

Wild Atlantic Writers – Gathering and Book Fair



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The Gathering

The organisers of the 2016 Allingham Festival would like to invite you to an initial gathering of *Wild Atlantic Writers* on Saturday, 5 November.

The goal of the WAW is to attract Irish writing and publishing organisations to schedule workshops and information sessions in the North West. On 5 November, Bernadette Greenan, General Manager of the [Irish Writers Centre](#) in Dublin, will outline the IWC's *Mindshift* and *Propel* professional-development initiatives for writers. Her presentation, and a brainstorming session about future speakers and activities for the Wild Atlantic Writers, will follow the Literary Luncheon.

Focus on Writing events

Saturday 5 November

- 10:30 am: Poetry Workshop with Afric McGlinchy – €10
- 12:30 pm: Literary Luncheon – €10
- 1:30 pm: Gathering of the Wild Atlantic Writers (free)
- 3:30 pm: The Anne Enright Interview with Sinéad Gleeson – €10
- 6:00 pm: Allingham Poetry and Flash Fiction Awards (free)
- 7:00 pm: Launch of *A Dying Language* by Monica Corish (free)
- 8:00 pm: The Allingham Concert, with readings by Anne Enright and Afric

McGlinchy – €10

Watch the 2016 Allingham Festival [website](#) for discount ticket sales to the Focus on Writing events.

The Book Fair

Do you have copies of your novels, short story collections, poetry collections, or chapbooks for sale? Sell them at the Wild Atlantic Writers' Book Fair in the foyer of the Abbey Arts and Culture Centre at the Allingham Festival. The staff of the [Novel Idea](#) bookstore will manage the sales. As a special gesture to the Wild Atlantic Writers at the Festival, the bookstore will not retain a commission – all WAW sales revenues the Festival will go to the authors.

Guidelines

- Up to five copies of each book can be brought to the Abbey Centre for the WAW Book Fair.
- If copies are sold during the Book Fair, authors can bring in replacement copies to keep five copies on offer at during the sale.
- The WAW Book Fair is managed by the staff of the “A Novel Idea” Bookstore in Ballyshannon.
- Authors can bring in books during the set-up of the Novel Idea tables in the Abbey Centre foyer from 10:00 am to noon on Saturday 5 Nov, or during the open sales periods:
 - Noon – 8:00 pm on Saturday, 5 Nov
 - Noon – 4:00 pm on Sunday, 6 Nov
- Authors will set the prices of their own books. Prices must be clearly marked on each copy.
- Authors will be responsible for retrieving unsold books by or before 4:00 pm on Sunday, 6 Nov.

We hope that a gathering of Wild Atlantic Writers from the North West and beyond will become an annual feature of the Allingham Festival. If the WAW can attract a critical mass of participating writers, it may become possible to organise other events through the year.

We'll hope to see you at the Wild Atlantic Writers' gathering and many other events at the 2016 [Allingham Festival](#)

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