

North Wales International Poetry Festival

Monday 1 - Sunday 7 October
Various Locations

October will see a flock of leading international poets venturing to north Wales, bringing a range of languages from Greek to Galician into dialogue with Welsh and English. An unusual programme encompassing Machynlleth, Aberystwyth, Bangor and Mold will take poetry on an exciting journey, with events leaving the safety of bookshops and libraries to take place on Bangor Pier and in high street shops as well as museums, universities and theatres.

Readings will be held in the poets' mother tongues, with Welsh and English translations to help some of us along the way. Welsh poets in both languages will also take part - bringing a local dimension to this international gathering.

The impressive line-up of visiting writers includes: Eduard Escoffet (Catalonia); Estíbaliz Espinosa (Galicia); Julia Fiedorczuk (Poland); Katerina Iliopoulou (Greece); Cia Rinne (Sweden/Finland/Germany); Morten Søndergaard (Denmark); Jeroen Theunissen (Belgium); Anja Utler (Germany) and Yu Jian (China).

Amongst the Welsh poets taking part are the Bangor poet Tony Conran, Samantha Wynne-Rhydderch, Twm Morys, and the Wales Book of the Year 2012 award poetry nominees Ifor ap Glyn, Karen Owen and Gerwyn Williams.

Festival organiser Zoë Skoulding said: "Poetry is often about bringing the sounds and meanings of words together in unexpected ways. Listening to other languages in this bilingual context is a way of exploring the richness of our own culture as well as opening it up to new ideas."

From readings, to an open mic evening, to discussions and even a "whatever the weather" poetry walk, the North Wales International Poetry Festival has plenty of events to put a spring in your autumn.

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