

New Words 2010

Previously known as *Wordfringe*, the North-East's most varied literary festival moves to the month of September this year.

New Words 2010 presents poets, fiction writers, dramatists, storytellers, actors, comedians, philosophers, interpreters, translators, musicians, composers, sound artists, choreographers, dancers, visual artists and light artists, from North-East Scotland and beyond, in the innovative festival exploring the spoken and written word in performance. Events take place in venues in Aberdeen and many towns and villages throughout Aberdeenshire.

This year's festival highlights include theatre shows from Alan Bissett and Henry Adam, two of Scotland's finest playwrights, both well-known to the North-East literary community. There's the usual rich variety of poetry events, fiction is represented by the launch of the first collection of short stories from North-East author Cal Wallace, and *Gadiefest* is a storytelling extravaganza brought to us by Grampian Association of Storytellers.

More unusual events include Knotbrook Taylor's *Dumb Show* and Sue Hawksley's *InTensions* and *Bodytext*, exploring relationships between text, sound, light and movement, the latter two presented in collaboration with October's *Dance Live* festival. In *Still Voices*, sound artist Pete Stollery and poet Elspeth Murray contemplate whisky in the distillery that provided some of their source material.

We have a cluster of workshop events in the middle of the month, which aspiring and professional writers alike will find invaluable in developing their writing and performing skills.

There are also events featuring local writers' groups, and an intimate open poetry evening where anyone can read, contributing to one of the most varied, entertaining, challenging and stimulating ways of spending a month that you could imagine.

Most events are modestly priced — some are free — and we avoid clashing events so you can come to as many as you choose. Browse the **New Words** website, be adventurous, visit venues you have never been to before, and find out why those who have discovered the festival keep coming back for more!

For full details of all events in **New Words 2010**, including booking information, venue maps, and photographs and biographies of the authors taking part in the festival, visit the website:

www.newwords.co.uk

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Keep an eye on the **North East Writers** website for literary news and events throughout the year:

www.northeastwriters.co.uk

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Featuring

Henry Adam
Alan Bissett
Sheena Blackhall
Grant Fraser
Eddie Gibbons
John Glenday
Sue Hawksley
Laura Hird
John Mackie
Elspeth Murray
Keith Murray
Andi Ross
Pete Stollery
Knotbrook Taylor
Paulina Vanderbilt
Cal Wallace
Rapunzel Wizard
and many more



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1st – 30th September 2010

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Wednesday 1 September • 7.30pm • Woodend Barn, Banchory

Times when I Bite

The Moira Monologues, written and performed by Alan Bissett, directed by Sacha Kyle

Thursday 2 September • 7pm • The Coffee House, Aberdeen

Demented Eloquence

Sharp and comic performance poetry from Rapunzel Wizard and Amanda Aitken

Friday 3 September • 7pm • Salmon Bothy, Portsoy

Animating Air

An evening of poetry, music and the interplay between, with John Mackie and friends

Saturday 4 September • 3pm • Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Fraserburgh

Scottish Lighthouse Poetry

A reading and book signing launching the world's only dedicated collection of Scottish lighthouse poetry

Tuesday 7 September • 7pm • Aberdeen Arts Centre, Aberdeen

Makar Matters

Spring Tides Poetry Group and friends, featuring special guest Sheena Blackhall, Makar of North-East Scotland

Wednesday 8 September • 7.30pm • GlenDronach Distillery, Forgue

Still Voices

Pete Stollery and Elspeth Murray distil acousmatic music and poetry from the sound of whisky

Thursday 9 September • 7pm • The Coffee House, Aberdeen

Dumb Show

Poet, sound artist and light manipulator pick at the incomplete meanings of modern life

Friday 10 September • 7.15pm • Queen's Cross Church, Aberdeen

Gadiefest Storytelling Evening

Come and join us for an evening of entertainment with Welsh storyteller Cath Little

Saturday 11 September • 10.30am • Archaeolink, Oyne

Storytelling Workshop

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Storytelling Festival

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Saturday 11 September • 6.30pm • Archaeolink, Oyne

Open Mic Storytelling, Balladry and Song

Part of Gadiefest

Sunday 12 September • 11am • Stewart's Hall, Huntly

Stand and Deliver

An interactive and practical workshop for writers to develop their performance style

Monday 13 September • 6.30pm • Musa, Aberdeen

Taking it from the page

An information sharing event for professional writers

Tuesday 14 September • 7pm • Aberdeen Arts Centre, Aberdeen

Hinterlands

Meditation, self-trial, mystery

Wednesday 15 September • 4pm • Aberdeen Arts Centre, Aberdeen

In a Flash

A flash fiction workshop

Thursday 16 September • 7pm • Acorn Centre, Inverurie

The Philosophers' Café

What's the point of asking why? An exploration of philosophy in today's world

Friday 17 September • 2pm • Meldrum Library, Oldmeldrum

A Trip down Memory Lane

Reminisce with a World War Two soldier

Friday 17 September • 7pm • Better Read Books, Ellon

New Words Festival Open Mic Night

An evening of poetry and prose that you can contribute or just listen to

Saturday 18 September • 1pm • Acorn Centre, Inverurie

Spread the Word

Writers' workshops

Tuesday 21 September • 12.30pm • Gordon House, Inverurie

Percussion Workshop

De-stress workshop. Bang your own drum, rattle our maracas

Tuesday 21 September • 7pm • Aberdeen Arts Centre, Aberdeen

Fit are ye haverin about?

Scots and Doric from Morag Skene, Linda Smith and Phyllis Goodall with singer Tom Dailly

Wednesday 22 September • 7.30pm • Rizza's Ice Cream Factory, Huntly

Raspberry Ripple

Huntly Writers blend essences of Battlehill Wood with the secrets of Rizza's ice-cream

Thursday 23 September • 7pm • The Coffee House, Aberdeen

What They Say About You

Eddie Gibbons reads from his new collection, joined by Olivia McMahon and Catriona Yule

Friday 24 September • 7.30pm • Grassic Gibbon Centre, Arbuthnott

The Man with the Silver Eye

Launch of Cal Wallace's debut short story anthology

Saturday 25 September • 11am • Aberdeen Douglas Hotel, Aberdeen

Lemon Tree Writers

presenting a reading of poetry, stories and song

Tuesday 28 September • 7pm • Aberdeen Arts Centre, Aberdeen

Diverse Voices

Featuring poets John Glenday, Paulina Vanderbilt and E. E. Chandler with musical accompaniment from Colin Edwards

Wednesday 29 September • 6.30pm • Aberdeen Central Library, Aberdeen

Scales

Keith Murray launches his new chapbook

Thursday 30 September • 7.30pm • Woodend Barn, Banchory

Jacobite Country

Dogstar Theatre presents a new comedy by Henry Adam directed by Matthew Zajac

Saturday 16 October • 7.30pm • Woodend Barn, Banchory

InTensions & Bodytext

Two collaborative works from Sue Hawksley's Articulate Animal

For full details of all events visit
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