

MK LIT FEST

18 – 22 September 2019

MK Gallery, Central Milton Keynes

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KASSIA ST CLAIR • SIMON GARFIELD • PRETI TANEJA
SAM BYERS • LUKE KENNARD • MARY JEAN CHAN
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COLIN BUTCHER AND MOLLY THE DOG
JOOLS WALKER AKA LADY VELO • OUSE MUSE

Writing Workshops:

EDITING YOUR OWN WRITING • PITCHING TO AGENTS
MEMOIR CLUB LAUNCH • SCREENWRITING

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Wednesday 18 September

7.30pm – Ouse Muse at MK Lit Fest

£5

For one night only, Ouse Muse of Bedford relocates to Milton Keynes, showcasing the very best of local talents including headline poet, Kate Noakes, who will read from her most recent collection, *The Filthy Quiet*.

Thursday 19 September

7pm – Paul Mason: Clear Bright Future

£10

Paul Mason's 2019 book, *Clear Bright Future*, is 'a call for resistance against the politicians and corporations who are trying to exert new forms of technological control.'

8.30pm – Jools Walker aka Lady Vélo: Back in the Frame

FREE

Meet Lady Vélo, the cycle-style blogger behind www.VeloCityGirl.co.uk who has been inspiring women around the world to get back on the saddle and ride. Event co-hosted with A Festival of Creative Urban Living 2019.

Friday 20 September

10.30am – Tour of IngramSpark Digital Print Facility

FREE

An absolute must for anyone interested in self-publishing. You will have unprecedented access to a state-of-the-art digital print facility, right here in Milton Keynes. **Pre-booking is essential.**

7pm – Jack Monroe: Tin Can Cook

£10 (£5 unwaged)

Food writer, anti-poverty campaigner and award-winning cookbook writer, Jack Monroe, presents *Tin Can Cook*, in conversation with John Marshall of Milton Keynes Food Bank.

Saturday 21 September

10am – Workshop: Editing your own Writing

£15

Join experienced fiction editor, Sue Tyley, to explore techniques and approaches to editing your own writing, improving the stories you write and your chance of being published.

11am – Jack Sheffield: Changing Times

£5

In the late 1970s and 80s, Jack was headteacher of two schools in North Yorkshire, recording amusing stories of village life in the bestselling *Teacher Teacher* series.

12.15pm – Two Contemporary Poets: Mary Jean Chan and Luke Kennard

£5

Hong Kong born Mary Jean Chan's debut collection, *Flèche*, is a Poetry Book Society Recommendation. Luke Kennard's collection, *Cain*, was shortlisted for the Dylan Thomas Prize.

1.30pm – Toby Litt: Patience

£5

Toby Litt grew up in Ampt Hill, and has worked as a teacher, bookseller and subtitler. *Patience*, his sixteenth book, is a remarkable story of love and friendship, courage and adventure.

2.45pm – Preti Taneja: We That Are Young

£5

Preti Taneja's debut novel, *We That Are Young*, gives us a modern-day King Lear set in India as a turbulent family battles for status in a nation in a constant state of transformation.

4pm – Chris Ryan: Black Ops

£5

After writing about his SAS experiences in the bestseller, *The One That Got Away*, Chris has written many works of non-fiction and bestselling novels.

4pm – Workshop: How to Pitch Your Novel to Agents and Publishers

£15

Bestselling writer, Tracy Buchanan, shares insider knowledge about what agents and publishers are looking for, and shows you how to craft a submission package and perfect covering letter.

5.30pm – Carrie Gracie: *Equal*

£10

Carrie Gracie resigned as BBC China Editor in a dispute over equal pay. *Equal* tells her story, explores why women struggle to assert their workplace value, and explains how to achieve equality.

7pm – Sam Byers: *Perfidious Albion*

£5

Sam Byers' second novel, *Perfidious Albion*, takes us to a near future English small town where technology, social media, and post-Brexit politics fuel needle-sharp black-humoured satire.

Sunday 22 September

10am – Workshop: Memoir Club Launch Event

£15

Always wanted to write a memoir or a biography? Join a team from the Open University for the launch of Memoir Club, with follow-up events in Oct/Nov.

11am – Colin Butcher and Molly the Dog: *The Pet Detectives*

£5

Molly and Me is the heart-warming true story of how a rescue dog and her owner became the ultimate pet-detective duo, tracking down and rescuing hundreds of lost pets. Meet them both!

12noon – Workshop: Screenwriting with Rosemary Hill

£15

Rosemary Hill is an accomplished and experienced series writer, producer, director and consultant who has taught screenwriting for several years. Join her for this exclusive MK Lit Fest workshop.

12.15pm – The Modern Short Story: Chris Power and Lisa Blower

£5

We present the authors of two debut collections. Lisa Blower's stories tell tales of working lives in contemporary Britain, while Chris Power's stories explore people who find themselves at crossroads.

1.30pm – Simon Garfield: *My Life as a Dog*

£5

Simon Garfield has authored a diverse non-fiction canon and edited diaries from the Mass Observation archives. His next book, *My Life as a Dog*, was written with the help of his dog, Ludo.

2.45pm – MK Lit Fest Book Club: Lissa Evans' *Old Baggage*

£5

During the women's suffrage campaign, Mattie was a militant. Nothing since has had the same depth or excitement, and she's looking for a fresh mould to pour her energies into.

4pm – Andrew Hodges with Sir Dermot Turing: *Decoding a C20th Icon*

£5

Andrew Hodges' *Alan Turing: The Enigma* has inspired works for stage, film, fiction, and music. In conversation with Turing's nephew, he reflects on the secret histories he explored in its writing.

5.30pm – Kassia St Clair: *The Golden Thread* (Heritage Open Days event)

FREE

Kassia St Clair's *The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History* was a Radio 4 Book of the Week. A regular broadcaster on design and culture, she will be in conversation with textile artist Jane Charles.

7pm – Dan Cruickshank: *Adventures in Architecture*

£10

Architectural historian and BBC presenter Dan Cruickshank's most recent book, *Architecture: A History in 100 Buildings*, journeys from the ancient Egyptian pyramids to the skyscrapers of Manhattan.

8.30pm – Attila the Stockbroker: *Arguments Yard*

£10

Attila the Stockbroker has toured the world performing his sharp-tongued, radical social surrealist poetry and songs, releasing over 40 CDs, 8 books of poetry and an autobiography, *Arguments Yard*.

Tickets

Visit our website at www.mklitfest.org for links to our Box Office.

Day Tickets are available for Saturday or Sunday. Priced at £30, these give access to all events except workshops, which must be booked separately, as must tickets for the Lady Vélo event on Thursday 19th and for the Heritage Open Days event with Kassia St Clair on Sunday 22nd.

Tickets can also be purchased in person at MK Gallery. Where individual events have not sold out, tickets will be available on the door on a first come, first served basis.

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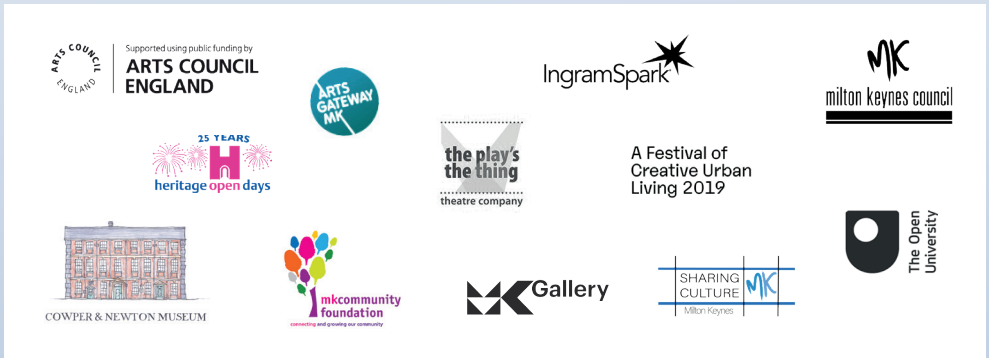
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Location

Unless indicated, all MK Lit Fest events take place at MK Gallery, Margaret Powell Square, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA

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