



Meet Sara Keating, Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 2019 Associate Writer

Sara loves reading, writing and sharing stories with people of all ages. She established the popular Baby Book Clubs in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Libraries and still runs them in several branches. She writes about children's books, and many other things for The Sunday Business Post and The Irish Times, where she has a monthly Children's Book Review column. She lives with three young bookworms in a messy house in Monkstown, where there are too many books for the shelves.

Adopt an Author Programme

This year, Sara worked with Mountains to Sea to invite local primary schools to Adopt an Author from the family programme. Over four weeks, students in four schools will read the work of Sadhbh Devlin, Shane Hegarty, Gabrielle Kent, Philip Reeve

& Sarah McIntyre, and complete weekly tasks set by the authors. The 170 students will finally get to meet their adopted authors face to face during the Festival!

Schools participating in the Adopt an Author scheme are:

- Stepside Educate Together NS (1st and 2nd Class)
- Gaelscoil Phádraig, Ballybrack (5th and 6th class)
- Ballyowen Meadows Special School (1st and 2nd class)
- St Brigid's Girls School, Cabinteely (2nd and 4th class)
- Gaelscoil Sliabh Rua, Kiltiernan (Junior Infants)

Enjoy!
Liz Kelly, Festival Director

Welcome to Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival 2019 where this year, some of our local schools have adopted an author and where everyone aged zero and over can join in three fun days of chats, draw-alongs, performances, readings and quizzes.

On our **Big Day Out**, Saturday 30th March, we're delighted to revisit *The Secret Garden* abridged by Sara Keating and read by Jody O'Neill. Another highlight will be the live performance of Roald Dahl's brilliantly mischievous *Little Red Riding Hood* performed by Kathy Rose O'Brien with Conor Linehan on piano. Treasured friend of the festival Dave Rudden is on hand to keep the Whovians on their toes with his Dr Who Quiz and Shane Hegarty takes us on a journey with *Darkmouth*.

Knights and Bikes by Gabrielle Kent. Illustration by Rex Crowle



Book tickets

Online: Tickets for all events will be available online at www.mountaintosea.ie from mid January.

Special Big Day Out Family Ticket bundle offer now available online: Buy tickets for four people (must include at least one adult) for any 3 events for €30.00 from the following list: Knights and Bikes, The Beetle Show, The Legend of Kevin, Little Red Riding Hood or Dr Who? The Mountains to Sea Sci-Fi and Fantasy Quiz.

Phone: +353 1 231 2929
(€1 Booking Fee applies)

Box Office Hours:
Mon to Sat 12pm - 5pm

Booking for Schools Events on 28th and 29th March should be made by phone with Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire on 01 231 2929 or dlr Mill Theatre, Dundrum on 01 296 9340.

2 teachers free per class group.

Please arrive at events 30 mins in advance to be seated.

There will be a bookshop on site and events will be followed by a book signing, please allow 30 mins after the show for this.

Useful info

Tickets sell out quickly so book early to avoid disappointment.

Children must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian.

Please arrive 15 minutes before events commence. Latecomers will only be admitted at the discretion of the venue.

If you are collecting tickets, they must be collected a minimum of 30 minutes before the event starts.

Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival events are inclusive and accessible for all. If you have any questions about accommodating your child's individual needs please contact us at: director@mountaintosea.ie

**We look forward to meeting
you all in March!**

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Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival

28th – 31st
March 2019

Family Programme

Featuring
Schools Programme
and **Big Day Out**

Beetle Boy by M. G. Leonard. Illustration by Julia Sanda



THE IRISH TIMES



Schools Events

Thursday

28.03

Schools Event: *Beag Bideach le Sadhbh Devlin* age 4+

Venue: dlr Mill Studio, Dundrum
Time: 11.00am Tickets: € 3

Tá grá ag Nína dá deartháir, Jimí ach, uaireanta cuireann sé isteach uirthi. Go háirithe nuair atá sí ag iarraidh a bheith ag spraoi lena cairde, na bábóga. Ba bhreá le Nína bheith bídeach ionas go bhféadfadh sí dul chun cónaithe lena cairde, na bábóga. Nach mbeadh an saol i dteach báboíge, gan Jimí, go hiontach ar fad?! Seans anseo do ghach éinne buaileadh leis an tÚdar Sadhbh Devlin.

Schools Event: *The World of Darkmouth with Shane Hegarty* age 8+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 11.00am Tickets: € 3

Have you heard of the Legends? These monstrous, human-eating creatures have invaded the Irish town of Darkmouth and it's up to twelve-year-old Finn and his friends to fight the beasts and save the world. Join author Shane Hegarty as he brings his bestselling fantasy adventure series, Darkmouth, to life. Shane Hegarty is the author of the four-part *Darkmouth* series (Harper Collins). The first book is currently being adapted for film by Alcon Entertainment.

Friday

29.03

Schools Event: *The Legend of Kevin with Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre* age 7+

Venue: Pavilion Theatre
Time: 11.00am Tickets: € 3

Who doesn't love ponies? Especially roly-poly ponies who can fly? Come meet Kevin, the four-legged, two-winged hero of *The Legend of Kevin*. A magical storm sees Kevin, the flying pony, come crashing into Max's town. With Max's quick thinking and a constant supply of biscuits for Kevin, you'll soon discover that there's nothing this unlikely duo can't achieve. Expect dressing-up, lots of interactive fun, and your favourite bickies. Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre are the madcap duo behind *Oliver and the Seawigs* and *Pugs of the Frozen North*, as well as *The Legend of Kevin* (Oxford University Press), the first part of the Roly Poly Flying Ponies series.



Schools Event: *Knights and Bikes with Gabrielle Kent* age 7+

Venue: dlr Mill Studio, Dundrum
Time: 11.00am Tickets: € 3

Welcome to the sleepy Cornish island of Penfurzy, where nothing exciting ever happens. Or does it? We join Demelza and her new best friend in the whole world, Nessa, as they explore the island and uncover the mysteries of the Penfurzy Knights. Gabrielle Kent introduces her new mystery novel for ages 7+. Featuring Chopper bikes, medieval pickled heads and boom boxes, Gabrielle will read and discuss themes behind the book, as well as the use of stories in video games. Gabrielle Kent is the author of the *Alfie Bloom* mystery series and *Knights and Bikes* (Knights Of), which is based on a video game of the same name. She teaches computer game technology at Teeside University.

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Family Events

Tradoodle for under 4s

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 10.00am & 12.00pm Tickets: € 3

Join Eithne Ní Chatháin (Inni-K) with Joanna Williams, Little Bigtop. “Seoithín seothó, mo stór é mo leanabh Mo sheod gan chealg, mo chuid den tsaol mór Seoithín seothó, nach mór é an taitneamh Mo stóirín ina leaba ina chodladh gan bhrón.” In this specially-created performance for Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival, young imaginations will be enthralled by some of our best-loved bedtime songs such as Seoithín Seothó and Dún do Shúile, as well as lullabies from other cultures and traditions. A musical feast for all the senses, Suantraí also features magical shadow theatre and joyful sensory stimulation by Joanna Williams. Suantraí was originally commissioned and has been developed by Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival and Tradoodle Festival. It was developed with support from the Arts Council, Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival, and Civic Theatre.

Roald Dahl's *Little Red Riding Hood* with Conor Linehan and Kathy Rose O'Brien age 5+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 4.00pm Tickets: € 3

“I bet you think you know this story. You don't, the real one's much more gory.” Roald Dahl's most revolting rhyme is brought to musical life on stage by composer and pianist Conor Linehan and singer and actress Kathy Rose O'Brien. Join us on a journey through the forest to find a happy ever after with a gruesome twist. If you thought the wolf was clever, you haven't reckoned on the wily Little Red.

Family Big Day Out

Saturday

30.03

We're Going to the Zoo with Sarah Bowie age 3+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Room 1 Level 3
Time: 10.00am Tickets: € 3

Kitty loves animals and she LOVES drawing. When she visits Dublin Zoo with her dad and her sister, she ends up with her own exhibition on the zoo's front lawn. Join picturebook-maker Sarah Bowie for an interactive storytime and drawing workshop. Draw your favourite animals and pin them up beside Kitty's for a very special exhibition at the LexIcon. Sarah Bowie is a graphic designer, cartoonist and co-founder of The Comics Lab and the indie Irish-French Comic Festival.

Knights and Bikes with Gabrielle Kent age 7+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 10.00am Tickets: € 3

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The Beetle Show with M.G. Leonard age 8+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 11.00am Tickets: € 3

Think you know the humble beetle? What about the Bombardier, who shoots acid from its bum? Or the Horned Dung Beetle, the strongest creature in the natural world? Come and discover the wonderful world of beetles with M. G. Leonard. Awesome facts and funny stories guaranteed!

The Secret Garden: An atmospheric reading in The Secret Garden age 6+

Venue: The People's Park
Time: 12.00pm & 2.00pm Tickets: € 3

“When Mary Lennox was sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody said she was the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen.” Mary escapes the gloom of her uncle's mansion by retreating to a secret garden, but as she brings it back to life, she learns that it is better to be kind than to be contrary. Come hear Mary's story in this atmospheric reading, abridged by Sara Keating and performed by Jody O'Neill (Fair City). Wrap up warmly and join us in The People's Park.



The Legend of Kevin with Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre age 7+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 1.00pm Tickets: € 3

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Dr Hibernica Finch's Nature Scavenger Hunt age 7+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Room 1 Level 3
Time: 1.00pm Tickets: € 3

Are you a budding zoologist or do you just really like scavenger hunts? If so, Hibernica Finch, Mountains to Sea Zoologist in Residence, has set you a challenge. Join Aga Grandowicz and Rob Maguire (creators of *Dr Hibernica Finch's Compelling Compendium of Irish Animals*) on a journey through the homes and habitats of Irish animals – it's a race to the finish, with fun facts to learn along the way, and even a lesson in how to draw some of the animals you'll meet. Dress for the outdoors.

Roald Dahl's *Little Red Riding Hood* with Conor Linehan and Kathy Rose O'Brien age 5+

Venue: dlr LexIcon, The Studio
Time: 3.00pm Tickets: € 3

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Doctor Who? The Mountains to Sea Sci-Fi and Fantasy Quiz All ages

Venue: dlr LexIcon, Level 4
Time: 4.00pm Tickets: € 3

Do you know your Discworld from your Dodger, your Daleks from your Kraals? Can you remember who killed Sirius Black or won the Quidditch World Cup? Join award-winning author Dave Rudden as he puts your nerdy knowledge to the test. Game of Thrones, Lord of the Rings, Pokémon, Marvel... and not a sports round in sight.

