

## Strokestown International Poetry Festival 2022

(All in a day, Saturday 30 April, mini festival)

**10.30 – 12.30 p.m.** Young people's workshop with Luke Morgan

Join young Irish poet **Luke Morgan** for a fun exploration of words and language. Let your creativity run wild with a series of interactive writing challenges and games designed to give you the freedom to express and play with language. This is for anyone who has been told that they have an over-active imagination...and especially anyone who finds old Poetry boring! Age group: 10 – 15. Places are limited, to reserve a place for your child please send an email to, sipfestivaldirector@gmail.com stating your child's name, age and school.

**11 – 12 p.m. Hunger's Way/ Bealach an Fhéir Ghortaigh**, a new film by **Edwina Guckian & Vincent Woods** commissioned by SIPF in 2021 and exploring the legacy of the Irish famine through poetry and images of the surrounding landscape.

<https://www.strokestownpoetry.org/speaker/bealach-an-fheir-ghortaigh-hungers-way/>

**12. 30 – 1.30 p.m.** Lunchtime reading with **Eithne Hand & Joseph Woods**

Gazebo Tower, Strokestown Park House.

You are free to bring a sandwich in a rustle free bag (!) and tea or coffee

**Eithne Hand** is a writer, radio and theatre producer. She produces the weekly Poetry File on RTÉ lyric FM. Her first poetry collection, *Fox Trousers* was published in 2021 by Salmon Press.

*The act of listening is a vital part of Eithne Hand's poetics.* Poetry Ireland Review

**Joseph Woods**, his fourth poetry book, *Monsoon Diary* was published in 2018 by Dedalus Press. A former winner of the Patrick Kavanagh Award, he was twice a recipient of the Katherine and Patrick Kavanagh Fellowship.

**2 p.m. Poetry in the Park** led by **Gerry Boland** begins its season of walks and poetry readings at STROKESTOWN PARK HOUSE & GARDENS and meeting in front of Strokestown House.

*Poetry in the Park is an opportunity for poets and lovers of poetry to meet, share their favourite poems, and socialise. There will be a short walk, with stops along the way for the reading of poems. Immediately after the walk (which will be about an hour and possibly less), we will take up residence at the Percy French Hotel for refreshments (at your expense), some more poetry readings, and plenty of chat. There is no charge for this event and neither is there a requirement to book. However, it would be helpful to have an idea in advance of the expected numbers, so do please let Gerry Boland know if you're coming along by e mail ([roscwir@gmail.com](mailto:roscwir@gmail.com)).*

**2.15 – 3.15 p.m. Hunger's Way/ Bealach an Fhéir Ghortaigh**, second showing.

**3.30 p.m.** Readings from **Washing Windows Too: Irish Women Write Poetry** edited by **Alan Hayes** and **Nuala O'Connor** (Arlen House), which contains 100 new poems by Irish women living on the island and beyond who are yet to publish a first collection; this event will feature readings from **Sorcha de Brún, Mary Rose Callaghan, Louise G. Cole, Sonya Gildea, Shauna Gilligan, Phyl Herbert, Susan Knight, Jackie Lynam, Noelle Lynskey, Jennifer Matthews, Triona McMorro, Elizabeth Murtough, Denise Nagle, Úna Ní Cheallaigh, Margaret Nohilly, Margaret O'Brien, Margaret O'Driscoll, Siofra O'Meara, Ruth O'Shea & Janet Pierce.**

**5.00 p.m.** Launch of **Cyphers** issue 93, *an occasional literature and arts journal since 1975*, the launch will feature readings from contributors including, **Tom French, Peggie Gallagher, Fred Johnston, Mary Turley McGrath & Ciaran O'Driscoll.**

**6.30 p.m.** A reading by **Victoria Kennefick & Luke Morgan**

**Victoria Kennefick**, poet, writer and teacher from Shanagarry, Co. Cork now based in Co. Kerry. Her first collection, ***Eat or We Both Starve***, Carcanet Press, was shortlisted for the 2021; T.S. Eliot Prize, Costa Book Awards, An Irish Times Best Poetry Book and one of The Telegraph's Best Poetry Books to Buy in 2021.

**Luke Morgan's** second collection ***Beast*** is forthcoming from Arlen House in Spring 2022. He lives in Galway.

*All events in the Percy French Hotel unless otherwise stated.*

*All events are free, but donation boxes will be provided at events or please use the **donate** button on the SIPF website <https://www.strokestownpoetry.org/donate/>*

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