

Storytelling in Borderlands

Federation for European Storytelling Conference 21 – 24 June 2017

An Grianán, Termonfeckin, County Louth, Ireland



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

- 1pm Registration desk in the foyer of the main house in An Grianán will be open from 1pm onwards
- 6-7pm Evening Meal
- 9pm Midsummer Evening entertainment with music from acclaimed musicians Gerry O'Connor (fiddle) & Tiarnán Ó Duinnchin (uilleann pipes)
Introductions from each organisation:
Each group can share midsummer traditions from their country and some speciality food or drink

THURSDAY 22 JUNE

- 8-9am Breakfast
- 9.30-10am Opening Event and Fáilte in An Grianán Hall
Introductions and presentation of FEST Ireland and FEST Executive committee.
Short presentation on our location. A welcoming song
- 10.15am Presentation: **Críostóir Mac Cárthaigh**, Archivist of the National Folklore Collection introduces the Irish Schools Collection. 30 mins & 15 mins Q&A
- 11am Coffee break
- 11.15am Presentation: **Jane O' Hanlon**, Education Officer with Poetry Ireland, will speak about the inclusion of Oral Storytelling in the Writers in Schools Scheme
- 11.45pm Presentation: **Guy Tilkin**, An Overview of FEST now and its future in the Creative Europe Network
- 12.15pm Presentation: **Katie Lowry from Creative Europe Ireland** on collaboration projects in Europe
- 12.45pm Lunch
- 1.30pm Informal Networking Hour - An opportunity to meet other delegates and share projects & ideas
- 2.30pm Workshops
(To take place in rooms around An Grianán campus on Thursday and Saturday morning and at the Marketplace Theatre in Armagh City on Friday)

An Grianán - Choices of Workshops:

1. Gender in Storytelling with **Csenge Zalka / Sonia Carmona**
2. Storytelling in Education with **Guy Tilkin / Regina Sommers**
3. Storytelling with Older People with **Liz Weir**
4. Storytelling with New Immigrants and Refugees with **Micaela Sauber** (Tellers without Borders network)
5. Storytelling & Popular Culture with **Csenge Zalka**
6. Building Partnerships & Working Collaboratively on European Projects with **Katie Lowry**
7. Storytelling & Translation/Bi-lingual Storytelling with **APAC** (France)

5.15pm Short reports from workshops/sessions.

6pm Evening Meal

8pm An Grianán Public Concert: Stories, Song & Dance Music of the Ancient Kingdom of Oriel featuring singers **Colum Sands, Pádraigín Ní Uallacháin, Len Graham** and **Gerry Cullen**; harper **Sylvia Crawford**; musicians **Gerry, Dónal, Siubhán & Féilimí O'Connor** and storytellers **Jack Lynch, Frances Quinn** and **Nuala Hayes**.

FRIDAY 23 JUNE

8-9am Breakfast

Bus departs at 9am for Navan Fort/Emain Macha in Co. Armagh, across the Border in Northern Ireland.

10.15 am The mystery and the myth behind the Mound of Macha with the **Armagh Rhymers**

11.30am Return to buses and depart for Armagh City

12pm Visit to Armagh Cathedral and Crypt

12.30-1.30pm Lord Mayor's Welcome & light lunch at the Marketplace Theatre Armagh

2pm Armagh Market Place Theatre. Presentation: **Prof. Mícheál Ó Mainnín** (Queen's University Belfast). **The Significance of Emain Macha in Landscape & Story.**

2.45-3.45 pm Presentation: **Storytelling in the process of Conflict Resolution. Dr. Derick Wilson.** Derick Wilson has been involved in the Corrymeela Reconciliation Community since 1965. He is Emeritus Reader in Education at Ulster University, specialising in Community Relations and Restorative Practices

3.45pm Coffee Break

4pm Workshop choices:

1. Storytelling and Minority Languages with **Máirín Mhic Lochlainn / Frances Quinn** (Ireland)
2. Tandem Storytelling in Multiple Languages with **Abbi Patrix** (France) & **Senem Donatem** (Turkey)
3. Practical Practice in Sweden: Working with Stories and Storytelling with New Immigrants and Refugees in Sweden. **Rose Marie Lindfors** will give a presentation on her work with Silent Books. **Agnes Branting** of Fabula will give a report on the Al Hakawati Project, where storytellers work with Syrian Folktales with refugees

5pm Back to studio theatre for workshop summary reports

5.30pm Departure to An Grianán

Evening meal and relaxed entertainment

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

9.00-11 am Remaining Workshops (As Required)

11 am Coffee

11.30-1.15pm FEST 2017 Annual General Delegate Meeting

1.30pm Lunch and Departure from Conference.

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