



# WRITERS' FESTIVAL 2026

Venue	Start	End	Prog	Event	FACILITATOR
<b>Auditorium (130 seats)</b>	10.30 10.30 am	10.40 10.40 am	<b>Welcome</b> Wilde H&FWF Founder : Rasheda Malcolm  Disruptive Coach: Marcia Gordon	Welcome to Wilde Foundation H&F Writers Festival 2026	
<b>Auditorium</b>	10.45 10.45 am	11.15 11.15 am	<b>Presentation:</b> Irish Creative Writers Collective  'Voices From Ireland'		Dee-Dee Keogh
<b>Boardroom(20 seats)</b>	11.15 11.15 a.	12.10 12.10 am	<b>Open Mic Session</b> Got Something to Say...?	A space where voices rise, stories unfold, and creativity takes centre stage	Chaired by Sheda, Yohanes and Kwame
<b>Auditorium</b>	11.25 11.25am	12.25 12.25pm	<b>Speed Pitch and Advice Presentation</b> Curtis Brown	Meet the Publishers :Catriona PagetCurtis Brown	Chaired by Amy Beeson
<b>Auditorium</b>	12.35 12.35pm	13.10 1.10pm	In Conversation With . . . Shaun Wallace	Informal chat with <b>Shaun Wallace</b> about his career, life in the spotlight and his book 'Chasing The Dream'	Interviewed by <b>Jackee Holder</b>
<b>Boardroom</b>	12.20 12.20pm	13.15 1.15pm	<b>Poetry Workshop:</b> Brick By Brick	Poetry Workshop with SHEDA	SHEDA
<b>LUNCH</b>	13.00 1.00 pm	14.15 2.15 pm	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
<b>Boardroom</b>	14.20 2.20pm	15.10 3.10pm	<b>Workshop Conscious Stream</b> - Self Publishing	7 Principles of Self Publishing Workshop	Facilitated by Daniella Blechner
<b>Auditorium</b>	14.30 2.30pm	15.30 3.30pm	Panel Discussion <b>Women Who Write</b> - be inspired by the powerhouse of female authors!	A great time to be a Writer: Representation in Literature - The role of women's voices in shaping cultural narratives.	Chaired by Niki IgbaroolaTina AndrewsYvette EdwardsYvonne Bailey SmithOnyi NwabinelicFatin Abbas
<b>Boardroom</b>	15.30 3.30pm	16.15 4.15pm	<b>Book Club</b> - WILDE Festival & LWL Book Club recommendations	A discussion on some of the best books reviewed and recommended	Sandy Parris andBukola Akinyemi
<b>Auditorium</b>	15.45 3.45pm	16.15 4.15pm	<b>In conversation with...</b> Marcia Hutchinson TBC "Power in Print: Women Who Publish, Empower & Transform."	Informal chat with Marcia Hutchinson about her shortlisted 2026 Women's Prize debut novel:'The Mercy Step'	Chaired by Bibi TBC
<b>Auditorium</b>	16.30 4.30pm	16.45 4.45pm	<b>Announcement:</b> Competition Winners Raffle Winners		
<b>BoardroomTBC</b>	17.00 5.00pm	17.45 5.45pm	<b>Instrumental Health Author Book Launch</b> From Menarche to Menopause by Kandake Makonnen	Author - Kandake Makonnen	Chaired by Rasheda Malcolm