

Thurs 15

Dylan Moran

Cuala, 9.00pm

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Fri 16

Tom Hanks

Dalkey Church, 6.15pm

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Ruby Wax

Seafront, 4pm

Ruby Wax shares her thoughts on her own experiences, including her 'mental car crash', and still sees the funny side.

Sat 17

Lea Ypi

St Patrick's Church, 4pm

What was it like to grow up in the shadow of *Big Brother*? Our panel considers what it was like to grow up in a dictatorship.

Dalkey Book Festival 2023

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"Dalkey is the loveliest little seaside town on earth," BBC

Thursday 15 June

The David McWilliams Podcast Live

5pm–6pm, Cuala

€25

The aim of David's podcast is to make economics easy, uncomplicated and accessible. With the world at a political, technological and financial tipping point, economics has never been so important to all of us and yet, it's made inaccessible and complicated by so many. The podcast now has more than 200,000 downloads per week and has become essential listening for anyone interested in economics, politics and the world in which we live, with plenty of entertaining levity to help the medicine go down! Don't miss the opportunity to see the magic created live on stage!

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Dan Ariely: Hidden Forces That Play Tricks On Us

6.30pm–7.30pm, Cuala

€25

Dan Ariely, one of the world's leading behavioural economists, applies scientific analysis of the human condition to a variety of dilemmas. The *New York Times* bestselling author of *Predictably Irrational* delves into the truly illogical world of the human brain and considers how social science can be used to create behavioural change. Expect to laugh, learn, and gain new perspectives.

The Murder of Michael Collins with Paddy Cullivan

7pm–8pm, The Vico @The Queens

€15

An audio-visual spectacular featuring shocking new research and incredible songs, unravelling the secrets and lies around who really shot Michael Collins. Why no autopsy, inquest or even a death certificate? Did he have a secret son in London? Was he planning to resume the war? Why such reticence – to this day – to find out the truth? This rollercoaster show will change your perceptions of Irish history forever.

Paddy Cullivan

Peter Frankopan: The Earth Transformed

7.15–8.15pm, St Patrick's Church

€25

Taking us from the Big Bang to the present day and beyond, *The Earth Transformed* forces us to reckon with humankind's continuing efforts to make sense of the natural world. One of the world's leading historians, Peter Frankopan, returns to Dalkey with his outstanding latest masterpiece. Come and hear the author of *The Silk Roads* explain our relationship with the natural world through the Ages, how the planet and the climate has shaped and will change our world.

Peter Frankopan with David McWilliams

The World at a Tipping Point

9pm–10pm, The Vico @The Queens

€25

On the opening night of the festival we bring you an eclectic international panel, to assess the world at a tipping point. How will the war in Ukraine affect us, will Putin survive, what does history tell us, how will AI affect us all and, psychologically, are we equipped to deal with this complex and volatile globe?

Peter Frankopan, Jana Bakunina, Dan Ariely, David McWilliams with Jennifer O'Connell

Dylan Moran: We Got This

9pm–10pm, Cuala

€30

We Got This is the brand new show from BAFTA and Perrier award winning comedian Dylan Moran. At the Irish premiere, enjoy Dylan musing on the fruits of hurtling cognitive decline and the neighbours' sprawling ghostliness, absence of humanity and so, so much more. These times have not been easy... A joyously furious romp through the frustration and folly of modern day life.

Dylan Moran

Friday 16 June

Naoise MacSweeney

Listen to the Land: Manchán Magan

12pm–1pm, Seafront

€20

See the world in a new light in this magical exploration of the life-sustaining wisdom of what lies beneath our feet as Manchán Magan traces our ancestors' footsteps, on a journey through bogs, across rivers and over mountains, uncovering the ancient myths that have shaped our national identity and are embedded in the strata of lands that have endured through millennia – from ice ages through to famines and floods.

Manchán Magan with Jennifer O'Connell

Why History Matters

2pm–3pm, Seafront

€20

Are we condemned to repeat it? History is our compass, yet sometimes we don't consider it. As Putin has shown, selective, valedictory history can be used to legitimise almost anything. If history is your thing, let's explore why it matters, and why it seems to matter so much today.

Roy Foster, Peter Frankopan, Naoise MacSweeney with Ryan Tubridy

Love Letter to Irish Trees

3.30–4.30pm, The Vico @The Queens

€15

In *The Language of Trees*, Katie Holten considers literature and landscape, fusing storytelling and art in a deeply beautiful celebration of trees through the ages. Paul McMahon explains how Ireland lost its forests and explores how we can get them back. This event is for anyone who cares about the Irish landscape and environment.

Katie Holten and Paul McMahon with Manchán Magan

Revolution in Iran?

3.30pm–4.30pm, St Patrick's Church

€20

Is forty years of Islamic revolution coming to an end? The last 12 months have seen protests,

Mariella Frostrup

punishment, expectations and executions. It is clear this huge country of 82 million people is at boiling point. What happens next?

Ramita Navai & Terence Ward with Dylan Moran

Ruby Wax: I'm Not As Well as I thought I was

4pm–5pm, Seafront

€25

Nobody can make the serious funny and the funny serious quite like Ruby Wax. These days trying to stay sane in a completely chaotic world makes life incredibly difficult. If you are feeling like this, you are not alone. Join Ruby as she shares her thoughts on her own experiences, including her 'mental car crash', and still sees the funny side.

Ruby Wax with Ian Robertson

Mariella Frostrup: Keeping Yourself Together

4.45pm–5.45pm, Town Hall

€20

Cracking the menopause with wisdom and humour, Mariella will bust some of the myths about what has for too long been a taboo but will be experienced by half the population! Broadcaster, journalist, campaigner, arts critic, agony aunt and host of the books programme on BBC Radio 4, *Open Book*, Mariella turns her wit and intelligence to this important subject.

Mariella Frostrup in conversation with Kathy Rose O'Brien

Ireland's Artistic Golden Decade

6pm–7pm, The Vico @The Queens

€18

One hundred years ago, Irish literature dominated the world. An artistic triumvirate of Joyce, Yeats, and Shaw pushed boundaries, paving the way for later greats such as Beckett. What was going on in the twenties and why did the decade produce such masterful works and what can we learn from it? Join us on Bloomsday.

Merve Emre & Roy Foster with Olivia O'Leary

Tom Hanks: The Making of Another Major Motion Picture Masterpiece

6.15pm–7.15pm, Dalkey Church

€59

Hollywood legend, Tom Hanks, introduces his debut novel, *The Making of Another Motion Picture Masterpiece*. An insider's view on what it takes to make a movie but, more than that, it is a reflection on America's past and present, on the world of show business and the real world we all live in. To find out more about his novel and explore his path

Ramita Navai

from film to fiction, join Andrea Catherwood in conversation with Tom Hanks.

Tom Hanks with Andrea Catherwood.

Each ticketholder will receive a copy of The Making of Another Motion Picture Masterpiece.

Paul Murray in conversation

6.30–7.30pm, St Patrick's Church

€18

Paul Murray attained stardom with 2010's *Skippy Dies*, a boarding school tragedy, whose decidedly eclectic fanbase included everyone from Bret Easton Ellis to (reportedly) David Cameron. His first novel in eight years, *The Bee Sting*, published this month concerns the disintegrating Barnes family – financially strapped parents Dickie and Imelda, and their two tearaway kids – who struggle to keep things together while the world around them takes on an increasingly apocalyptic hue.

Paul Murray with Adam Kelly

Paying for War Crimes

6.30pm–7.30pm, Town Hall

€18

Human rights lawyer, Jason McCue, is prosecuting the Russian invaders for their pillage of Ukraine. Listen to this passionate human rights lawyer, the only person to have successfully sued the IRA, as well as Al-Qaeda and Hamas. Now he has Putin and gang in his sights. Don't miss this fascinating, awe-inspiring legal evangelist.

Jason McCue with Naoise Nunn

Ireland's Coming Housing Rebellion: Generation War

7.15pm–8.15pm, Cuala

€20

The next election will be won and lost on the issue of housing. Not just in Ireland but all over the world, housing has split society – between rich and poor, young and old, native and immigrant. Housing is the revolutionary issue of our times, radicalising the electorate. How do we fix it?

Jennifer O'Connell, Ciaran Mulqueen, Robert Shrimpsley & Adrian Duncan with Pat Leahy

The Colony with Audrey Magee

7.30–8.30pm, Heritage Centre

€15

Imperialism, colonisation, language and art are carefully explored by Audrey Magee in her latest novel *The Colony*, shortlisted for the Orwell prize and longlisted for the Booker prize.

Audrey Magee in conversation with the Literary Editor of the Financial Times, Fred Studemann.

Deirdre O'Kane

Climate Worrier: A Hypocrite's Guide to Saving the Planet

7.30–8.30pm, The Vico @The Queens

€15

Are you worried about All The Bad News On The Environment and laugh grimly at it all? Avoid despair and instead join Colm in an hour of stand-up comedy, memoir and even hope as he tries to grapple with Everything Being Broken and where he might start to help.

Colm O'Regan

Reimagining The City

8pm–9pm, St Patrick's Church

€20

The story of the city is the story of civilization. Most of our political, social, commercial, scientific and artistic revolutions have occurred in cities. The city is humankind's greatest invention. In praise of cities, our panel explores what makes a good city, and what challenges the city faces in the 21st century.

Carolina Alves, Simon Kuper, Orla O'Kane and Merve Emre with David McWilliams

World on the Move

8pm–9pm, Town Hall

€17

The world is knocking at the door. The Irish story is one of migration. Where do we stand? Immigration makes the world spin. Immigration makes the economy grow but while the economy gets workers, the society gets people. Will immigration become the biggest political issue in the future?

Sally Hayden, Razan Ibraheem, Ramita Navai, Pat Leahy and Olivia O'Leary

Deirdre O'Kane: Demented

9pm–10pm, Seafront

€20

There's a point beyond burnout where all you can do is laugh, and funny woman Deirdre O'Kane has well and truly reached it. Catch her brilliant new stand-up show, *Demented* in Dalkey. "Unique star quality." – *The Guardian*. *Deirdre O'Kane*

The Dalkey Open Forum and my part in its downfall: Ross O'Carroll-Kelly

9pm–10pm, Cuala

€30

Ross O'Carroll-Kelly returns home to discuss the great events shaping the world – the end of Killiney's Zero Zoning planning status, the new Lidl for Dalkey village and the proposed Government Levy on parents giving their children Protestant names.

Paul Howard



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Saturday 17 June

Wild Swim at Coliemore Harbour
9.30–10am, Coliemore Harbour Free

Bring your togs and towel and join us for a swim led by Easkey Britton, author and champion surfer, in the picturesque Coliemore Harbour, a short walk from Dalkey along Coliemore Road on the way to the Seafront where Easkey is speaking in A Sense of the Sea at 11am.

The Book Doctors
10am–2pm, Dalkey Library
Free For any age of young reader

Are you a young reader? Looking for a new series to delve into? Children (with their parent/guardian) are invited to drop by for a consultation with one of Children's Books Ireland's friendly Book Doctors.When the Book Doctor is ready to see a patient, the consultation begins with some questions about books, activities, movies, tv shows and video games they have enjoyed. The Book Doctor will write a book prescription, a list of books recommended for the individual patient to take to their local library or bookshop to have filled. Drop ins are welcome although a waiting list may operate during busy periods on a first come first served basis. All families are welcome, including those with differing needs, dyslexia, ADHD, autism, and vision impairment. (Consultations last approx 10 mins.)

Interested in becoming a library member on the day? Bring along photo ID as well as proof of address and staff will get you set up. Don't forget you can also register to become a My Open Library user and have access to the library building from 8am to 10pm 365 days a year. For more information on dlrLibraries, visit [libraries.dlrcoco.ie](#) or check out their social media pages

Why Your Writing is Broken And How to Fix It: A Workshop
10am–12.30pm The Vico €40

Join Belfast-based writer Jan Carson for this interactive and informative workshop focusing on the mistakes almost every writer makes and how to avoid making them in your own writing. Explore where your writing's going wrong on a sentence by sentence basis. *Jan Carson*

Creative Bursts: A Workshop for Young Writers with Sarah Webb (Age 9+)
10.30am–11.30am, Dalkey Library €10

Join Sarah Webb for a fun hour of writing prompts based around all kinds of things, from nature and animals, to food, summer holidays and Dalkey itself. Sarah runs writing clubs for young writers every week and loves encouraging and supporting emerging writers. *Sarah Webb*

A Sense of the Sea
11am–12pm Seafront €15

The power of the sea, taste of the sea, smell of the sea, the mystery of the sea: the sea is all around us. As an island people, our environment has been formed by the ocean. We are so lucky to live beside it, but do we appreciate it? Sea, surf, salt, suimhneas; champion surfer, scientist and author, Easkey Britton on the joy of the water. *Easkey Britton with Ruth Freeman*

Inside the Brain of a Dictator
11am–12pm, Town Hall €15

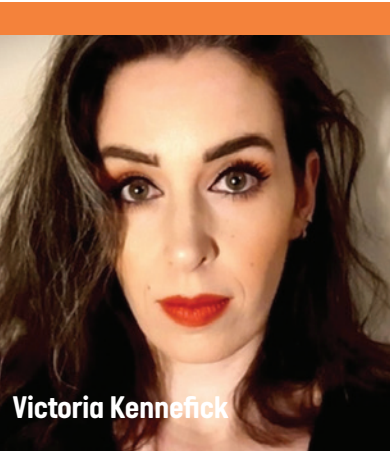
Absolute power distorts the human brain. Delusional certainty in the rightness of one's own views and blindness to risk make absolute power so dangerous in a world leader. We go inside the mind of a dictator with neuroscientist, Prof Ian Robertson. *Ian Robertson with Colm O'Regan*

There's Been a Little Incident
11.30am–12.30pm, Masonic Lodge €15

There's Been a Little Incident is a warm and very funny debut novel from Alice Ryan, Newcomer of The Year at The Irish Book Awards 2022. She tells Madeleine Keane about her novel, a story of family, grief, and the ways we come together when all seems lost. *Alice Ryan with Madeleine Keane*

The Dead Zoo workshop with Peter Donnelly (Age 6+)
12pm–12.45pm, Dalkey Library €10

Award winning children's author and illustrator Peter Donnelly will read from his bestselling book *The Dead Zoo* followed by an illustration workshop where everyone will learn to draw some of the animals from The National History Museum. *Suitable for 6+ and their adults.*



Victoria Kennefick

Happy Days
12.30–1.30pm, Town Hall €15

Anyone who died with a copy of Dante's *Inferno* by his bedside had to have a sense of humour. Laughter and doom, light and darkness, let's talk Sam Beckett with our enthusiastic panellists "infected" with Beckett and you might just get infected yourself. Beckett is dark, perplexing, existential, but there is also humour, humour that helps us endure, offering a way out, a means to dignify and redeem what might otherwise be insufferable anguish. *Barry McGovern, Merve Emre, Corinna Salvadori Lonergan & Maylis Besserie with Fiach MacConghail*

Three Castles Burning Podcast with Donal Fallon and Roddy Doyle
12.30–1.30pm, Seafront €18

Donal Fallon's enormously popular social history podcast, dedicated to the story of Dublin, comes to Dalkey. Donal's passion for history and interest in the lesser-known stories shine through in all his podcasts and expect no less in this special live event. *Donal Fallon with special guest Roddy Doyle.*

The West: A New History of an Old Idea
12.30–1.30pm, St Patrick's Church €20

The concept of "the West" is present in every daily interaction you have, from entertainment and politics to world markets and world history but the modern idea of the West was invented. "Western Civilization", the concept of a single cultural inheritance extending from ancient Greece to modern times, is a powerful figment of our collective imagination. Let's explode some of the myths that underpin the history we thought we



Merve Emre

knew – from the character of the ancient world, to the nature of the Crusades, and the 'superiority' of European powers in imperial contests. We've misunderstood the idea of "the West" for too long. *Naoise MacSweeney with Naoise Nunn*

World Odyssey of a Balinese Prince
1pm–2pm, Masonic Lodge €15

The true story of Prince Djelantik who set sail for Europe on the eve of WWII to study medicine at the University of Amsterdam. He witnessed pivotal historical events, from Nazi-occupied Holland to Indonesia's battle for independence after 400 years of Dutch colonial rule, and finally, the great changes provoked in Bali by unbridled development. His calling took him to far-flung corners of the planet, where he encountered everything from a pirate ambush in the South China Sea to his arrest by Saddam Hussein's secret police. When he returned to Bali, he established the island's first hospital and implemented a campaign which eradicated malaria. Pucci's evocative narrative of this unusual life is for anyone who finds themselves dreaming of distant places. *Idanna Pucci with Martina Devlin*

China's Path to Global Domination
2pm–3pm, Town Hall €20

China has never been more powerful. What does Beijing want and how will it get it? Will it invade Taiwan? Will it bankroll Russia? Or will the limitations of a one party state cause it to grind to a halt? Since 1980 China has been the major global economic story. What about the hundreds of millions of Chinese people, what's their story? What about China's idea of its own history and



Masha Gessen

the ideological significance of this, as well as 'soft power' cultural diplomacy? And, more recently, Covid, a property slump and a potential war over Taiwan may have changed the Chinese path. Will the 21st century be the Chinese century or is the Middle Kingdom about to falter? *Jeff Goldberg, Naoise MacSweeney, Jerusha MacCormack, Bill Emmott with Simon Carswell*

Masha Gessen in conversation
2pm–3pm, Seafront €25

Journalist in exile, persecuted in Moscow as one of the few openly queer public figures, Masha had to flee Russia or lose their children. Staff writer for *The New Yorker* and author of 12 books, including the National Book Award-winning *The Future is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia*, Masha Gessen joins Dylan Moran for a wide-ranging discussion, which could go anywhere from Donbas to Dostoyevsky, why autocrats fear LGBT rights and what the West gets wrong about Putin. *Masha Gessen with Dylan Moran*

The Good Ancestor with Brian Cox
2.15–3.15pm, Dalkey Church €35

Professor Brian Cox, particle physicist and celebrated scientist, explores and explains the wonders of our world , the fundamental scientific principles that explain not only the stories of the universe but answer mankind's greatest questions. Do you ever stop to think how precious is the world we have inherited? Do we appreciate how fragile it is and how every one of us is a custodian of something wondrous? We share a common ancestor with all life on Earth. We've evolved in an unbroken chain from the first living things to



Nicole Flattery

exist on planet Earth millions of years ago. Are we going to leave it in better shape by being a 'Good Ancestor'? *Brian Cox with Ruth Freeman*

Online Gurus, Shams and Charlatans
2.30–3.30pm, St Patrick's Church €15

Whether it's wellness influencers, Bitcoin evangelists or anti-woke crusaders, today's charismatic internet gurus wield enormous power to shape our shared culture. Never have so many been bullshitted by so few. Every day produces another fraud, another scam, and yet our appetite for grifters appears insatiable. If you've gone down a rabbit hole, this event is for you. *Helen Lewis with Rick O'Shea*

Ireland's Next Government
2.30pm–3.30pm, Cuala €20

All the polls and conventional wisdom suggest Sinn Féin will form the next government in Ireland but not "themselves alone". Who will form the inevitable coalition and what economic policies must they pursue to deliver the change the electorate demands? How will it deliver on housing, energy, climate change and a United Ireland? Ireland at a Crossroads: who will win the next election and govern? *Jennifer O'Connell, David McWilliams, Pat Leahy with Naoise Nunn*

Love in the time of AI
2.30pm–3.30pm, Masonic Lodge €15

Artificial intelligence and robotics are transforming the future of love and desire. What's at stake in our human-machine relationships? What's our future as parents,

Thursday 15

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5:00 pm		Chums: The Elite who Run the UK Simon Kuper, Robert Shrimley & Colm O'Regan
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Saturday 17 June



Helen Lewis

friends, lovers? The ethical quandaries of sex robots and the meaning of love in a world of AI are considered by Aifric Campbell, author of *The Love Makers*.
Aifric Campbell with Patrick Freyne

Literature in the TikTok Age

3pm–4pm, The Vico @The Queens €15

In a world of TikTok time, attention spans are dwindling. What hope for immersive literature, slowly digested and appreciated? Is the novel over? And if so, will we miss it? E-books, audio books, moving images, and digital media are all demanding our attention, impacting our ability to focus. Do we have any space left for close reading? And how will technology shape the stories we read, hear, tell and dream?
Merve Emre, Roisin Kiberd, Fred Studemann with Mark Little

Is Putin Winning?

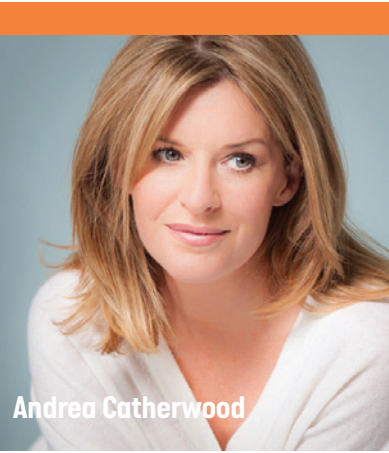
3.30–4.30pm, Seafront €20

The war, according to Russia, is not about Ukraine, it is about the new world order. Is Russia a complex enigma, a brutal bully or a strategic geopolitical player? What does Russia really want? Is the new world order changing in the Kremlin's favour? If so, what does it mean for all of us?
Masha Gessen, Bill Emmott, Jana Bakunina with Andrea Catherwood

Growing Up in a Dictatorship

4pm–5pm, St Patrick's Church €20

Lea Ypi grew up in totalitarian Albania, and Razan Ibraheem lived under Syria's authoritarian regime and Isis terror. What was it like to grow up in the shadow of Big Brother?



Andrea Catherwood

How did it shape them? And now that they have freedom, is there anything that they miss?
Lea Ypi and Razan Ibraheem with Jennifer O'Connell

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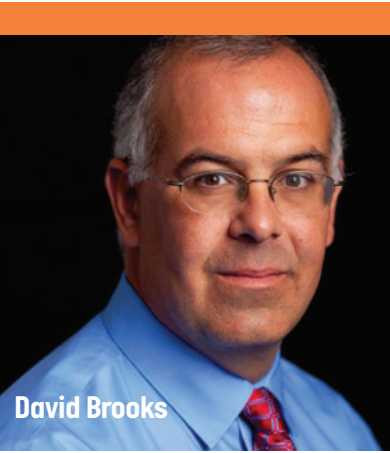
4pm–5pm, Masonic Lodge €15

This is a very special event about urban life, poverty, class and, ultimately, the enduring joy of deep friendship. For anyone who remembers their teenage years – their coming of age, the friendships, the loves, the losses that make us who we are – this is the core of a fascinating discussion with two of Ireland's most brilliant emerging talents.
Nicole Flattery & Karl Geary with Jan Carson

Searching for America: David Brooks in conversation

4pm–5pm, Dalkey Church €30

Most read columnist in *The New York Times*, regarded as the most influential commentator in the United States, David Brooks explains America in turmoil. What drives this country? Why do Americans think the way they do and where is this likely to lead the globe in this tumultuous era? This wide-ranging interview will cover religion, politics, morality, ethics, and culture. In a society that is riven by fragmentation, hostility, and misperception, Brooks observes that all around us are people who feel invisible and misunderstood. Drawing from psychology and neuroscience, he offers a possible remedy. The act of seeing another person, Brooks argues, is a profoundly creative act: how can we look somebody in the eye and see something large in them, and in turn, see something larger in ourselves?
David Brooks with David McWilliams



David Brooks

The Rodfather: Paul Howard and Roddy Collins

4.15pm–5.15pm, Cuala €25

Inside the Beautiful (Ugly, Ridiculous, Hilarious) Game with the funniest man in football, Roddy Collins – a player (at 16 clubs), manager (at 12 clubs) and raconteur with a sharp eye for the absurdities of the game. He makes friends wherever he goes, along with some high-quality enemies. When John Delaney said he could get Roddy a job if he'd just stop criticising him, Roddy replied that he'd "rather dig holes in the road".
Roddy Collins and Paul Howard

John Banville in conversation

4.30–5.30pm, Town Hall €18

From the revered Booker Prize-winning author comes *The Singularities*, which opens with the return of one of his most celebrated characters. With sparkling intelligence and rapier wit, John Banville's exhilarating and elegant novel is as mischievous as it is brilliantly conceived.
John Banville with Merve Emre

Chums: The élite who run the UK

5pm–6pm, Seafront €25

Westminster and Whitehall are swarming with old Oxonians who've attended the same balls and black tie dinners. Of the 17 post-war British prime ministers, 13 went to Oxford, including the latest one. In his book, *Chums*, Simon Kuper traces how the rarefied and privileged atmosphere of this narrowest of talent pools – and the friendships and world views it created – shaped modern Britain.
Simon Kuper and Robert Shrimley with Colm O'Regan



Brian Cox

Poetry Matters!

5.30pm–6.30pm, Heritage Centre €15

Poetry takes us to a different place, allowing us to see the world through a different lens. When we read poetry we think in a different way; it has never been more important to slow down, contemplate, feel and connect. Our contributors explain what poetry means to them and how it enriches their lives.
Victoria Kennefick, Nithy Kasa and Corinna Salvadori Lonergan with Madeleine Keane

The Fight against Fakery

5.30–6.30pm, Masonic Lodge €15

Our world is full of fraud, fakery and forgery, people and products that are not what they seem. We no longer know whether we are talking to a person or a machine. Alice Sherwood argues that, although our counterfeit culture is shaped by powerful forces of evolution, economics, and technology, we can still come together to reclaim reality.
Alice Sherwood with Naoise Nunn

The Power of Connection

5.45–6.45pm, St Patrick's Church €15

Dr Harry Barry shares advice and techniques for improving our skills of emotional connection. From the neuroscience behind communication to the role of verbal language, the importance of setting to the power of humour, there are tools you need to thrive in any networking or social situation. Learn how to improve social confidence, workplace communication and enhance emotional connection.
Harry Barry in conversation with Stefanie Preissner

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Imagining Dublin with Roddy Doyle

6pm–7pm, Cuala €18

Dublinese, Dubliners and Dublin, Roddy Doyle, the bard of the northside, has been invoking Dublin for four decades. Whether it's two auld lads at a bar, single mothers in Barrytown, battered wives walking into Dublin doors, Roddy locates his characters, his drama, his words in our city.
Roddy Doyle with Aideen Howard

Liz Nugent in conversation

6pm–7pm, Town Hall €15

Twisted, shocking, and very, very, dark, Liz Nugent has created a character for the ages in *Strange Sally Diamond*, her fifth novel and fifth Number One bestseller.
Liz Nugent with Rick O'Shea

Our World Unhinged?

6.30–7.30pm, Seafront €20

The world is at war. Is the war in Ukraine akin to the Spanish Civil War? On one side are global forces of autocracy and on the other the forces of liberalism. Russia and China are lined up against the EU and the US. The rest of the world is up for grabs. Who is going to win? What does victory look like? What are the implications for all our lives?
Jeff Goldberg, Masha Gessen, Jana Bakunina, Carolina Alves with Pat Leahy

Peak Progressive?

7pm–8pm, Heritage Centre €15

Are the liberal left running out of things to liberate? As progressives colonise yet more areas of society, identifying things that can and cannot be said, 'cancelling' arguments and counter arguments, replacing discussion with indignation, many people who were on the side of liberalism now find themselves targets of radical progressives. Have we reached Peak Progressive?
Robert Shrimley, Helen Lewis, Roisin Kiberd, Janine Gibson with Jennifer O'Connell

Joseph O'Connor in conversation

7.30–8.30pm, St Patrick's Church €18

September 1943: German forces occupy Rome. An Irish priest, Hugh O'Flaherty, dedicates himself to helping those escaping from the Nazis. Based on an extraordinary true story,

My Father's House is a powerful literary thriller, an unforgettable novel of love, faith and sacrifice, and what it means to be truly human in the most extreme circumstances.
Joseph O'Connor with Madeleine Keane

Europe At War

8pm–9pm, Town Hall €20

The war in Ukraine shatters many of our illusions about Europe. Peace, prosperity, democracy, are all in the balance. Europe will never be the same again. Eastern Europe is now a fortress, Ukraine a garrison and Western Europe needs to reimagine what Europe means, how Europe fights, and who will pay for this. Our panel from Albania, Germany- Britain, Netherlands-France, and Russia will plot the next decade.
Lea Ypi, Fred Studemann, Simon Kuper, Jana Bakunina with Colm O'Regan

Friends with Benefits: Ireland and Britain

8.15pm–9.15pm, Cuala €18

After the break up, where are the boundaries? We all know that Ireland and Britain are locked in a profoundly dysfunctional relationship, a 100-year divorce complicated by a problematic foster child, Northern Ireland. We can't live with each other; we can't live without each other. Ireland is in a new relationship with the EU, while Britain is resolutely single. As we eye each other up, can things ever be the same after Brexit?
Andrea Catherwood, Naoise Nunn, Robert Shrimley, Alice Sherwood with Dylan Moran

A History of Feminism in 11 Fights

8.30–9.30pm, Seafront €15

Well-behaved women don't make history: difficult women do. From strikers in saris to bomb throwing Suffragettes, feminist trailblazers have been airbrushed from history for being "difficult women". Discover their stories in all their shocking, funny and unvarnished glory, and appreciate how they made a difference. Internet famous for her *GQ* interview with online guru Jordan Peterson (viewed 60 million times), Helen Lewis is a staff writer for *Atlantic* magazine, covering the meatier bits of life today from the rise of TikTok tics in teenagers to Harry & Meghan, Andrew Tate and the absurdities of US and UK politics.
Helen Lewis with Jennifer O'Connell

Saturday 17

	DALKEY CHURCH	TOWN HALL	HERITAGE CENTRE	MASONIC LODGE	THE VICO @ THE QUEENS BAR	DALKEY LIBRARY	DALKEY LIBRARY
10:00 am					Why Your Writing is Broken And How to Fix It: A Writing Workshop (age 18+) Jan Carson	Creative Bursts: A Workshop for Young Writers (Age 9+) Sarah Webb	The Book Doctors – Drop in clinic for young readers who need a book prescription. Drop ins welcome 10am–2pm A waiting list may operate at busy times. Consultations are FREE and last approx 10 mins.
10:30 am							
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11:00 am		Inside the Brain of a Dictator Ian Robertson & Colm O'Regan		There's been a Little Incident Alice Ryan & Madeleine Keane			
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12:30 pm		Happy Days Barry McGovern, Merve Emre, Corinna Salvadori Lonergan, Maylis Besserie & Fiach MacConghail					
12:45 pm							
1:00 pm				World Odyssey of a Balinese Prince Idanna Pucci & Martina Devlin			
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2:00 pm		China's Path Jeff Goldberg, Naoise MacSweeney, Jerusha MacCormack, Bill Emmott & Simon Carswell					
2:15 pm	The Good Ancestor Brian Cox & Ruth Freeman			Love in the Time of AI Aifric Campbell & Patrick Freyne			
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3:00 pm					Literature in the TikTok Age Merve Emre, Roisin Kiberd, Fred Studemann & Mark Little		
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12:00 pm					France under President Le Pen? Robert Shrimpsley, Maylis Besserie, Jan Carson, Simon Kuper & Fiach MacConghail			
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12:30 pm				Richard Ford in conversation Richard Ford & Merve Emre				
12:45 pm		Brian Cox & The Edge in conversation The Edge & Brian Cox						
1:00 pm						Very Smart & Funny Lunacy Ian MacPherson & Kevin Gildea		
1:15 pm								
1:30 pm					Making a Murderer Mark O'Connell & Adam Kelly			
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2:15 pm	The World in 2025 Carolina Alves, Linda Yueh, Lea Ypi, Jeff Goldberg & David McWilliams							
2:30 pm				Meanwhile Back on Earth: Oliver Jeffers & The Edge				
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The Edge



Linda Yueh



Oliver Jeffers



Bono

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Donal Ryan does Finnegan's
11am–12pm, Finnegan's €15
A favourite for Dalkey patrons is Finnegan's on Sunday morning – whether with Maeve Binchy, Bono or Paul Muldoon. We are thrilled this year to welcome national treasure, Donal Ryan. Grab a ticket while you can to this special event.
Donal Ryan with Martina Devlin

France under President le Pen?
12pm–1pm, Heritage Centre €15
France is on fire. Macron is defiant about pension reform. Hundreds of thousands are taking to the streets. Is Le Pen set to be the next President as some polls suggest? To assess the mood in France, predict the coming year and whether the anger is peculiarly French or might spill into other nations, join our panel, chaired by Fiach MacConghail, with the FT's Robert Shrimsley and three very different writers who live in France.
Robert Shrimsley, Maylis Besserie, Jan Carson & Simon Kuper with Fiach MacConghail

Richard Ford in conversation
12.30pm–1.30pm, Town Hall €20
Regarded as one of the grand figures of contemporary American literature, Pulitzer Prize winner Richard Ford, talks to Merve Emre about his prolific career, his

influences, his process, and his enduring relationship with Ireland. His latest novel, *Be Mine*, is the final instalment in the world of Frank Bascombe, one of the most indelible characters in American literature.
Richard Ford with Merve Emre

Brian Cox and The Edge
12:45–1:45pm, Seafront €30
Meet the rockstar who wanted to be a scientist and the scientist who wanted to be a rockstar. Edge was an engineering student then a band got in the way; Brian was in a band, then science got in his way. Join this extraordinary pair as they explore the wonders of science, from how the earth looks from space to black holes, quantum mechanics and maybe a few riffs on music too. Their first demo. Don't miss it!
Brian Cox and The Edge

Very Smart and Funny Lunacy
1pm–2pm, The Vico @The Queens €15
Author and comedian Ian MacPherson talks to Kevin Gildea about his latest novel *Hewbris* (Dublinese for hubris), how his comedy career morphed into a writing one, the difference between the two forms and, no doubt a lot more, served up with a dose of laughter.
Ian MacPherson with Kevin Gildea

Making a Murderer with Mark O'Connell
1.30pm–2.30pm, Heritage Centre €15
In 1982 Malcolm MacArthur, a wealthy heir, found himself suddenly without money. The solution, he decided, was to rob a bank. He would need a gun and a car. In procuring them, he killed two people, and the circumstances of his eventual arrest in the apartment of the Attorney General nearly brought down the government. In *A Thread of Violence*, O'Connell unravels the mysteries surrounding these horrific and inexplicable crimes. This story also concerns the endlessly complex relationship between a writer and a subject; in a deeper sense, it's about the nature of narrative, and the philosophical problem of truth itself.
Mark O'Connell with Adam Kelly

The World in 2025
2.15pm–3.15pm, Cuala €20
The world is at a 'Tipping Point'. It could go either way. Join us as we explore the emerging themes and threads that will define the coming year of geo-politics and economics across the globe. Our panel looks at the known knowns, the unknown knowns and even the unknown unknowns that are likely to shape our world in the coming year and just beyond.
Carolina Alves, Linda Yueh, Lea Ypi, Jeff Goldberg and David McWilliams

Meanwhile Back on Earth: Oliver Jeffers & The Edge (age 12+)
2.30pm–3.30pm, Town Hall €25
Artist Oliver Jeffers (*Here We Are*) is the mind behind *Our Place in Space*, an epic scale model of the solar system that inspired his latest picture book, *Meanwhile Back on Earth* – a story that explores the universe.
Oliver Jeffers with The Edge

Sebastian Barry: Old God's Time
3pm–4pm, Seafront €18
One of the most soulful living writers in the English language, Sebastian Barry returns to Dalkey, the setting for *Old God's Time*. Come to hear the author that *The Atlantic* magazine rightly claims 'ought to be widely read and revered' and 'ought to be a laureate for fiction everywhere'.
Sebastian Barry with Rick O'Shea

How to Build a Boat with Elaine Feeney
3pm–4pm, Heritage Centre €15
How to Build a Boat, Elaine Feeney's new novel, is the story of how one boy and his mission transforms the lives of his teachers, and brings together a community. Written with tenderness and verve, it's an uplifting story about love, family and connection.
Elaine Feeney with Declan Hughes

Service: Sarah Gilmartin
3pm–4pm, The Vico @The Queens €15
The waitress. The chef. The chef's wife. Three different stories, but which one contains the truth? A story of power, abuse and complicity, Gilmartin's novel is about the facades we maintain, the lies we tell and the courage it takes to face the truth.
Sarah Gilmartin with Jan Carson

The Coming Economic Crash (And What To Do About It)
3.45pm–4.45pm, Cuala €20
As the world could possibly be facing yet another global financial meltdown, Linda Yueh traces ten earlier crises. Each serves as a cautionary tale with its own set of lessons to be learned. Financial crises are inevitable, Yueh warns where the next one might come from and shows how her novel thinking could contain it.
Linda Yueh with David McWilliams

The Return of America
4pm–5pm, Town Hall €15
Writing off the United States is a perennial pastime, but this year the US has re-emerged if not stronger than ever, certainly with more might on the international stage. Where would Ukraine be today without America? Who would defend Europe? And, culturally and artistically, the United States remains preeminent. Could its best days be ahead?
Jeff Goldberg, Masha Gessen, and Terence Ward with Andrea Catherwood

Adventures in Wonderland with Paul Charles & John Connolly
4.30–5.30pm, The Vico@The Queens €15
When the best crime writer to come out of Ireland describes a memoir as the best of its kind to come out of Ireland, it's time to sit up and listen. John Connolly talks to Paul Charles about his amazing life at the forefront of the music revolution. You don't get to be the gatekeeper at Glastonbury without knowing your onions.
Paul Charles with John Connolly

Dublin, A Writer's City
4.30-5.30pm, Heritage Centre €15
The words of its writers are a part of the texture of Dublin, an invisible counterpart to the bricks and pavement we see around us. In the ever-present footsteps of Joyce's Leopold Bloom, Seamus Heaney, WB Yeats, and Samuel Beckett, Chris Morash has written a book-lover's map of our great city of literature.
Chris Morash with Declan Hughes

Dying to Tell a Story: War Correspondents
5.30pm–6.30pm, Town Hall €15
The job of the war correspondent is to take calculated risks to confront the uncomfortable, to witness on behalf of others, to tell the world what is going on and to do so without fear or favour. Andrea Catherwood covered wars in Kosovo and Iraq as well as Afghanistan where she was injured in a suicide bomb attack. Iranian-British journalist Ramita Navai was the first reporter to go undercover with ISIS and survive.
Ramita Navai and Andrea Catherwood with Mark Little

The Murder of Wolfe Tone
6pm–7pm, The Vico @The Queens €15
Historical entertainer, Paddy Cullivan, brings you the incredible story of the mysterious death of Theobald Wolfe Tone, the founding father of Irish Republicanism. In an audio-visual spectacular, Paddy unravels the secrets and lies around what happened that fateful week in the Provost's Prison in November 1798.
Paddy Cullivan

Bono and Fintan O'Toole in conversation
7pm–8pm, Dalkey Church €40
What can we say about this event? Two Dubliners, two lives, two books – Bono and Fintan O'Toole. Beg, borrow or steal to be at this one. Enough said.
Bono and Fintan O'Toole

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SEAFRONT, AT DILLON'S PARK

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Please come by public transport (DART, Dublin Bus or taxi) where possible. The DART service stops in Dalkey at the train station on Railway Road.

You can also take the number 59 bus from Dún Laoghaire, the 111 bus from Brides Glen Luas or the 7d from Dublin City Centre.

Aircoach provides a service to and from Dublin airport to Ulverton Road, Dalkey.

PLEASE NOTE

The Church car park closes at 7pm on Saturday evening and does not reopen until Sunday.

Getting to the Seafront, Dillon's Park, Coliemore Road. See map. There is no parking by the venue on Coliemore Road. **The venue is a 20 minute walk from the town.**

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We are delighted to promote sustainability at the Seafront, Dillon's Park. The power will be generated by solar powered batteries.

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