

Wild Goose Festival 2021
Programme clear text version

Wild Goose Festival, held in Dumfries and surrounding areas, uses the migratory route of the barnacle geese between Svalbard and the Solway Estuary to join people, nature and ideas. It builds on connections established between Scotland and the Arctic. Produced by the Stove Network, Wild Goose Festival unites key partners in an exploration of nature, creativity and place.

Wild Goose Festival 2021 is supported by Dumfries & Galloway Council, Scottish International Storytelling Festival (SISF), Traditional Arts and Culture Scotland (TRACS), Wigtown Festival Company, Galloway Glens, Glasgow University, LIFT D&G, Moat Brae, NatureScot, PAMIS, RSPB, Solway Firth Partnership, Visit Scotland and WWT Caerlaverock.

Saturday 16 Oct. - Saturday 23 Oct.
MULTI-SENSORY MIGRATION ART EXHIBITION
10:00am – 4:00pm
Wild Goose Festival Hub
(The Smithy) 113 – 115 High Street, Dumfries
Free

Following interactive multi-sensory work-shops with Heather Molloy from PAMIS, an exhibition of artwork created by members of the Activity Resource Centres and The Arts End of Somewhere has been produced. The artwork explores, the migration of the barnacle geese from Svalbard to the Solway, climate change and our environment.

Saturday 16 Oct. - Sunday 24 Oct.
SVALBARD TO THE SOLWAY STORY TRAIL
10:00am – 4:00pm
RSPB Mersehead
£2.50 per child (£2 RSPB members)

Collect your pencil/activity sheet at the visitor centre before heading on the story trail about our barnacle geese. Discover how these geese have survived from the brink of extinction and what we do to help them. Find clues at points along the trail to complete your sheet and return to find out how good a survivor (like our geese) you are. Booking not essential, you can drop in any time on dates this event is taking place.

Saturday 16 October
BIG BEACH CLEAN AT MERSEHEAD WITH SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP
10:00am – 2:00pm
RSPB Mersehead Reserve DG2 8AH www.rspb.org.uk/mersehead
Meet at the Visitor Centre at 10am and remember to bring a pack lunch for the beach, and your own gloves
Free

Migration is amazing. Each year wildlife travel to the Solway, often covering vast distances. Winds and sea currents help or hinder migration and carry the plastics that wash up on our beaches. Clean the beach at Mersehead, be a detective to track down the source of debris and discover more about wildlife migration. No booking required.

Saturday 16 October

WILD GOOSE CRAIC: THE WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL LAUNCH WITH THE GOOD CRAIC CLUB FEATURING RUTH KILPATRICK AND BOGLE MUFTY

6:00pm

The Coach & Horses

Free

The opening event of WGF 21 is an evening of storytelling, music and song, featuring the renowned storyteller Ruth Kilpatrick and local musical favourites Bogle Muffy. Born in the Northeast of Scotland, Ruth has been lucky enough to 'sit at the knee' of some of the great storytellers which Scotland has borne. She has a broad repertoire of stories and songs from Traditional and local Traveller sources. Both she and host Tom Pow will encourage contributions from the audience, of any kind, on the theme of our relationship with nature. If you've got a story, bring it!

Sunday 17 October

WILDFOWL & WETLANDS TRUST: DAWN FLIGHT

6:45am – 9:00am

WWT Caerlaverock

Paid Admission (Please refer to Wetlands Trust website for admission prices)

Booking Info: Please Ring the centre on 01387 770200 to book onto this event

Take this unique opportunity to watch thousands of Svalbard barnacle geese flying into the reserve against the dawn sky. We will walk out to the merse at dawn to watch this spectacular wildlife event. Please bring warm clothes, suitable footwear, binoculars, and a torch. Please bear in mind, this requires a walk of approximately half a mile on uneven paths in low light conditions.

Sunday 17 October

BTO TRAINING WORKSHOPS WITH COUNTY BIRD RECORDER, ANDY RICHES

Workshop 1: 10:00 - 12:00

Workshop 2: 14:00 - 16:00

WWT Caerlaverock

Paid Admission (Please refer to Wetlands Trust website for admission prices)

Booking Info: Please Ring the centre on 01387 770200 to book onto a workshop

Find out all about the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) and the work they do. Build your confidence in bird identification and recording and find out how you can get involved in recording the birds you see, so you can contribute to the important scientific work carried out by the BTO. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in helping wildlife and conservation at this time of climate crisis.

The training talks will be in the outdoor covered picnic area and there will be some walking outdoors. The training will include an introduction to the Wetland Bird Survey (WeBs). The trails are accessible.

Sunday 17 October

RSPB: GOOSE ROOST ON SANDFLATS

5:30pm – 7:30pm

RSPB Mersehead

£6 (RSPB members £4.50), children £3.50 (RSPB members £2.50)

Advanced booking essential: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/6846>

A guided walk to the Mersehead shoreline as Svalbard barnacle geese fly into roost on a sandflat stretching for miles. This will involve a 2.5-mile walk, with some standing around for a while at dusk. Meet outside the reserve visitor centre.

Monday 18 October

FUN, FLUFFY, FLYING FEATHERS! WITH THE FREELANCE RANGER

11:00am

Wild Goose Festival Hub

(The Smithy) 113 – 115 High Street, Dumfries

Free but ticketed: book your place here: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Fun, fluffy, flying, feathers! Feathers are amazing, without them our geese would not be able to fly all the way from the Arctic to Dumfries and Galloway. Birds have feathers that keep them warm, keep them dry and allow them to fly. We are going to be really looking at feathers, finding out what makes them so special and making some ourselves. We will be making feathers for you to keep and some that will decorate our goose HQ. Join Freelance Ranger, Elizabeth Tindal to find out about fun, fluffy, functional, fantastic, flying, feathers. We will be using latex to make the feathers but there will be gloves available, please wear old clothes!

Monday 18 October

GOOSE IDENTIFICATION & RESERVE MANAGEMENT

1:00pm - 2:00pm

WWT Caerlaverock

Paid Admission (Please refer to Wetlands Trust website for admission prices)

See the website for more information: www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/

Take the opportunity to go out for a walk with the reserve warden to learn about how we manage the reserve for the thousands of barnacle geese and pink footed geese that visit in winter. Learn how to identify different species of geese and experience the sights and sounds of these wonderful winter visitors. The trails are all accessible. Walking boots or wellies may be needed in wet weather.

Monday 18 October

MIGRATION MAGIC

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Wild Goose Festival Hub

(The Smithy) 113 – 115 High Street, Dumfries

Free; Booking Information: - booking to be managed via NatureScot email: southern_scotland_admin@nature.scot or via phone - 01738 458691

Join us at this family event to find out where the geese come from and go back to every year. Get creative by making your own piece of string art. Take a moment to watch the wild pink footed geese as they fly over the town and meet staff from NatureScot who will interpret the sights and sounds of the geese, part of our most distinctive natural heritage.

Monday 18 October

RIVERRUN 1: LIFE IS STILL LIFE

7:00pm - 8:00pm

The Stove Café, 100 High Street, Dumfries Free but ticketed. Booking Information: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Roncadora Press and Wild Goose Festival invite you to the launch of two new pamphlets with poetry by Tom Pow and artwork by Hugh Bryden that are responses to the natural world during lockdown.

Tuesday 19 October

WILLOW GEESE DEMONSTRATION WITH GEOFF FORREST

10:00am – 4:00pm

WWT Caerlaverock

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Tuesday 19 October

CAERLAVEROCK CYCLE RIDE WITH CYCLING DUMFRIES, WWT CAERLAVEROCK AND NATURESCOT

10:00am – 1:00pm

Meet at Frothy Bike (77-79 Whitesands, Dumfries DG2 1RX) at 10am

Free event. Bookings: Please book by eventbrite using this link:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wild-goose-festival-2021-ride-to-caerlaverock-tickets-163659677501

Join Cycling Dumfries on this family-friendly cycle ride from Dumfries around the 'Caerlaverock loop', stopping regularly to look for wildlife and the stunning views across the Solway NNR. We will spend some time at WWT Caerlaverock and staff from NatureScot and WWT Caerlaverock will be on hand to look out for wildlife and give information about the Caerlaverock area. Accessibility: This is a cycle ride of 16 miles taken at a gentle pace, with some small hills.

Tuesday 19 October
STORYTELLING WITH TONY BONNING

11:00am

Wild Goose Festival Hub
(The Smithy) 113 – 115 High Street, Dumfries

Free but ticketed: book your place here: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Wild Goose Kids! Step on into the Wild Goose Hub and work with Master Storyteller and writer of children's books, Tony Bonning, on crafting your own story. Incorporating rhymes and poetry, this session is all about unleashing your imagination using a variety of fun techniques to craft your own unique story from the page to the stage!

Tuesday 19 October
WING AND WAVE: TALES OF THE STORY MOTHER

1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm

Moat Brae Garden Room

Free (ticketed). Booking: Tickets Available via www.moatbrae.org

As the seasons change and the year grows old, the barnacle geese prepare to fly to their new homes. It is here, when the sky is filled with thousands of birds, that Bertrada the Story Mother, the original 'mother goose', awakens once more to share with the world her tales of flight and snow, river and sea, sky and land. Join Bertrada and a whole host of Story-Weavers for a FREE afternoon of drop-in storytelling and performance in a fun and child-friendly celebration of migration, nature and the power of story. Each story is 5mins (max) and there are 4 stories in total. Suitable for audiences 5+.

Tuesday 19 October
RIVERRUN 2: THE LURE OF THE RIVER

7:00pm - 8:00pm

The Stove Café, 100 High Street, Dumfries

Free but ticketed. Booking information: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

A special preview of two new books about life on the river. Along the River: A year's journey on the Tay (Birlinn, 2022) by Robin Crawford interweaves history both human and natural from the High-land crannog on Loch Tay to the V&A at its North Sea Firth. In Illuminated by Water (Doubleday, 2022), Malachy Tallack combines memoir, nature writing and reflections on culture and history to examine why angling means so much to so many. Supported by Wigtown Festival Company.

Wednesday 20 October
WILLOW GEESE DEMONSTRATION WITH GEOFF FORREST

10:00am-4:00pm

WWT Caerlaverock

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Wednesday 20 October

FIMO CLAY GOOSE JEWELLERY WORKSHOP

11:00am

Wild Goose Festival Hub

(The Smithy) 113 – 115 High Street, Dumfries

Free but ticketed: book your place here: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Join in and turn a story into clay jewels! Taking inspiration from the climate and nature (and, of course, GEESE!) come and make beads and pendants out of fimo clay to turn into bracelets and necklaces. It turns out stories don't always have to be read or listened to – sometimes they are told and passed on through jewellery. Narrative jewellery artist Leanne Bradwick will lead this workshop and guide you into telling stories through a different medium and you'll be left with your own piece of wearable art to take home!

Wednesday 20 October

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

2:00pm - 4:00pm

WWT Caerlaverock

Paid Admission (Please refer to Wetlands Trust website for admission prices. Ring the centre on 01387 770200 to book on this event. See the website for more information: www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/

Interested in developing your nature creative writing skills? The creative writing session will help participants to write short poems inspired by the movements and calls of the birds around the reserve. Dr David Borthwick will lead a walk around the site, inviting those who have joined him to look and listen closely and to take field notes. Participants can then gather to undertake writing exercises, shaping these notes into poems. Dr David Borthwick is a lecturer and writer based at the University of Glasgow's Dumfries Campus. This is a fantastic opportunity to take part in a relaxed informal workshop.

Wednesday 20 October

RIVERRUN 3: THE URBAN NATURALIST WITH ESTHER WOOLFSON AND ALEC FINLAY

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Online

Free but ticketed. Booking Information: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

'We are all naturalists now.' But what is nature? What is 'engagement' with it? Esther Woolfson, author of *Field Notes from a Hidden City* and *Between Light and Storm – How We Live with Other Species* (both Granta) argues that encouraging children and adults to talk about urban nature is one of the most important and neglected areas of possibility for change that there is. Poet and artist, Alec Finlay, has

developed a practice that draws attention to urban nature as a way of stimulating our imaginations and our well-being. This fascinating conversation of ideas and experience will interest any naturalist and any urban dweller. Supported by Wigtown Festival Company - A Wigtown Wednesday.

Wednesday 20 October

GALLOWAY GLENS LECTURES: GOOD NEIGHBOURS - HOME AND AWAY, THE TALES OF A WAYWARD GOOSE!

Doors: 6:30pm; 7:30pm - 10:00pm (with 20-minute interval)

Moat Brae

£8; Tickets Available via www.moatbrae.org

Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership and the Wild Goose Festival proudly presents this unique evening of science and story, featuring talks from Dr Larry Griffin and Professor Brian Huntley plus performances from the Story-Weavers of Moat Brae. The Gulf Stream that maintains the warmer oceanic climate on the west coast of Scotland and Ireland is believed by scientists to be weakening and could soon reach a tipping point; many geese depend on the snow and frost-free habitats that this ocean current creates during the winter. What is causing this weakening, and how can we help avoid this looming tragedy? Dr Larry Griffin is a freelance ecologist working in the D&G region and internationally for over 20 years researching and monitoring the protected and threatened wintering goose and swan populations of Scotland. Professor Brian Huntley is the Emeritus Professor in Biosciences at the University of Durham. His research investigates the relationships between environmental change and changes in the distributions of organisms, as well as in the composition, structure and dynamics of ecosystems.

Thursday 21 October

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Thursday 21 October

GOOSE! PAPER AND PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP

11:00am - 1:00pm

Wild Goose Festival Hub (The Smithy) 113 – 115 High Street, Dumfries

Free but ticketed: book your place here: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Wild Goose Kids! Join us for an open creative session to print your own goose themed window decorations. We'll be exploring some simple printing processes to create your own paper decorations to display in your windows to welcome the geese back to Dumfries and Galloway. This is a drop-in session, so pop in at any time

during our open workshop. Activities are suitable for ages 8+. U16s should be accompanied by an adult.

Thursday 21 October

RSPB: FARMING FOR GEESE AND OTHER NATURE

1:00pm - 3:00pm

RSPB Mersehead Reserve, Southwick, Dumfries DG2 8AH

£6 (RSPB members £4.50), children £3.50 (RSPB members £2.50). Advanced booking essential: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/6848>

Outdoor (guided walk and watch). Svalbard barnacle geese are the reason why Mersehead Farm became a nature reserve. Discover how we helped these geese and other wildlife on the wetlands and farm-land, changing this landscape and saving nature. An easy graded walk of over 2 miles discovering geese and other nature on the reserve. Maximum attendance of 4 households (pending restrictions)

Friday 22 October

WWT CAERLAVEROCK: OPTICS DEMONSTRATION

10:00am - 4:00pm

WWT Caerlaverock

Free (See the website for more information: www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock/). Booking Information: Booking is essential.

30-minute booking slots are available throughout the day. Please ring the centre on 01387 770200 to book your place.

Interested in a new pair of binoculars, or a telescope? Optics greatly enhance your experience of watching geese, helping you see the stunning plumage of these beautiful birds and watch their fascinating behaviour. Experts from Swarovski and Viking are visiting WWT Caerlaverock to demonstrate and sell a range of optics. Take this opportunity to try out a great range of optics and get all your questions answered.

Friday 22 October

DRAWING FOR ENJOYMENT

6:00pm

Wild Goose Festival Hub

(The Smithy) 113 – 115 High Street, Dumfries

Free. Book Online at www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Step on into the Wild Goose Festival Hub for a relaxed evening with Drawing For Enjoyment. Using materials provided in this interactive (and collaborative!) workshop, objects acquired from beach-combing the beautiful Dumfries and Galloway coastline will be used as inspiration and part of expressive pieces. Colours, materials, and textures reflective of our natural environment will be explored to get your creative juices flowing. No experience necessary and any ability welcomed.

Friday 22 October

WILD GEESE FROM WARDLAW

5:00pm

Caerlaverock Castle car park

Free. Booking is essential. Email: southern_scotland_admin@nature.scot or phone - 01738 458691. Capacity: 15, not including children under 12.

Step on into the Wild Goose Festival Hub for Take a gander with a wander up Wardlaw to see the evening flight of pink footed geese. Every evening hundreds of pink footed geese flight out to the Solway to spend the night on the mudflats. Wardlaw Hill is an ancient fort with fantastic views of the Solway. Take this fantastic opportunity to watch the sunset and the geese flying over, with staff from both NatureScot and WWT Caerlaverock who will lead this guided walk. Please bring warm clothes, walking boots, binoculars and a torch. This is a fairly strenuous walk up a hill and it will be getting dark when we return.

Saturday 23 October

WWT CAERLAVEROCK: OPTICS DEMONSTRATION

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Saturday 23 October

FAIRGROUND WALKABOUT: TRAVELLING SHOWPEOPLE AND DUMFRIES' HISTORICAL RIVERFRONT FAIRS

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Meet outside Wild Goose Festival Hub (113 – 115 High Street)

Free/Ticketed. Booking: www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Learn about the history of the Dumfries Fairs & the Travelling Showpeople who create them. Many Showfamilies have been operating on the banks of the Nith for generations – hear their stories while walking the route of local fairgrounds, past & present. Hosted by Showmen Alex James Colquhoun & Albert Reid, artist tsBeall & guests. Dress for the weather. This event is BSL interpreted.

Saturday 23 October

NATURESCOT RIVERSIDE WALK

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Meet outside the Frothy Bike (77-79 Whitesands, Dumfries DG2 1RX)

Free, Booking info - booking managed via NatureScot email: southern_scotland_admin@nature.scot or via phone - 01738 458691

Enjoy a nature walk along the banks of the Nith to watch and learn about the wildlife that live right on our doorstep in the heart of the town. It's a chance to discover insights into the habitats of the river creatures. The walk will be led by reserve officers from the local Caerlaverock National Nature Reserve. This walk includes BSL interpretation. This event is BSL interpreted.

Saturday 23 October

WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL CLOSING EVENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH STORIES FOR STRANGERS & CREATIVE SPACES

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wild Goose Festival Hub (113 – 115 High Street)

Free/Ticketed. Booking info www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

Creative Spaces present the Wild Goose Festival Finale. Expect a multi-sensory experience crafted by the Stove's emerging artist programme in collaboration with Luke Winter of Stories for Strangers. Following this, a small reception and exhibition of 'We're All Naturalists Now', the Wild Goose Festival's creative engagement programme. This event is BSL interpreted.

PARTNERS

THE STOVE NETWORK

The Stove Network is an arts and community organisation in the heart of Dumfries High Street. We're a cafe, a meeting place and an arts venue with a diverse programme stretching across music and literature, visual and public art, film and theatre, to town planning, architecture and design. We use arts and creativity to encourage, to gather, learn and bring life back to our town centre. We see the arts not as something solely for an 'arts audience' but rather as a vital contribution to society on all fronts.

www.thestove.org

WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL

The inner Solway is a distinctive place with extensive saltmarsh, sand and mudflats that are protected by multiple national and international conservation designations. Some of these designations are concerned with special landscapes while others focus on nature conservation. Perhaps the most iconic wildlife species is the barnacle goose, whose entire Svalbard population migrates to the Solway to escape the hard winters in the Arctic Ocean.

www.thestove.org/wild-goose-festival

WWT

WWT Caerlaverock Wetland Centre was opened in 1971 and this October it is our 50th anniversary! The reserve was originally set up to protect the Svalbard barnacle geese, the entire population of which spend the winter on the Solway Firth. In the late 1940s there were just 300 birds left and this has increased to over 40,000 birds today. At WWT Caerlaverock, 8-10,000 geese can be seen daily in winter, as well as

large numbers of ducks, waders, swans and raptors. We are proud to be part of the Wild Goose Festival in Dumfries. Visitors to our wetland reserve will have a unique opportunity to see and hear the amazing spectacle of thousands of barnacle geese. There are also opportunities to take part in events such as the dawn flight of geese, creative writing workshop, guided walks and much more.

From October to March, daily commentated wild swan feeds take place at 11am and 2pm at the Sir Peter Scott Observatory. This is a fantastic opportunity to see wild whooper swans up close, as well as mute swans, wigeon, tufted ducks, teal and mallards. The visitor centre shop has a wildlife art gallery, and the shop sells optics, wildlife books and bird food, hot drinks and snacks.

www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/caerlaverock

Facebook: WWT Caerlaverock Wetland Centre

Twitter: wwtcaerlaverock

Instagram: WWT Caerlaverock

UOFG – LIZANNE HEDNERSON

Dr Lizanne Henderson (Senior Lecturer, University of Glasgow) is a cultural historian of supernatural beliefs, Scottish exploration, human-animal studies, and Arctic studies. Her monograph, *Witchcraft and Folk Belief in the Age of Enlightenment* was winner of the Katharine Briggs Book Award 2016, and current project is "Picturing Polar Bears: Past and Present Semiotic and Iconic Perceptions of *Ursus maritimus*" which will showcase during COP26 in Glasgow. She is a member of the Wild Goose Festival steering group, and this year is running the creative arts event *Wings over Water*.

www.gla.ac.uk

Facebook: The University of Glasgow,

Dumfries (@GlasgowDumfries) Instagram: @uofglasgow and @UofGDumfries

Twitter: @UofGlasgow and UofGDumfries

RSPB

The RSPB is the largest nature conservation charity in the UK, consistently delivering successful conservation, forging powerful new partnerships with other organisations and inspiring others to stand up and give nature the home it deserves. We are pleased to take part in the Wild Goose Festival, being dedicated to conservation and protection of all nature, including wintering waterfowl like Svalbard barnacle geese and other species that visit Dumfries & Galloway.

www.rspb.org.uk

Facebook: @RSPBMesrehead

SOLWAY FIRTH PARTNERSHIP

Solway Firth Partnership is an independent charity that works to support a vibrant and sustainable local economy while respecting, protecting and celebrating the distinctive character, heritage and natural features of our marine and coastal area. We do this by working on both sides of the Solway Firth, aiming to engage with as many people as possible and encourage positive action to shape the future of the area.

www.solwayfirthpartnership.co.uk

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NATURESCOT (SNH)

NatureScot is Scotland's nature agency, working to improve our natural environment in Scotland and to inspire everyone to care more about it, so that all nature in Scotland – our key habitats and landscapes, all our green space and our native species – is maintained, enhanced and brings us benefits.

www.nature.scot

Facebook: NatureScot (@ ScottishNaturalHeritage)
Twitter: @nature_scot
Instagram: @scottishnaturalheritage

LIFT D&G

LIFT D&G is based in Northwest Dumfries, we help people from the local area, We are working with Wild Goose Festival this year, We are interested in making sure people of Lochside are able to participate in as much activity around the town as possible with travel and money barriers being removed. We have worked with WGF for a number of years, and it is always well attended. It is also a great opportunity for people to take part in events that they normally wouldn't think about.

www.lift Dumfries.com

Twitter: lochsidelift16
Facebook: liftd&g

MOAT BRAE

Moat Brae is a is the childhood playground of JM Barrie, and the inspiration behind his beloved story Peter Pan. Now you can explore the house and gardens, as well as enjoy a bite to eat in our café or a browse of our shop. Moat Brae is also the National Centre for Children's Literature and Storytelling.

www.peterpanmoatbrae.org

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Twitter @PPMBT

PAMIS

PAMIS, promoting a more inclusive society is the only charity that works solely for people with profound learning and multiple disabilities (pmla) and their family carers to ensure they have access to healthy, valued and included lives. PAMIS has spent 28 years listening and working with people with pmla and their family carers. We have built research and practice that supports this group to be included and valued within society.

www.pamis.org.uk

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WIGTOWN BOOK FESTIVAL

Each autumn, Wigtown Book Festival gathers some of the most notable literary voices in Scotland's National Book Town. This year, the festival runs from 22 September – 4 October with a mixture of over 130 in-person and online events. Wigtown Book Festival is one of the UK's most renowned arts gatherings and supports the local economy to the sum of 4.3 million pounds.

www.wigtownbookfestival.com

Facebook: WigtownBookFestival

Twitter: @wigtownbookfest

GALLOWAY GLENS LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

The Galloway Glens Scheme is a 5-year suite of partnership projects, all aimed at connecting the communities of the Glenkens, Castle Douglas and Kirkcudbright with the amazing natural, cultural, and built heritage of this area. We are a 'Landscape Partner- ship' scheme, funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, with support from a range of other partners including Dumfries & Galloway Council's Environment Team.

www.gallowayglens.org

Facebook: Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership (@gallowayglens)

Twitter: @gallowayglens

SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

The Scottish International Storytelling Festival is one of the most admired storytelling events in the world and the largest of its kind – both from a programming and participation perspective – encompassing a wealth of cultures, traditions and styles. A world of stories within the Festival City.

www.sisf.org.uk

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TOM POW

Tom Pow was Creative Director of A Year of Conversation 2019, which produced Scot- land and The Arctic. For The Wild Goose Festival he has been working as part of The Stove team.