

PRESS RELEASE

Are you an aspiring writer with an urge to put pen to paper? This one-day Writing Festival celebrating Year of Stories 2022 maybe just the ticket!



Bearsden Writers are delighted to announce grant funding from Scottish Year of Stories 2022 for the Bearsden and Milngavie Community Writing Festival at Kilmardinny House, Bearsden on Saturday 20th August 2022. The aim of the event is to encourage aspiring writers to take their writing to new heights and to reach a wider

audience. Sally Magnusson will open the event with a special Q and A session from members of the audience. Tickets can be obtained through: tickets@bearsdenwriters.org and cost £10.00

In honour of iconic Scottish Storytellers and the Tales and Legends they wrote, attendees will be invited to write a **short story**, **poem** or **script** to be submitted by the 30th June, and prize winners will be announced on the day of the Festival. The top three entrants from each category will be awarded £20 voucher and a signed copy of one of Sally Magnusson's novels. In addition, they will have the opportunity to see their work illustrated by an artist and compiled into a booklet for distribution in local libraries, town halls, museums and art galleries. The winners will also feature on Bearsden Writers' Website, Facebook, and Twitter. The themes for the competition are as follows:

- ***Ghosts and Fairies***: supernatural tales inspired by Rabbin Burns.
- ***Legends of the Wall***: writing with the Antonine Wall as the setting.
- ***As I was Walking***: creative pieces based on a walk in the style of Robert Louis Stevenson, Tom Weir or Paul Murton
- ***"And I am coming from the library, my arms full of books."***
Inspired by Liz Lochhead or Jackie Kay on the changing role of Scottish women
- ***Clean Water and the Train to Work***: creative fiction on memories of Milngavie's past.
- ***Arrivals and Departures***: written pieces on exiles and incomers, from those who have left their homeland to settle in Scotland.

Writing workshops will run throughout the day presented by experienced local authors. The choice of workshops is as follows:

- Historical Fiction
- Script Writing
- Poetry
- Novel
- Self-Publishing
- Children's Fiction
- Short Story and
- Memoir

There will also be a bookshop run in collaboration with Gavin's Mill, Community Shop and Café, Milngavie

Whether your writing skills are rusty and need brushed up, or whether you just **have to put that** story down, please buy a ticket now for the Bearsden and Milngavie Writing Festival and enter the Scottish Tales and Legends Competition with a short story, poem or script. Tickets cost £10.00 and can be obtained from: tickets@bearsdenwriters.org

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