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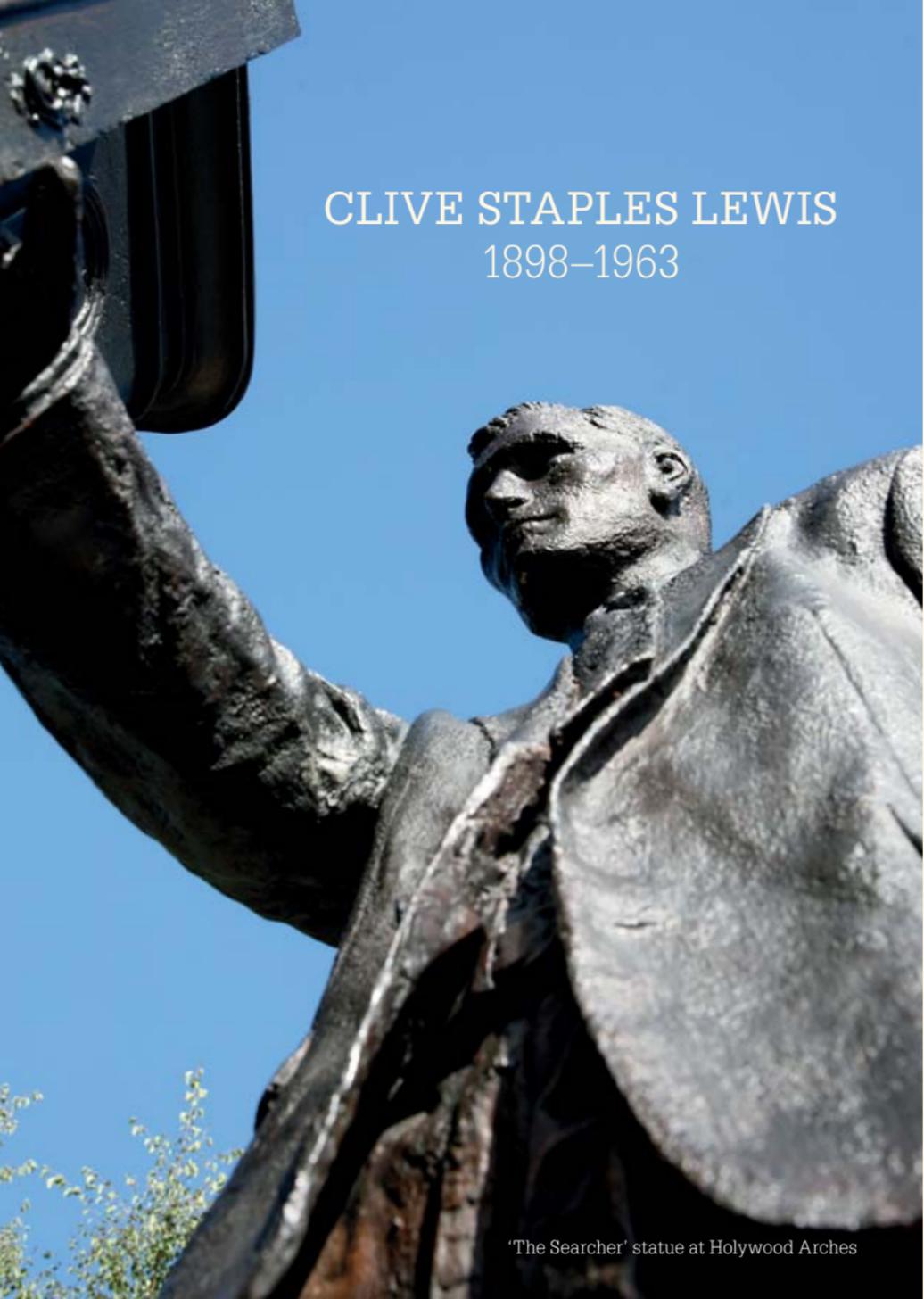
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CLIVE STAPLES LEWIS
1898–1963

'The Searcher' statue at Hollywood Arches

Chief Executive's Welcome

On behalf of the East Belfast Partnership, it gives me great pleasure to introduce and commend the C.S. Lewis Festival 2014 programme to you.

Clive Staples Lewis (known to his friends as Jack) is one of the truly international literary figures of which Belfast can be hugely proud. We can rightly celebrate the fact that he was born and brought up in Belfast and returned as often as he could.

In the fifty one years since his death, he has inspired a huge number of adults, through his books on theology and literary criticism; and millions of children, through the seven books in the Narnia series. But there is much, much more to the man: he fought in the trenches in WW1; he was a lecturer in Oxford and professor in Cambridge; he was an expert in medieval and renaissance literature; he wrote poetry and science fiction books and he was a close friend of J.R.R.Tolkien.

I hope that you will take advantage of this second C.S. Lewis Festival in Belfast to explore more about the person and ideas of this extraordinary individual.

If you are a visitor to Belfast, you are especially welcome and I hope you will enjoy the delights that the festival has to offer.

Maurice Kinhead

Chief Executive, East Belfast Partnership

Thursday 20th November

Narnia Breakfast

Speakers: Stephen Williams & Trevor Gillian

Time: 8.30am-9.30am (arrival 8.15am)

Venue: Park Avenue Hotel

Admission: FREE, ticket required

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Join us and special guest speakers Stephen Williams and Trevor Gillian in the Park Avenue Hotel for this Narnia themed breakfast. Speakers will discuss Lewis' life and beliefs and his relevance today.

Please book your place for this event via heather@eastbelfastpartnership.org or telephone 9046 7925



C.S. Lewis Bus Tour

Time: 10.30am-1.00pm

Venue: Bus pick up and drop off at Glengall Street, City Centre

Admission: £3, booking required

To follow in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis you can enjoy this bus tour with Lewis expert Sandy Smith. You will visit many of the locations relevant to Lewis in Belfast and some which had a profound influence on him and his writings.

How to Write for Children

with Sheena Wilkinson

Time: 6.00pm-7.30pm

Venue: Hollywood Arches Library

Admission: FREE, booking required

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C.S. Lewis is probably the world's most famous writer of children's stories of all time. How do you write convincingly for children? In this workshop, acclaimed Irish writer for young people, Sheena Wilkinson, will show you how to create real, believable characters and scenarios in your writing. An experienced workshop facilitator and novelist, Sheena will help you bring out the story you want to tell, through exciting narrative and characters you really care about.

Sheena's novel *Taking Flight* (2010) won two CBI Awards; a White Raven Award from the International Youth Library and an IBBY Honour Listing. Her follow-up *Grounded* also won two CBI awards. Her latest novel *Too Many Ponies* was also shortlisted for the CBI Awards. Her next novel *Still Falling*, will be published in February 2015.

Tenx9 Storytelling East Belfast

Time: 7.00pm-8.30pm

Venue: Belmont Tower

Admission: FREE, booking required.

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Tenx9 is a storytelling night where 9 people have up to 10 minutes each to tell a real story from their lives. Each night has a theme and the theme for this event is 'East Belfast'. Come along and tell YOUR story, or come along and listen. You can find tips and ideas for writing a story at www.tenx9.com/cslewis2014.



C.S. Lewis - The Bigger Picture

Two experts talk about C.S. Lewis and the meaning of his life for today.

Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm

Venue: Strand Church, Connsbrook Avenue

Admission: FREE, booking required.

The Life of C.S. Lewis Trevor Gillian

Trevor Gillian was born and educated in Dunmurry. From 1978 to 1990 he taught at Parkhall High School, Antrim, becoming Head of Music. During training for the ordained ministry he served in St Mark's, Dundela, C.S. Lewis' home church. In 2005 he was appointed a Canon of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. He is currently minister of Dunmurry Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church.

He was a member of C.S. Lewis Centenary Committee in 1997/8; is a frequent speaker on C.S. Lewis and the author of *C.S. Lewis: An Introduction* (SEELB 1998).

The Meaning of C.S. Lewis for Today Stephen Williams

Professor Stephen Williams was born in Wales. He holds MA degrees in Modern History from Oxford University and Theology from Cambridge University, the two universities that C.S. Lewis taught in, and was elected Henry Fellow at Yale University (1976-7). He then pursued doctoral studies at the Department of Religious Studies, Yale University. He took up his present position as Professor of Systematic Theology at Union Theological College Queens University Belfast in 1994.

Stephen has published several books including *Revelation and Reconciliation: a window on modernity* (Cambridge University Press, 1995) and a volume on Nietzsche, *The Shadow of the Antichrist: Nietzsche's Critique of Christianity* (Baker Academic Press, 2006).



C.S. Lewis and the Great War

Time: 1.00pm-2.00pm

Venue: Ulster Hall

Admission: FREE



In 1914, C.S. Lewis was a teenager. The war was to change his life dramatically. In this lunch-time talk, Sandy Smith unfolds the story of Lewis and his war-time comrade Paddy Moore. The threads of these intertwined stories have their beginnings in Belfast and in Pomeroy, County Tyrone but the paths from both lead to France with different and fascinating outcomes. It is a story in which great consequences turn on the finest of pivotal decisions.

Aslan Masks Workshop

Redhead Thread

Time: 1.00pm-4.00pm (drop in)

Venue: Belmont Tower

Admission: FREE



Can you roar as loud as Aslan can? Come join Redhead Thread and make yourself into a brave lion that would scare away any charging ice queen!

Booking is not required but advised to avoid disappointed.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Doodlebugs Creative Workshop

Time: 5.00pm-7.00pm (drop in)

Venue: Framework,
10 Upper Newtownards Road

Admission: FREE, booking required



Make your favourite C.S. Lewis character to move and groove around the iconic Narnia lamp post. Take home your craft for hours of fun. This workshop is facilitated by Doodlebugs Creative Workshops and is aimed at kids but suitable for all ages and abilities. www.doodlebugsworkshops.co.uk

The Man, The Myth and The Wardrobe

Time: 6.30pm-7.30pm

Venue: Strand Arts Centre

Admission: FREE, booking required

Best known to the general public as the author of the Narnia stories for children or as the real-life figure played by Anthony Hopkins in the film *Shadowlands*- there is much more to the story of C.S. Lewis. In the 51 years since his death, books written about and by Lewis continue to be published on both sides of the Atlantic. Devotees of his Christian writing revere his memory. But as A. N. Wilson, perhaps the most controversial of Lewis' biographers, puts it, "We do Lewis no honour to make him into a plaster saint. And he deserves our honour".

This documentary was produced and directed by east Belfast's Moore Sinnerton who will introduce the documentary on the evening.

A CHISTERIA Production for BBC Northern Ireland.



Saturday 22nd November

Winter Wonderland Craft Fair

Time: 10.00am-6.00pm

Venue: Heyn Hall (St Mark's, Dundela)

Admission: Adults £5/ Concession (16-19 or disabled) £3/
Children FREE

St Mark's Winter Wonderland Craft Fair will include up to 30 stalls, winter wonderland themed decorations and a 'through the wardrobe door' entrance to Narnia! Tea, coffee, tray bakes, scones and a free ballot ticket are included in the admission price.

C.S. Lewis Storytelling

Performed by Young at Art

Time: 10.30am- 1.00pm (drop in)

Venue: Holywood Arches Library

Admission: FREE

Sit back and get comfy, it's time to read! With bean bags and lots of books, children and parents can listen to stories from some of C.S. Lewis' best loved books.

A skilled storyteller will be reading some of Lewis' work to children at regular intervals throughout this session. The storytelling is designed to let children stretch their imaginations and give parents and children a space for quality reading time together, ideal for assisting with literacy and listening skills. It's fun, comfortable and provides a quiet break for storytelling.

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Screen Printing Workshop

Framework

Time: 12.00pm- 4.00pm (drop in)

Venue: Framework,
10 Upper Newtownards Road

Admission: £5



Make your very own piece of art, or tote bag (for you fashionistas) with a *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* theme. All ages welcome. Materials provided.

www.frameworkbelfast.com

C.S. Lewis Nearly True Tour

Performed by Young at Art

Time: 12.30pm and 2.15pm

Venue: Campbell College

Admission: £3, Family ticket £10- booking required

Enjoy a blend of historical fact with hysterical fiction as C.S. Lewis is explored as never before during this walking tour with a difference. 'Nearly True' George will take you on an unforgettable excursion around Campbell College that will shed new light on C.S. Lewis' history. On 'Nearly True Tours' everything you are told is guaranteed to be 'nearly true'. Fake facts and true stories mingle in this colourful and comic journey. This tour lasts approximately 1 hour and is sure to delight all the family! Audience members should wear comfortable shoes and dress for inclement weather.

Please note there are a number of stairs to be accessed during the tour. Age 6 +



Aslan Magnet Workshops

Jumping Clay



Time: 1.00pm-4.00pm (drop in)

Venue: Christian Fellowship Church (CFC), Holywood Road

Admission: £2.50

Jumping Clay is a colourful, mess free, non-toxic, unique air drying clay. So whatever your age, whether 4 or 94, come join us for our mini workshops making Aslan Lion magnets.

Magical Wardrobe Workshop

Redhead Thread

Time: 1.00pm-4.00pm (drop in)

Venue: Christian Fellowship Church (CFC), Holywood Road

Admission: FREE

If you could have your own magical wardrobe what would be inside? Join Kirsty for her *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* inspired children's workshop and make your own fantasy wardrobe!

Booking is not required but advised to avoid disappointment. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Age 4+



An Evening with C.S. Lewis

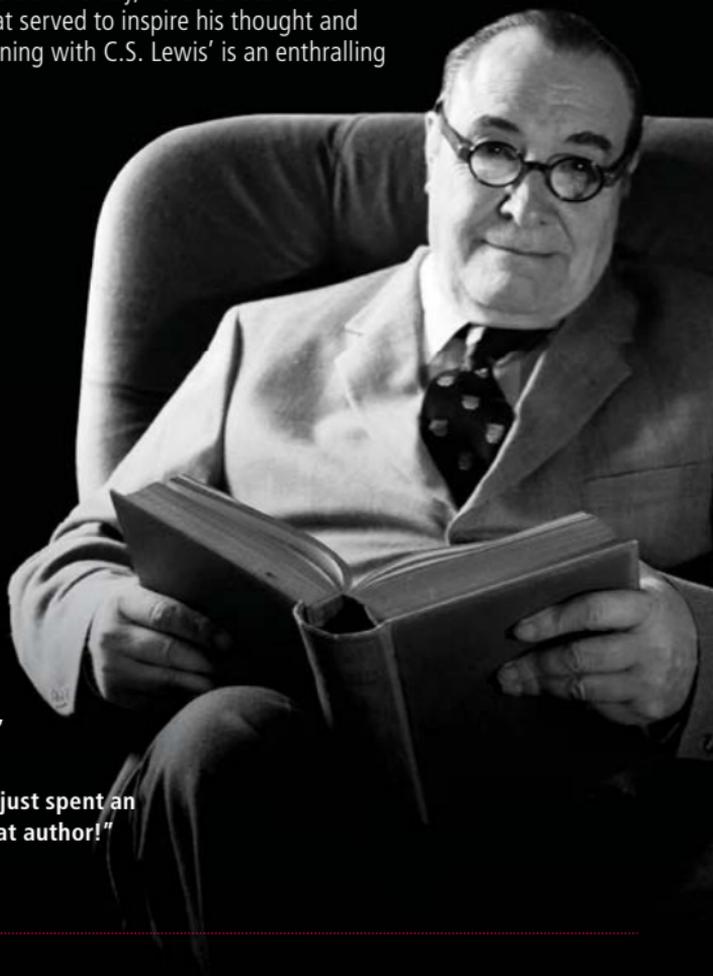
In association with David Payne Drama

Time: 8.00pm-10.00pm (doors 7.30pm)

Venue: Campbell College

Admission: £10/ £8 concession

It is 1963. C.S. Lewis, the famous author, is hosting a group of American writers at his home near Oxford. They are about to be treated to his compellingly powerful oratory and the engaging warmth of his humour. As one of the most influential thinkers of the day, here he recalls the people and events that served to inspire his thought and shape his life. 'An Evening with C.S. Lewis' is an enthralling theatrical experience.



"Powerful!
Uplifting!"



"Compelling"

"Vastly Entertaining"



"You feel like you've just spent an
evening with the great author!"



Sunday 23rd November

St Mark's Open Church Service

Time: 10.30am

Venue: St Mark's Dundela, Hollywood Road

Admission: EVERYONE WELCOME

Come visit the place where it all started - St. Mark's Parish Church, where a young Clive Staples Lewis was baptised by his Grandfather and first Rector of the Parish, Revd Thomas Hamilton. This specially devised service of thanksgiving for C.S. Lewis, in the Church where he worshipped as a child, will provide those in attendance with the chance to view the Lewis Window, presented by Clive and his brother in memory of their parents; to see the font in which he was baptised and to view the Lewis silverware presented to the Church by the Lewis family.

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The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

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Time: 2.00pm & 5.00pm

Venue: Strand Arts Centre

Admission: FREE, booking required

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe tells the story of siblings Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy Pevensie, who are evacuated from London because of World War I. They go to live in the countryside with Professor Digory Kirke, unaware of the adventure they are to encounter. During a game of hide and seek Lucy, the youngest of the children, discovers a wardrobe which transports her to the land of Narnia. Covered in snow, Narnia is full of weird and wonderful creatures, but is watched over by the evil White Witch, Jadis. When all four Pevensie children end up through the wardrobe, they discover that they must join with the mighty lion Aslan to defeat the evil White Witch.

The Narnia Code

Time: 8.00pm-9.45pm

Venue: Strand Arts Centre

Admission: FREE, booking required

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For over half a century *The Chronicles of Narnia* have captivated countless readers with the enchanting, vividly imagined other world reached through the back of a wardrobe. Yet, although the seven stories and their colourful cast of characters have become part of popular consciousness there remain aspects of them that mystify fans and even scholars.

Drawing on his own ground-breaking research, Michael Ward takes viewers on an exciting journey into the complex spiritual symbolism and ancient cosmology underpinning the Narnia stories. Like a detective following elusive leads, Ward tracks down the 'secret imaginative key' to Lewis' masterpiece – The Narnia Code. Ward's findings reveal fascinating layers of meaning that will profoundly enrich your experience of Narnia and deepen your appreciation of C.S. Lewis' literary artistry.

Sunday 30th November

Fine & Dandy Market

Time: 11.30am -3.30pm

Venue: Crescent Arts Centre,
2-4 University Rd, Belfast

Admission: FREE



The Fine & Dandy Market showcases the work of independent artists, designers, illustrators and crafters alongside stalls from collectors of records, books and vintage wares and quality local Food & Drink Produce. Join us as we step into Narnia for a special themed market.

Please visit the Fine & Dandy Market Facebook page for details on how to enter the competition to win the Narnia themed hamper filled with items kindly donated by exhibitors.

Please visit www.fineanddandymarket.co.uk for further details and a list of exhibitors.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Great Story Quest: An Adventure for P4 Classes

Performed by Replay Theatre Company

Date: Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November
This event is not available to the public.

What is reading a book? It's an exciting, immersive experience. It's a journey. It reveals itself by layers. It engages with your imagination to create pictures in your head. It's surprising, it's exciting, it draws you along.most of all, it's magical and fun. Northern Ireland's longest running theatre company will engage with local east Belfast primary schools to excite their imaginations and to inspire them to explore the wonderful world of C.S. Lewis through an interactive adventure in school inspired by *The Lion*, *The Witch* and *The Wardrobe*.

The logo for Replay Theatre Company, featuring the word "Re:" in a white sans-serif font above the word "play" in a white script font, all contained within a pink square.

Photo by Christopher Heaney



SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Unseen Poetry Workshop

Facilitated by Moyra Donaldson & Paul Maddern

Date: Tuesday 25th November

Venue: Ashfield Girls' School

This event is not available to the public.

Following on from the success of last year's event, local poets Moyra Donaldson and Paul Maddern will provide East Belfast GCSE English Literature students with the tools to tackle what is commonly considered the most challenging aspect of the exam course in a poetry workshop at Ashfield Girls' School. Through close readings of their own and C.S. Lewis' poetry, Donaldson and Maddern will help Year 12 students gain a greater understanding of their art and the ways in which language and form can be used to create meaning.

Throughout Festival

C.S. Lewis Display

Date: Monday - Saturday

Venue: Hollywood Arches Library

Admission: FREE



Hollywood Arches Library will display its Lewis exhibition throughout the Festival which includes information on his east Belfast roots, his books and images.

Please visit www.librariesni.org.uk for opening hours.

C.S. Lewis and 'The Searcher' Quiz

Date: Monday - Saturday

Venue: Hollywood Arches Library

Admission: FREE



Visit the Hollywood Arches Library during the Festival and complete the C.S. Lewis and 'The Searcher' quiz. All correct entries will be placed into a draw to win some great prizes, including a 'Titanic' day out sponsored by Titanic Foundation.

Please visit www.librariesni.org.uk for opening hours.

C.S. Lewis with Family and Friends

Date: Mon-Wed & Fri 9.00am-4.45pm, Thurs 10.00am-8.45pm

Venue: Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)

Admission: FREE

PRONI will display C.S. Lewis materials from its archive, including a copy of his last will and testament. www.proni.gov.uk

C.S. Lewis Exhibition

Date: Thursday - Saturday 9.30am-3.30pm

Venue: Belmont Tower

Admission: FREE



Visit Belmont Tower and view the C.S. Lewis exhibition in the Craig Suite. The display features a number of images associated with Lewis' east Belfast connections and a number of important works about and by Lewis as well as an audio visual presentation of Lewis' life.

Strandtown Traders

Venue: Various shops on the Belmont Road

Traders on the Belmont Road will celebrate 'the boy from Belmont' during the Festival with unique window displays. Take some time to stop and shop. www.belmontroad.co.uk

Urban Threads

Redhead Thread

Venue: East Belfast

Keep your eye out during the festival for street artist and yarn bomber Redhead Thread creating some C.S. Lewis themed artwork in and around the area.

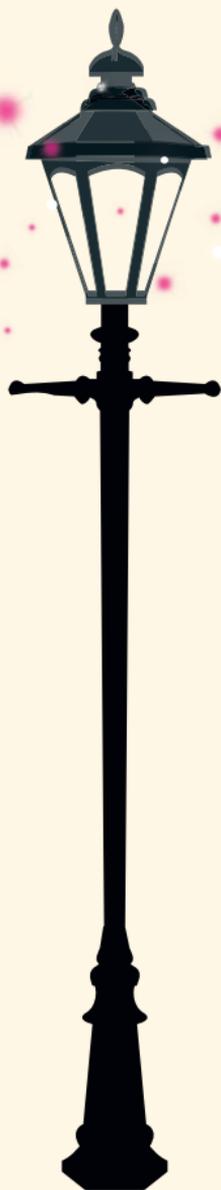
C.S. Lewis Trail

(self-guided)

Pick up or download a FREE copy of The C.S. Lewis Trail and visit the places that influenced and inspired the young C.S. Lewis in east Belfast.

Trails are available from Visit Belfast or from East Belfast Partnership offices 278-280 Newtownards Road, Belfast or download from

www.communitygreenway.co.uk/trails



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Booking Information

Tickets for all events are available from:

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Belfast BT4 1NY Tel: 028 9065 5830.

They can be booked by calling into Strand Arts Centre, by
telephone or online at www.strandartscentre.com

Many of our events are free of charge but booking is still
required for most events to avoid disappointment.



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