



Frances Browne  
Literary Festival  
Treasure Each Voice



# Programme of Events

Ballybofey-Stanorlar, Co Donegal 7th - 9th Oct 2021

## Thursday 7th Oct.

## Friday 8th Oct. cont

## Saturday 9th Oct.

**Festival Launch and Play Premiere of 'The Legends of Ulster'**

Welcome speech by Anna Carey, journalist, novelist and script writer. Live music performances celebrating Frances Browne

Shirley-Anne Bonner's adaptation of Frances Browne's humorous and supernatural Donegal folktales 'The Legends of Ulster'

With Cathleen Bradley, Orla Mullan, Jack Quinn and Keith Lynch. Directed by Kieran Quinn

Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey - 8pm Tickets: €15 / €12

**Our Home: Language and Identity Panel Discussion**

**Chair:** Mary Harte **With:** Angeline King, Dubhán Ó Longáin, Dr. Pauline Holland, Shirley-Anne Godfrey

How does language and culture shape our concept of home, in the context of Browne's work, and in our own experience?

Join the writers in an informal setting to discuss.

Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey - 3pm Tickets: €10

**Children's Activity Day of Fun and Magic**

12 noon - 3pm Bemusement Games - traditional hand crafted games for all the family by Fuinseog Woodland Crafts

12 noon - 1pm Jessica Harkin, Magician

1pm - 3pm Storytelling by Louise Conaghan

Ard McCool Playground, Railway Road, Stranorlar

FREE Event / Booking not required

**Book launch: IDEO Locator**

Join us to celebrate the launch of author Dubhán Ó Longáin's collection of original Irish language poems.

Alexanders of Ballybofey, 4pm

FREE Event / Booking required

## Friday 8th Oct.

**Life and Afterlife of a Donegal Saint Talk / Book launch by Dr. Brian Lacey**

St Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe - 7pm

FREE event / Booking required

**Poetry Competition Awards Ceremony**

**Announcing the awards of the Frances Browne Multilingual Poetry Competition**

Featuring readings by our competition winners and performances of live music

A display of rare Frances Browne books by Paddy Bonar

FREE event / Booking required

Kee's Hotel, Stranorlar 8.30pm

**Theatre Reading of 'In My Mind's Eye'**

*In My Mind's Eye* explores how Frances Browne's intense imaginative inner life and creativity transformed obstacles into unbelievable artistic success.

*By Shirley-Anne Bonner. Directed by Emily Foran*

Meet Shirley-Anne Bonner in a Post-Show discussion with Dr. Charlotte Mc Ivor (NUI Galway Drama Dept) and Rebecca Mairs (Lyric Theatre Belfast).

An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny - 8pm Tickets: €5

**Creative Writing Workshops**

**In English, Irish and Ulster Scots**

**Irish: led by author Dúbhán Ó Longáin**

Venue: Isaac Butt Heritage Centre, Cloghan

Irish language poetry workshop: practice, theory and publishing

**English: led by poet and writer Averil Meehan**

Venue: Súile Centre, Raphoe

Averil writes radio drama, poetry and fiction. This workshop is suitable for beginners and those who wish to reconnect with their creativity.

**Ulster-Scots: led by Angeline King, Writer in Residence of Ulster Universtiy**

Venue: The BASE, Railway Road, Stranorlar

Interactive introduction to writing in Ulster dialect considering Scots, Ulster Scots and Ulster English

All events - 10am to noon Tickets: €10

**Weekend Events**

**Art Exhibition by the Fiach Arts Circle**

Venue: Balor Arts Centre Foyer

**Children's Creative Writing Workshop**

Poet Denise Blake leads a workshop to inspire young writers. Order a free ticket online and we will send you the link and password to the online workshop. Watch on demand

**Theatre: The Legends of Ulster**

Balor Arts Centre, Ballybofey - 8pm Tickets: €15 / €12 (see details on Thursday 7th Oct.)

**Schools programme**

**A Frances Browne TY Workshop**

Led by Dr. Pauline Holland students will have the opportunity to write their very own 'Frances Browne' poem in a fun, creative and inspiring environment.

**A morning with Anna Carey**

A Wainfest Event [www.wainfest.ie](http://www.wainfest.ie)

How to book

Due to Covid restrictions many events have limited numbers and booking in advance is highly recommended. Book online at [www.francesbrowneliteraryfestival.com](http://www.francesbrowneliteraryfestival.com)

In person at: The Balor Arts Centre, Main Street, Ballybofey.

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About

The Frances Browne Literary Festival celebrates the life and literary legacy of Frances Browne, The Blind Poetess of Ulster. The festival is supported by:

