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# Clare County Library

In collaboration with Ennis Book Club Festival

# *Teen Week 2021*



# TEEN WEEK 2021 - THE EVENTS

## FIGHTING WORDS CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

A creative writing workshop for Secondary Schools in Ennis and Ennistymon. Special guest Roddy Doyle will join the Fighting Words Team, Fighting Words volunteers from Clare, and library staff for the first event of the day with post-primary schools in Ennistymon.

Fighting Words is a creative writing centre established by Roddy Doyle and Sean Love to help children and young people discover and harness the power of their own imaginations and creative writing skills. When your class joins a Fighting Words workshop, you will spend the first part of the workshop working together as a group, creating a story, initially through role play and improvisation. You will be encouraged to write in your own words and style, with leadership from a Fighting Words team member. You will also work independently, developing characters, setting and plot, adding dialogue and editing as you go. Participants have the opportunity to share their individual pieces of writing with the class, helped and encouraged by Fighting Words volunteer tutors.



## SONGWRITING AND MUSIC PRODUCTION WORKSHOP WITH MUSIC GENERATION CLARE

An interactive workshop for secondary schools in Ennis and Ennistymon including writing, recording and mixing a song together as a class group.

Music Generation Clare is part of Ireland's National Music Education Programme that transforms the lives of children and young people through access to high quality performance music education in their locality. Through partnership, they create rich and diverse ways for participants to engage in vocal and instrumental tuition delivered by skilled professional musicians, across all musical genres and styles and interact in an inspirational way with children and young people.

*-Music doesn't just change lives - it transforms lives*



**Music Generation  
Clare/an Chláir**

**All events via Zoom. Advance booking required.**

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## A SECONDARY SCHOOL AUDIENCE WITH LOUISE O'NEILL

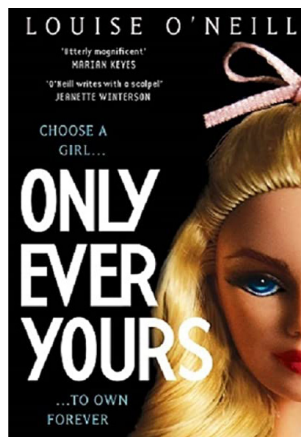
Louise O'Neill will explore and discuss the themes in her novels for teenagers, *Only Ever Yours* and *Asking For It* with senior classes in Ennis and Ennistymon Secondary Schools.



Louise O'Neill grew up in Clonakilty, a small town in West Cork. Her first novel, *Only Ever Yours* was released in 2014. It went on to win the Sunday Independent Newcomer of the Year at the 2014 Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book Awards; the Children's Books Ireland Eilís Dillon Award for a First Children's Book; and The Bookseller's inaugural YA Book Prize 2015.

Louise's second novel, *Asking For It*, was published in September 2015 to widespread critical acclaim. She went on to win the Specsaver's Senior Children's Book of the Year at the 2015 Irish Book Awards, the Literature Prize at Irish Tatler's Women of the Year Awards, and the American Library Association's Michael L. Printz award.

*Asking For It* was voted Book of the Year at the Irish Book Awards 2015 and spent 52 consecutive weeks in the Irish top 10 bestseller list. The New York Times called it "riveting and essential" and The Guardian named O' Neill "the best YA fiction writer alive today." Both novels have been optioned for screen.



All events via Zoom. Advance booking required.

# PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

## **Tues 2nd March**

### **FIGHTING WORDS CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP**

10.00am Ennistymon Library

1.45pm De Valera Library, Ennis

**Audience:** 1st, 2nd, 5th years or TY students.

**Numbers:** 1 class of 25 to 30 students.

**Duration:** 2 hours.

## **Wed 3rd March**

### **MUSIC GENERATION CLARE.....SONGWRITING WORKSHOP**

9.30am De Valera Library, Ennis

1.30pm Ennistymon Library

**Audience:** Open to all 2nd level classes.

**Numbers:** 25 students.

**Duration:** 2.5 hours.

## **Thur 4th March**

### **AUTHOR LOUISE O'NEILL - DISCUSSING HER BOOKS**

10.00am Ennistymon Library

2.10pm De Valera Library, Ennis

**Audience:** TY, 5th year classes or Leaving Certs.

**Numbers:** 2 classes.

**Duration:** 1 hour to 75 mins.

All events via **Zoom**. Advance booking required.