

Political cabaret, debate and film

FRIDAY

12:00 – 14:30

SALON DU CHAT

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THE HUMAN LIBRARY

Welcome to True North at the Electric Picnic. The aim of the event is to raise awareness about some of the positive aspects of Northern Ireland post conflict and after 25 years of the good Friday agreement and peace process, we are happy to bring the Human Library. What is the Human Library? The Human Library provides opportunities for conversations that can challenge the prejudices we have or assumptions we make. We publish people as open Books. A conversation at the Human Library is an interactive experience that engages people – a Human Book and a Human Library Readers. A place to ask questions about difficult issues. An opportunity to challenge stereotypes. How does it work? A Human Book is a person who has volunteered to challenge prejudice through respectful conversation with participants who borrow them. They will have a title that relates to their experience of prejudice and/or discrimination. Participants are put into small groups to listen and ask questions of our Human Books. We our all so running an honesty library which will offer a range of publications form the main groups working with victims and survivors, all books available to everyone and on a donation basis. The event will run on Friday form 2:30 to 3:30 , participants will get to hear 2 books on the day ,the true north team will be around Mindfield on Friday to promote and inform about the event before hand.

15:45 – 16:45

AMNESTY HOUR

hosted by Clare Brock with May Kay, Emma Ward and Stephen Bowen.

Claire Brock is the well-known face of Virgin Media, and host of the Tonight Show, the flagship current affairs programme that provides nightly debate and analysis across Ireland. Prior to that in 2018, she led Virgin Media Television's News at 8 having been a regular on-screen presence at the channel, presenting across news bulletins, as well as daytime programming. Previously Claire was a reporter and anchor in UTV Ireland, 98fm, and Dublin's Q102. Claire graduated from Dublin City University with a journalism degree in 2002. Stephen Bowen is the new Executive Director of Amnesty International Ireland. He is a well-known and passionate human rights expert and social justice advocate. Stephen is a barrister specialising in international human rights law and an academic with over 30 years' experience and has served as the Chief of Staff and Legal Adviser at the UN Special Coordinator for Sarajevo, and as Chief Human Rights Officer to the UN Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) during the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. He is also a former Director of the British Institute of Human Rights and most recently completed his role as Human Rights Course Director at Kingston University, London. Bowen has also been a Visiting Professor of International Human Rights Law at Queen Mary, University of London. Stephen has spent time with Amnesty International UK as Campaigns Director and as Director for External Affairs with Scope, one of the UK's leading disability equality charities. He was also Legal Adviser to the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights in the Gaza Strip and is a former trustee of Manchester Pride. Today he is a trustee of Sheffield DocFest and a trustee of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Health, a faculty of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

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LEVIATHAN: FAKE NEWS, LIES AND PROPAGANDA AND THE THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

with Carole Cadwalladr, Donie O'Sullivan and Paul Rouse hosted by Dearbhail McDonald.

Carole Cadwalladr is a renowned Pulitzer-nominated journalist for the Guardian, feature writer for the Observer, and Cambridge Analytica investigator. She formerly worked at The Daily Telegraph, and was nominated for numerous Press Awards. Cadwalladr was a Pulitzer Prize finalist for National Reporting in 2019, receiving praise upon her investigation and coverage into Cambridge Analytica and its role in Brexit. Cadwalladr's sheer dedication in exposing a nexus of corruption that resulted in Mark Zuckerberg being called before Congress, and exposing Cambridge Analytica's role in mass-harvesting data to influence elections (Brexit and Trump), goes far beyond the question of Remain or Leave. Her investigation also interrogates the role we have been puppeteered to play in a 2017 Britain that took its first step into an undemocratic world. Donie O'Sullivan is a CNN correspondent covering the intersection of politics and technology. Based in New York City, O'Sullivan is a top expert in his field whose work primarily focuses on the real-world effects of online misinformation and the role it plays in American politics. In the months leading up to the 2020 US Presidential election, he traveled the country reporting on the role conspiracy theories were playing in voters' attitude to the election and to the country's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. He also reported live from outside the U.S. Capitol during the insurrection on January, 6th, 2021. Paul Rouse is a Professor of History at University College Dublin where he teaches a module entitled: "Manufacturing Truth in the Modern World: Propaganda, Evidence, Lies, Analysis, Perspective, Power". Using a series of case studies, the module examines the history of misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation. Ultimately, the module is about the primacy of analyzing evidence and of critical thinking. He recently appeared as a guest contributor on The Rest is History Podcast with Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook. Dearbhail McDonald is an award-winning Journalist, Author, Broadcaster and MC. A global Eisenhower Fellow, the former Group Business Editor of Independent News And Media has won a series of awards for her contribution to public affairs journalism including the 2021 Smurfit Business Journalism Outstanding Achievement Award, the Mary Cummins Award for Women of Outstanding Achievement in Media, as well as an inaugural Dublin City University Special Alumni Achievement award. A cofounder of the Equality Expert Group, Dearbhail's 2019 documentary ('Fertility Shock', RTE) addressed the future of work, diverse workforces and the impact of fertility trends on economic growth. President of the strategy committee of the Centre Culturel Irlandais in Paris, the Newry born writer served a seven year term as a member of the board of Fighting Words, Ireland's national creative writing centre for children and young adults. The author of *Bust: How the Courts Exposed the Rotten Heart of the Irish Economy* (Penguin), Dearbhail has also served on the Board of the St Stephen's Green Trust and the External Advisory Board of Maynooth University Department of Law. Dearbhail holds an LL.B (Law) from Trinity College Dublin as well as a Masters Degree in Journalism from Dublin City University.

19:00 –21:00

WORD UP COLLECTIVE

Tebi Rex, Natalya O'Flaherty, DeCarteret; and Mothmom and Roe.

Having curated events for the likes of Music Town, Body & Soul, Museum of Literature Ireland and Eye On The Edge, Word Up Collective bring another selection of music and spoken word artists to Electric Picnic 2023. Hosted by Tebi Rex, the bill will feature names from their own ranks (Natalya O'Flaherty and DeCarteret) with special guests Mothmom and Roe. Combining hip-hop, poetry, alternative rock, indie pop and lo-fi soul with some unique EP collaborations, Word Up & Friends promises to be yet another unmissable get together.

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THE RODFATHER

Roddy Collins in conversation with Paul Howard.

An hour of laughter, tears and stories galore as Roddy Collins, football's funniest man, teams up with Paul Howard, the creator of Ross O'Carroll-Kelly, to produce a chat to remember. Over the course of almost fifty years in football, Roddy Collins has seen just about everything. Much of it he chronicled in *The Rodfather*, his autobiography, which became an instant classic of Irish sportswriting when it was published in 2022. Now, the two long-time friends who brought the story to the page are bringing it to the stage as Roddy remembers the highs, the lows and the absurdities of the game with the brilliance of a raconteur.

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16.15–17.15

History Ireland Hedge School

FAR RIGHT, SO FAR

Hosted by Tommy Graham with Brian Hanley, Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc, Aoife Gallagher and Bryan Fanning.

History Ireland editor Tommy Graham and the panel explore the history of the Irish far-right since the foundation of the state—with Brian Hanley (Assistant Professor of Modern Irish History, TCD), Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc (author of *Fascism and the Far-Right in Ireland 1923-2023*), Aoife Gallagher (researcher on far-right extremism, disinformation and conspiracy theories, Institute for Strategic Dialogue) and Bryan Fanning (Professor of Migration and Social Policy, UCD)

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FIFTH COURT PODCAST:

*Mark Tottenham with Rory Carroll, author of **Killing Thatcher**.*

Mark Tottenham is a barrister and mediator, practising in the areas of property and probate law, amongst others. He is the founder of Decisis.ie, the online law reporting service. He is the award-winning author of two books on expert evidence, *A Guide to Expert Witness Evidence*, and *The Reliable Expert Witness*, and has lectured on the subject both in Ireland and internationally. Rory Carroll is a Guardian correspondent and author. He started his career with the Irish News in Belfast in 1995, covering the end of the Troubles. He joined the Guardian in 1997 and spent two decades as a foreign correspondent based in Rome, Johannesburg, Baghdad, Caracas and Los Angeles. Rory returned to his native Dublin in 2018 as the Guardian's Ireland correspondent. He is the author of *Comandante: Hugo Chavez's Venezuela*, and *Killing Thatcher: the IRA, the manhunt, and the long war on the Crown*.

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BILL TALKS:*Presented by Waterford Whispers News*

Ireland's most famous forward-thinking business leader, landlord, entrepreneur and humble philanthropist Bill Badbody delivers his groundbreaking 'Bill Talks' designed to give everyday plebs the power to break free from their pathetic lives and transform their financial fortunes.

19:15–20:15

MISS KATE AND FRIENDS

MissKate is back this summer with her new dancefloor banger GET ME along with a video from artist Johnny Brennan. MissKate has worked with top producers including Daithí, Hystereo, MathMan and Bobofunk, and performed at festivals Nationally and Internationally including Electric Picnic, Groove Festival MainStage, Beatyard and headlined the Ballroom at Cork Jazz Festival. Previous releases include WALK FOR ME (EP Jan 2019 written by Kate and produced by MathMan), MKx (Various Producers) and "MissKate and the Higher State" (EP released 2013).

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MIRIAM O'CALLAGHAN'S BRUNCH*with Donie O'Sullivan, Aoife Grace Moore, Helena Power, Stephen Kinsella.*

Hosted by national treasure, the broadcaster Miriam O'Callaghan is a rummage through the Sunday papers with a good dose of comedy, satire and craic, featuring analysis and chats with guests including Donie O'Sullivan, Aoife Grace Moore and more.

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Supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Donie O'Sullivan hosts a panel discussion on the political and cultural legacy of the Good Friday Agreement, signed 25 years ago in 1998. The panel includes playwright of Agreement, Owen McCafferty; broadcaster and journalist, Dearbhail McDonald; writer Eva Kenny; and Fiona Corvan of the Holywell Trust.

16.45–17.45

Paddy Cullivan:

THE MURDER OF WOLFE TONE

Paddy Cullivan is a musician and historical entertainer. A writer and actor on 'Callan's Kicks' and lead singer with The Camembert Quartet, Paddy has also been the third wheel in David McWilliams and Naoise Nunn's 'Leviathan Political Cabaret' since 2005. Since 2016 his '10 Dark Secrets' multimedia shows have toured all over Ireland and beyond. His online shows 'The Murder of Wolfe Tone' and 'The Murder of Michael Collins' brought all his visual and musical skill to bear, thrilled audiences and defenestrated official narratives with new research and incredible findings. In their natural live setting, the 'Murder' shows will leave you shocked at how little you knew - and how much more you want to...

18.00-19.00

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THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF THEOBALD WOLFE TONE

Hosted by Tommy Graham with Paddy Cullivan, Ultan Gillan, Sylvie Kleinman, Tim Murtagh and Fergus Whelan.

Immediately following Paddy Cullivan's presentation on the 'Murder of Wolfe Tone', History Ireland editor Tommy Graham and the panel will explore Tone's life and legacy, 225 years after his death—with Paddy Cullivan, Ultan Gillan (lecturer in European History, Teeside University), Sylvie Kleinman (Visiting Research Fellow, Dept. of History, TCD) Tim Murtagh (author of Spectral Mansions: The Birth of a Dublin Tenement) and Fergus Whelan (former trade unionist and author of May Tyrants Tremble: The Like of William Drennan, 1754-1820).

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CULCHIE SHOW with Barry Murphy featuring John Moynes, Pete Fagan, Linda Quilligan, Paddy Quilligan, Wild Geeze

20.30 - 21.30

THE CAMEMBERT QUARTET

Regarded as the greatest five-piece quartet in the world, The Camembert Quartet are celebrating two decades since the release of their debut album 'Music is War' in 2002, which took aim at the horrific realities of turn of the century Ireland. 'Boybands are C**ts' became this country's 'Anarchy in the UK', launching the fightback against the culture-free Celtic Tiger. 2004's 'Selling Out' went even further - at the same time as the band became the house band on 'Tubridy Tonight' and 'The Late Late Show', songs like 'Battaburger', the climate-sceptic 'We Came to Rock' and 'Students' became Zappa-like anthems before the Crash. Hear all these masterpieces, insane covers and more in a rare original performance that will rock so hard...Leviathan will Levitate!