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Welcome from the EastSide Arts Board

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On behalf of EastSide Arts, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the programme for the fourth annual C.S. Lewis Festival.

Clive Staples Lewis (known to his friends as Jack) is one of the truly international literary figures of which Belfast can be very proud. Born in 1898 and brought up in East Belfast, Lewis was arguably one of the most innovative and influential writers of his time and through his works, which include *The Screwtape Letters*, *A Grief Observed*, *Out of the Silent Planet* and the wonderful *Chronicles of Narnia*, he inspired millions of readers of all ages.

In addition to being an extraordinary writer, C.S. Lewis fought in the trenches in WW1, held academic positions at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities and was a close friend of J.R.R. Tolkien.

This year's programme aims to explore and celebrate the work, legacy and creative impact of this extraordinary man, through a packed programme of talks and debates, tours, exhibitions, film screenings, workshops, music and spoken word events.

Do come along and enjoy everything that the festival has to offer!

David Alderdice

Chairman, EastSide Arts Board



Friday 18 November

C.S. Lewis Bus Tour

Time	10.30am – 1pm
Venue	Meet at City Hall, Donegal Square East
Admission	£10 / £8 concession

Follow in the footsteps of C.S. Lewis on this fascinating bus tour with Lewis expert, Sandy Smith. You will visit many of the locations relevant to Lewis in Belfast, some of which had a profound influence on the writer and his writings.

How Sainly Was C.S. Lewis?

A Talk by Jon Kennedy

Time	2pm
Venue	Belmont Tower, Belmont Church Road
Admission	Free

Retired journalist and author Jon Kennedy examines the spiritual life of C.S. Lewis. How serious was Lewis as an adult convert after years of living as an atheist? Did he engage in evangelism, how did he “testify,” and was he generous with his material substance? If he were nominated for sainthood, who would support him and who would be his opponents? Kennedy is the author of three books on these and other aspects of the life of Belfast’s own literary giant.

Windows to the Imagination

Creative Writing in the World of C.S. Lewis

Time	3pm – 5pm
Venue	The Lamppost Café, 19 Upper Newtownards Road
Admission	£5 (includes tea, coffee and cake)

A creative writing workshop building on C.S. Lewis's ideas about the world of the imagination and “*seeing with other eyes*” with Shelley Tracey, poet and creative writing tutor. Shelley will offer prompts for writing and opportunities for participants to read their work to the group. Support for reading and writing is available for people with sight loss.

Road Dahl's Tales of the Unexpected

Time	8 pm
Venue	Canteen, Belmont Road
Admission	£8 event only; £13.50 event + sharing plate (food must be booked by 12 noon)

Roald Dahl's stories of suspense and the uncanny, for adults, are part of his great legacy: twisted tales with a twist in the tail. Tales of the Unexpected was essential viewing throughout the '80s: roulette wheels, guns, and dancing ladies... the perfect story at bedtime. The Trio of the Unexpected will present readings of two classic Dahl tales, with live music accompaniment, as part of the author's centenary celebrations.



BYO alcohol or avail of a wide range of tea, coffee and soft drinks. Canteen will be serving dinner before the event with a special offer of 3 courses for £15, or enjoy a sharing plate of meats, cheeses, breads and dips during the event.

www.canteenbelfast.com

Notes On Blindness 2014

Introduction by Filmmaker and
Broadcaster Brian Henry Martin

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Time	8pm
Venue	Strand Arts Centre, Hollywood Road
Admission	£5.50
To Book	www.strandartscentre.com / 028 9065 5830

In the summer of 1983, just days before the birth of his first son, writer and theologian John Hull went blind. In order to make sense of the upheaval in his life, he began keeping a diary on audiocassette. With exclusive access to these original recordings, Notes On Blindness encompasses dreams, memory and imaginative life, excavating the interior world of blindness.



Saturday 19 November

Cheeki Monkeys Narnia Themed Market



Time	10am – 12pm
Venue	Connswater Community Centre, Severn Street
Admission	Adults £1, kids free

A fun and friendly environment in which to find affordable pre-loved toys, clothes and equipment for children up to 8 years old. The Narnia Market will include Narnia-themed kids crafts, a colouring competition, face painting and optional fancy dress with the chance to win a prize and if that's not enough the first 100 customers of the day receive a free goody bag!

For more information email belfast.cheekimonkeys@gmail.com

C.S. Lewis Mini Narnia Adventure at Campbell College

Time	10.30am; 12.30pm; 2.30pm
Venue	Campbell College Junior School, Belmont Road
Admission	£6 adult; £4 child; £15 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children)
Age	3-5 years

Enter the magical world of Narnia and join our Narnia friends as they take you on a mini adventure through our Narnia trail. Enjoy lantern making, storytelling and woodland games followed by yummy treats for all (including grown-ups!) Dress for outdoors.

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Taking your Imagination for a Walk

Writing Workshop with Sheena Wilkinson

Time	11am – 1pm
Venue	Hollywood Arches Library
Admission	£8

Do you have a book in you? Or a story? Or have you always wanted to have a go at writing a poem or capturing a memory? Wherever you are in your writing journey, this lively, interactive workshop led by award-winning novelist Sheena Wilkinson will help you to go a bit further. Come prepared to write, to imagine and to have fun.

Wind in the Willows 1996 + Drama Workshop



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Time	12pm – 4pm (screening followed by workshop)
Venue	Strand Arts Centre, Hollywood Road
Admission	£6.50
Age	7-10
To Book	www.strandartscentre.com / 028 9065 5830

Four former-Monty Python members were re-united for this live-action adaptation of the classic tale, with only slight physical changes to suggest animal characteristics. Mole and Rat set out to rescue Mr. Toad, who has been sentenced to 100 years in prison for a car accident. Following the film there is a break for lunch then a fun and dynamic theatre workshop, exploring character, movement and story. Participants will begin to explore how characters can be created using the body and the voice. A great introduction to drama for beginners, or a playful continuation for those with some skills.

Remember to bring a packed lunch.

Narnia Plasticine Workshop

with Sticky Fingers

Time	11am – 12.30pm
Venue	Lamppost Café
Admission	£6 (includes juice & treats)
Age	5+
To Book	028 9067 1687

Get creative using plasticine to recreate memorable Narnia scenes and take home your finished masterpieces.

White Witch

Written and performed by Maria Connolly

Time	2pm
Venue	Linen Hall Library, Donegall Square North
Admission	£5 adult; £2 child
Age	8+

'Inside everyone there is a darkness lurking, evil will prevail, evil must be dealt with...'

Written and performed by Maria Connolly, this is the story of how Jadis, the evil Queen of Narnia, came to earn her title, The White Witch. Jadis has placed a spell upon herself and the children are invited to wake her. Originally from the city of Charn, Jadis is accidentally brought to Narnia and there she witnesses the birth of a terrible beauty - Aslan's creation of Narnia. With original music played live by Ursula Burns and design by Elle Kent, White Witch is a powerful and evocative fusion between words and music. Suitable for Daughters of Eve and Sons of Adam aged 8+ and their parents.

Sōzō Workshop

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Time	1pm – 5pm
Venue	Wandsworth Community Centre
Admission	£6
Age	7+

In an animated film, anything can happen – if you can imagine it, we will help you create it. Ossia Music School is offering an exciting, creative animation workshop where participants will be encouraged to do every part of the filmmaking process, from initial idea all the way to the edit. Build your own adventure, snap your fingers to take a photo and capture your story!

Spaces are limited so early booking is advised.

Ulster-Scots Agency Launch of three short C.S. Lewis Films



Time	5.30pm - 6.10pm
Venue	Strand Arts Centre
Admission	Free

Three short films about C.S. Lewis have been prepared by Heritage Experience, a local Larne-based social enterprise company, in association with the Ulster-Scots Agency and Macmillan Media. The screening of the films is a celebration of Lewis's links to Belfast and Northern Ireland; together they ask important questions about the shape of Lewis's early life. An introduction to the films and the links between the three pieces will be provided by Sandy Smith, a Director of Heritage Experience and author of C.S. Lewis and the Island of his Birth. The Ulster-Scots Agency is pleased to sponsor the launch of the films as part of the C.S. Lewis Festival.

Why not follow this short screening event with dinner at Canteen (special offer 3 courses for £15) and 'Walking on Water; Faith, Art and Risk', an evening of words, music and discussion with Jan Carson, Jamie Neish and Steve Stockman at Canteen at 8pm (see page 9 for details.)

Balloon Party at JACK

Time	7pm - late
Venue	JACK Coffee Bar, EastSide Visitor Centre, Newtownards Road
Admission	£6 (book early, places limited)
Age	Strictly for "Big Kids" only

Due to the success of the Balloon Party at Studio Souk earlier this year, JACK will be hosting another night of nostalgia for the child in all of us! Funky Disco beats by DJ Mark Graham will transport you back, as you drink Alcoholic Ice Cream Floats and party the night away surrounded by 10,000 balloons.

Bar provided by Horatio Todds. #letyourinnerchildrunwild

JOY



Time	7pm – 9pm (exhibition runs until 29 November)
Venue	Framework Gallery, Newtownards Road
Admission	Free

C.S. Lewis describes his wife Joy as a woman whose strength, faith, honesty, humour, and loyalty made her the best of companions, and brought out the best in him.

The Joyalists are a local group of skaters and their mission is simple; to have fun whilst exploring their surroundings, interacting with streets and public spaces in ways which often confuse, entertain or sometimes anger onlookers. The Joyalists find the same traits in each other, as C.S. Lewis found in Joy.

This group show is an insight into their pursuits and the works on display document a group within a subculture, through photography, sculpture, painting, fashion and video.

Framework is creating a special zine throughout the festival which we would like to extend to you all. Email your response to the word 'Joy' to frameworkbelfast@gmail.com (in no more than 250 words).

Fiona Lowe: The Life and Lines of C.S. Lewis and Literary Legends

Time	4pm (Meet the Artist Soiree)
Venue	ArtisAnn Gallery, Bloomfield Avenue
Admission	Free

Artist Fiona Lowe Brunell lives in her birthplace of Newry, an area that has influenced many artists, including C.S. Lewis, who said; *'That part of Rostrevor which overlooks Carlingford Lough is my idea of Narnia'*. It was this comment that inspired Fiona to delve deeper into the writer and his works and to create a body of work which is exhibited at ArtisAnn Gallery during opening hours from 3-26 November.

www.artisann.org

Walking on Water: Faith, Art and Risk

Time	8pm
Venue	Canteen Kitchen Cafe, Belmont Road
Admission	£8 event only; £13.50 event + sharing plate (Food must be booked by 12 noon)

An evening of words, music and discussion with singer/songwriter, **Jamie Neish**, broadcaster and poet, **Steve Stockman** and novelist, **Jan Carson**. Join us for an intimate evening of performance and discussion as they explore the various ways in which faith and religious experience has influenced their artistic practice.

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Sunday 20 November

Imaginary Worlds

Drama and Storytelling Workshops



Time	10am – 1pm; 2pm – 5pm
Venue	Framework Gallery, Newtownards Road
Admission	£11.50 for each workshop
Age	Morning 4-8 years; afternoon 8-12 years

A morning workshop for 4-8 year olds in which they will create their own fairytale through storytelling, movement and exploration of themes, improvisation and discussion. The afternoon workshop for 8-12 year olds looks at drama and staging - exploring what makes a story come to life on stage, costume design, script writing and performance skills and practice.

Bring your own snack and bottled drink.

St. Mark's Open Church Service

Time	10.30am
Venue	St. Mark's Dundela, Holywood Road
Admission	Everyone welcome

A special parish communion and celebration of the life and witness of C.S. Lewis in the church where young Clive Staples Lewis was baptised by his Grandfather and first rector of the Parish, Revd. Thomas Hamilton. Revd. Helene T. Steed, Rector of St. Mark's Dundela, will lead the service.

The Fine & Dandy Market



Time	11.30am - 3.30pm
Venue	Crescent Arts Centre, University Road
Admission	Free

A marketplace showcasing the work of independent artists, designers, illustrators and crafters alongside stalls from collectors of records, vintage wares and high quality, local food and drink producers. Join us as we step into Narnia for this special themed market featuring wonderful C.S. Lewis inspired items. www.fineanddandy.com

C.S. Lewis Nearly True Tour



Time	12.30pm; 2.30pm; 4.30pm
Venue	Campbell College, Belmont Road
Admission	£5 per person; £18 (family of 4)
Age	5+

Enjoy a blend of historical fact and hysterical fiction as C.S. Lewis is explored as never before during this walking tour with a difference. On a 'Nearly True' Tour, almost everything you are told is guaranteed to be 'nearly true'. Fake facts and true stories mingle in this unforgettable excursion that will shed new light on C.S. Lewis' history. The tour lasts 1 hour.

Please wear comfortable shoes and dress for inclement weather.

Faith and Fiction

Writing Workshop with Jan Carson



Time 2.30pm – 4.30pm
Venue Strand Church
Admission £8

During this two-hour, interactive creative writing workshop, local writer Jan Carson will discuss writers whose faith has had an impact on their fiction, particularly focus on the role of parable and allegory in writing and help you develop your own short piece of prose or poetry.

Please bring a notebook and pen to the workshop.

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'Talking Bicycles' C.S. Lewis Bike Tour

Time	10am – 1pm
Venue	Meet at EastSide Visitor Centre
Admission	£21

"I can remember... when to have a bicycle, and to have learned to ride it, and to be at last spinning along on one's own, early in the morning, under trees, in and out of the shadows, was like entering Paradise". C.S. Lewis 'Resistance'



Join Belfast City Bike Tours to trace the enchanting cycling experiences of C.S. Lewis on this tour of EastSide. Pedalling at conversational pace, the tour will explore Lewis's boyhood paradise and influences utilising the Comber and Connswater Community Greenways, with refreshment and sightseeing breaks. Bikes, helmets and hi-viz gilets provided.

Herbert Moore Pim: Belfast Fantasist

An illustrated talk by Reggie Chamberlain-King

Time	3pm
Venue	EastSide Visitor Centre
Admission	£5

Herbert Moore Pim tried to be all things to all men, but was hated by everyone. He was a Quaker, Catholic, Republican, Unionist, Polemicist, and Satirist, Pro-Establishment, but a complete outsider. He wrote fantasy novels, sci-fi shorts, poetry, and apologia, spent time in gaol for his part in the Easter Rising, and wrote a best-seller with a foreword by Edward Carson. All before he was sued by Winston Churchill.

In this illustrated talk, local author Reggie Chamberlain-King (Weird Belfast, Weird Dublin) uncovers a little of the writer and politico known as The Man with Thirty Lives.

An Inklings-Inspired Beer Tasting

Time	7.30pm
Venue	The Stoker's Halt, Ballyhackamore
Admission	£12.50

Join us for a fun and long-awaited necessary pairing: beer and reading. Two local authors will read from a selection of literature written by or associated with The Inklings, a group of men who gathered to pontificate and drink beer at the Eagle and Child pub in Oxford, England. Among the members of this group were C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. Local beer distributor NS Craft Beers will pair a selection of craft beers with readings from the works of Lewis, Tolkien, and others. Join us to responsibly illuminate, invigorate and inebriate the magical friendship of beers and literatures inspired by East Belfast.

The Squat Pen presents: C.S. Lewis and the Imagination

Time	7.30pm – 9pm
Venue	EastSide Visitor Centre
Admission	Free

An evening of poetry, music and prose featuring **Pádraig O'Tuama**, poet, theologian and Leader of Corrymeela, and **Jan Carson**, novelist and short story writer, author of *Malcolm Orange Disappears* and *Children's Children*. Singer-songwriter **Mandy Bingham**, performance poet **Elizabeth McGeown**, poet **Ross Thompson** and poet **Lara Sunday** will also respond to the work of C.S. Lewis, hosted by poets **Ray Givans** and **Paul Jeffcutt**.



Monday 21 November

The Monday Club

With special Q&A with director
Brain Mulholland.

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Time	7pm
Venue	Strand Arts Centre
Admission	£5
To Book	www.strandartscentre.com / 028 9065 5830

Written and Directed by Brian Mulholland, Stay Beautiful Films.

Stars: Robbie Beggs, Shaun Blaney, Nuala Davies

'The Monday Club' was a place to go for a few drinks, in a Belfast City Centre pub, where the 'magnificent seven' met up every Monday after work. Their friendship over the years saw them share love, loss and family connections.

Surprised by Loss

Writing workshop with Nuala McKeever



Time 7pm – 9pm
Venue Strand Church, Connsbrooke Avenue
Admission £8

“No-one ever told me grief felt so much like fear.”

This is the opening line of *Surprised by Joy*, C.S. Lewis' famous book on grief, written after the death of his wife, Joy Gresham. When your world's been turned upside down by the death of your partner, it can be hard to find your bearings. Strong feelings, numbness, sadness – they can all build up and leave you feeling paralysed by grief. Releasing the build-up through writing, in a safe space, can help. Nuala McKeever leads a creative writing session for anyone living with the loss of their spouse or partner.

Socratic Debate

Time 7.30pm
Venue Union College Chapel, QUB
Admission £8 full price; £4 student

C.S. Lewis was President of the Oxford Socratic Society which brought together some of the best debaters in Oxford to discuss religious and philosophical topics. This one-off Belfast C.S. Lewis Socratic Debate will be chaired by the BBC's William Crawley and discuss the topic: *'This House believes that God is about as real as Narnia.'*

Speakers who will participate in the debate will include **Rev. Chris Hudson**, Minister of All Souls' Church, Belfast; **Jennifer Sturgeon**, Humanist Celebrant and **Shane McKee**, Christian Atheist. Come along and join the debate!



Tuesday 22 November



Launch of C.S. Lewis Square

Time C.S. Lewis Square, Hollywood Arches
Venue Free



Join Connswater Community Greenway for the much anticipated opening of the C.S. Lewis Square as part of the Connswater Community Greenway project. Close to the house where C.S. Lewis spent his childhood, the new square at Hollywood Arches is a fantastic new space for activities and events and will attract both local people and visitors from the city and beyond.

As part of the opening celebrations, seven new C.S. Lewis-inspired sculptures from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will be unveiled in this magical setting.

For further details visit www.connswatergreenway.co.uk or follow  ConnswaterCommunityGreenway and  @ConnsGreenway





Throughout the Festival

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Local East Belfast artist Paul Moore has been producing different works in response to C.S. Lewis's 1950's children's book, *The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe*.

Each of the individual works has its own unique qualities and relationship with East Belfast and its community, working as individual pieces and together in a series as larger body of work.

For the C.S. Lewis Festival, Paul has created a unique document that references the literary aspect of the festival and looks at the changing face of the East.

The document can be viewed at various local amenities, community and social venues throughout East Belfast during the festival.

For more information follow #nonarnia on Twitter.

JACK Coffee Bar @ EastSide Visitors Centre

20% off all food and drink sales on the presentation of a festival ticket. Try the delicious Turkish Delight scones while you're there!

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The Lamppost Café

20% off the Narnia inspired breakfasts and lunches. Make your way through the wardrobe of coats to this very special Narnia-inspired café and come away feeling nourished and inspired.

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C.S. Lewis and the Island of His Birth

Exhibition



Time	During opening hours
Venue	Linen Hall Library
Dates	2 – 30 November
Admission	Free exhibition

The exhibition reflects on the influence of the writer's Ulster-Scots roots, writings and the characters within his stories. It is a heritage which gave rise to the flourishing of Lewis' creative and vivid imagination and has left us with a literary legacy which still stands today.

The Ulster-Scots Agency will be launching the exhibition on Tuesday 1 November at 6.30pm. Sandy Smith, author of *C.S. Lewis and the Island of his Birth*, will present a talk on the history, heritage and Ulster-Scots connections of C.S. Lewis drawing out his links with familiar locations in Belfast and across Northern Ireland. If you wish to attend the launch, please rsvp to cholmes@ulsterscotsagency.org.uk. A light supper will be provided.

To see the listing online please visit <http://ulsterscotsagency.com/events/event/775/cs-lewis-exhibition-launch/>

Events at Canteen Kitchen Cafe

10 Belmont Rd, Belfast BT4 2AN
028 9067 3136
www.canteenbelfast.com

C.S. Lewis Food Tour

Date Saturday 19 November
Time 2pm
Admission £35 per person
To book email tracey@nifoodtours.com

Meet at Canteen to embark on a C.S. Lewis themed food tour of Belmont Road.

C.S. Lewis Themed Afternoon Tea

Date Monday 21 November
Time 3pm
Admission £10 per person
To book Call 028 9067 3136

Canteen Book Club

Date Thursday 24 November
Time 7pm
To book email info@canteenbelfast.com

This month the book club will review the last book in the C.S. Lewis Chronicles of Narnia - The Last Battle. For further information and to reserve a place email info@canteenbelfast.com.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them

Film Screenings

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Time	Various
Venue	Strand Arts Centre
Admission	before 5pm £4, or £5.50 / £4
To Book	www.strandartscentre.com / 028 9065 5830

Stars: Eddie Redmayne, Ezra Miller, Colin Farrell

A fantasy action film inspired by J. K. Rowling's book of the same name. A spin-off and a prequel of the Harry Potter film series, directed by David Yates. A magizoologist makes a brief stop in 1926 New York but is waylaid by a Muggle, a misplaced magical case and the escape of some fantastic beasts.



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Booking Information

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Visit Belfast Welcome Centre,
9 Donegal Square North, Belfast BT1 5GJ.

Monday – Friday, 9am-7pm,
Saturday 9am-5.30pm
Sunday, 11am – 4pm.

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