

“Irish Women in Literature”: Inspiring Authors in a Magnificent Historic House

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October.

Strokestown Park House, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon

Come and enjoy free readings from leading female Irish authors and talks about historic writers in the Galleried Kitchen at Strokestown Park. Booking advised (contact: john.odriscoll@irishheritagetrust.ie). This event is hosted by Strokestown Park House and the Irish Heritage Trust in partnership with Roscommon County Council Library Services.

Thursday 5th October 2-6pm

2-2:30. Opening Remarks: Cllr Orla Leyden, Cathaoirleach of Roscommon County Council.

2:30-3:30. Professor Christine Kinealy (Quinnipiac University) talks about Fanny Parnell who politicised the Great Famine to further her campaign for land reform.

3:30-4. Coffee and Tea.

4-5. Reading: Marita Conlon McKenna (*Rebel Sisters, Under the Hawthorn Tree*)

5-6. Reading: Nuala O'Connor (*Joyride to Jupiter, Miss Emily*)

Friday 6th October 9:30-1pm

9:30-10:15 Professor Luke Gibbons (Maynooth University) talks about ' "Aliens of the West": Roscommon Women Writers and the Literary Revival'.

10:15-11. Professor Marguérite Corporaal (Radboud University, Nijmegen) talks about Mary Anne Sadlier, a literary figurehead of Catholic North America.

11-11:30. Coffee and Tea.

11:30-12:15. Reading: Strokestown Poetry Festival presents Roscommon Women Poets.

12:15-1. Reading: Jessamine O'Connor (The Hermit Collective)

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