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£16 family

Sunday 11 September

Des Dillon - The art of humour in playwriting

Participants will work in small groups to see how to get laughs out of sections of *Six Black Candles* and try their hand at **directing it**. Then groups will write (or use an existing section of comedy) and direct this for laughs too. The workshop will finish off with a look at what we laugh at and why.

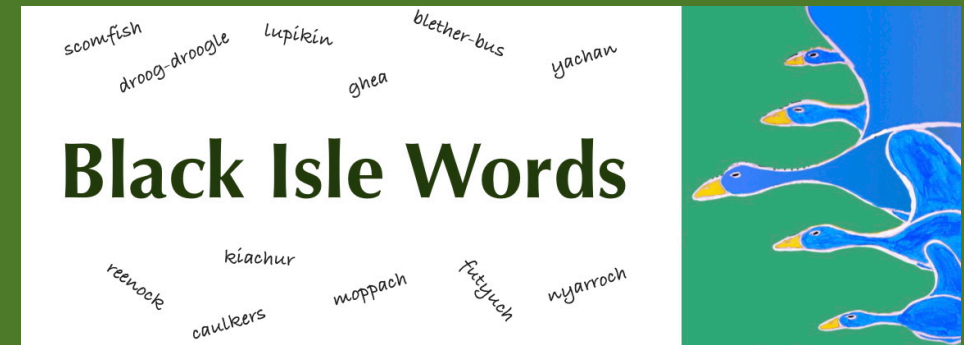
Janet MacInnes - Humour in storytelling

Locally-based storyteller Janet McInnes has a way with words that captivates every time.

Originally from Ayrshire, Janet has lived in the Highlands for many years. She is much in demand as performer and workshop leader in schools, halls, ceilidhs and libraries. Janet has also toured Eire, organised a storytelling festival in Fife and been a writer-in-residence in Orkney.

Words and laughter

Inspired by the 400th anniversary of the birth of Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty, translator of Rabelais.



Finding us

Cromarty Old Brewery is in Burnside Place. On arrival in the town, turn right along the coast, for 200 yards. There is a car park opposite the building.



The Old Brewery is in a quiet location, but easy walking distance from local shops, pubs, cafes and museums. Food and accommodation are available for the weekend.

Details on www.cromarty-training.com

Black Isle Words is held on the second weekend in September each year. Our website www.blackislewords.co.uk will keep you up-to-date with plans for 2012

9 - 11th September 2011

based at the Old Brewery,
Cromarty

This project is being financed by The Scottish Government and the European Community Highland LEADER 2007-2013 Programme, The Highland Council Black Isle Ward 10 Discretionary Fund and The Scottish Book Trust



Black Isle Words programme 2011

7.30pm

Fortrose
Community
Theatre
£12
£8 conc

Friday 9 September

Des Dillon Live

(extremely strong language)

'A night of warm, self-deprecating, incident-laden storytelling in fine Billy Connolly meandering style . . . Both eye-wateringly funny and bizarrely touching at the same time.' Hi-Arts

Internationally acclaimed award-winning writer Des is a poet, short story writer, novelist, dramatist with work appearing on TV, stage and radio. His novel *Me and Ma Gal* was included on the list of The 100 Best Scottish Books of all time.

Saturday 10 September

Ian Stephen - Fathoms and Meters

Ian will be combining storytelling, poetry and a taste of his artistic ventures over the last few years.

Ian is internationally known as an inspirational leader of storytelling and poetry workshops. His poetry, prose and drama often reflect his love of the sea and has been published in many countries.

Cynthia Rogerson - Fiction from Life

This workshop will look at the differences between fact and fiction, and ways of extrapolating a good story from personal experience.

Cynthia Rogerson's 3rd novel, *I Love You, Goodbye* was shortlisted for Scottish Novel of the Year Award, and has been translated into three languages. She won the V.S.Pritchett Prize in 2009, and her short stories have been published and broadcast widely. She is programme director at the Arvon Foundation Centre at Moniack Mhor.

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Jane Verburg - The amazing life of Sir Thomas Urquhart

Local writer Jane Verburg will talk about her children's book on the life of Sir Thomas Urquhart of Cromarty

The book was commissioned by The Cromarty History Society as part of the 2011 celebrations of the 400th anniversary of the birth of this Civil War soldier, translator of Rabelais and inventor of a Universal Language.

Mairi Hedderwick - Hebridean island choices

A selection of Mairi's favourite poetry and prose presented 'with great pleasure'

Mairi Hedderwick's Katie Morag children's books have become famous around the world, but she has also written and illustrated many other books for children and adults, all with the backdrop of the Highlands and Islands. She was awarded an Honorary Degree from Stirling University in 2003 in recognition of this outstanding contribution.

Alan Bissett - Alan Acts Up

Excerpts from Alan's acclaimed show *The Moira Monologues* and his forthcoming novel *Pack Men*. Alan will be followed by a *Ceilidh* where our bean an tìghe for the evening, Janet Macinnes will introduce readings, stories and music from festival contributors and anyone else who feels inclined. Great family entertainment.

Glasgow-based novelist, playwright and performer, Alan Bissett, has written several novels including *Death of a Ladies' Man* (2009), which was short-listed for the Scottish Arts Council Fiction of the Year prize. Alan wrote and performed his own 'one-woman show', *The Moira Monologues*, which toured Scotland through 2010 to great acclaim, and is now in development with the BBC.

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£3 conc
£8 family

3.00pm
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For £40 you can book a ticket for the whole weekend!
Pay on the door, or reserve a place via www.blackislewords.co.uk