is a human child. In her eighteen years as a journalist, she covered a wide range of stories from attempted murders to court sessions, to the Saville Inquiry into the events of Bloody Sunday and countless human-interest features. Claire has been writing crime fiction since 2018, *The Nurse* is her sixth thriller. She has also worked as a story consultant on forthcoming BBC drama *Blue Lights* and is currently working on a TV adaptation of her novel *The Liar's Daughter*.



Brian McGilloway born in Derry in 1974, is the author of twelve crime novels including the Ben Devlin mysteries and the Lucy Black series, the first of which, *Little Girl Lost*, became a New York Times and UK No.1 bestseller. In addition to being shortlisted for a CWA Dagger and the Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year, he is a past recipient of the University of Ulster McCrea Award and won the BBC Tony Doyle Award for his screenplay, *Little Emperors*. His novel, *The Last Crossing*, won Highly Commended in Theakston's Old Peculier Crime Novel of the Year 2021. Brian currently works as an English teacher in Strabane, where he also lives with his wife and four children. His most recent novel is *The Empty Room*. Claire Allan and Brian will join us to discuss their crime fiction on Wednesday 22nd June at 7.30pm



Children and young people

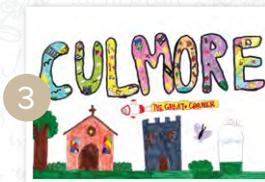
We are delighted to include lots of events for children and young people in this year's festival. We have a brilliant line up of local authors, storytellers and entertainers. Earlier this year we ran an art competition inviting local kids aged under 13 years old to submit artwork with a Culmore theme for inclusion in our brochure. Congratulations to our winner Alexandra Logue, aged 9 yrs who is a pupil at Culmore Primary School. We're sure you'll agree that Alexandra's artwork really sums up the history and traditions of Culmore. Well done to all of the children who entered the competition. We were amazed at the talent and our judges had a hard time choosing the winners!! Alexandra and all of the winners and runners up received book tokens for Little Acorns Bookshop.

We are looking forward to welcoming local children and young people to the Culmore Literary Festival, we have a very special line-up to entertain and delight!

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday 6th June	10.00am -2.00pm	George Murphy, Storytelling for Kids (pupils from Culmore PS and Hollybush PS).
Tuesday 7th & 14th June (2 sessions)	6.45pm-7.45pm	Terri Lamberton, Creating a character and writing stories workshop for 10-13 yr olds.
	8.00pm-9.30pm	Jean Dunn, Scriptwriting workshops for 14-17 yr olds.
Friday 10th June	6.30pm-7.30pm	Coochie Coo, Bedtime Stories for little kids aged 6yrs and under.

Runners up

2nd Prize - Ella Manko
Age 10, HOLLYBUSH PS
3rd Prize - Anna Dobbins
Age 9, HOLLYBUSH PS



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Terri Lamberton is the author of the Lacey Loo series of children's books, recently she has written 'Me is Awesome - The story of my Dyspraxic world'. Terri is from the City and lives here with her husband and four children. After the birth of her second child, Terri decided to change career, so she qualified in Early Years. She loves how children discover the world around them; their innate curiosity and absolute honesty fascinates her. This is what inspired Terri to write children's books. Terri will be delivering 2 workshops for 10-13 year olds to encourage them to use their imagination and get creative. During the workshops the children will learn how to build their own character and write stories. Her workshops will take place on Tuesday 7th & 14th June from 6.45pm - 7.45pm.



Coochie Coo is perfect for babies, tots and their big people, providing original music, movement & sensory sessions throughout Northern Ireland for over 6 years. We are delighted to have Coochie Coo at this year's Festival to bring us their Bedtime Stories session for our families with kids under 6 years. 'Up Up We Go' to space with their out of this world bedtime session. Wear your jammies and bring your favourite teddy for stories, songs and sensory delights.



Jean Dunn was born and raised in our lovely city and had been bitten by the acting bug from an early age, she gained her Drama Degree at the University of Ulster. She then embarked on her career in the local arts scene. While working as a freelance drama facilitator for local community arts organisations she created "The Actors Bunker", a space for local amateur and professional actors to meet, stay connected, create and perform within the city centre.

She has many directing credits including Joseph Kesselring's "Arsenic & Old Lace" with Here We Go theatre company, "Life is a Journey" performed by the "Foyle Disability Players" and the hit panto productions 'Freezin' and 'Really Freezin'. Jean is the lead drama facilitator with Stage Beyond, a theatre company for adults with learning disabilities based in the Millennium Forum. She is excited to work with our young people during the Literary Festival using the acting technique of 'devising' as a tool to create new script ideas for stage performance. We will be delving into the process of the script writing format from devising and acting workshops. Her workshops will take place on Tuesday 7th & 14th June from 8.00pm - 9.30pm



Volunteers Needed

A special thanks to all the local people who have volunteered at the Hub over the last year, without your help we wouldn't be able to deliver the range of services and support we currently offer. We have a really busy few months ahead with the Culmore Cloud Festival 2022 and would really appreciate some extra help. If you are interested in volunteering at the Hub please email una@culmorehub.org

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