



the Congress Friday Briefing

Friday 13th March, 2020

10.30am



Poet in Residence

The March Congress Friday Briefing will be a cultural affair!

The presenter will be Catherine Ann Cullen who is the Poet in Residence for the Parnell Square area

In September 2016, Poetry Ireland moved into its new home in Parnell Square and has introduced an ambitious neighbourhood project to engage with the many communities who call this area of the city home.

As part of this exciting new initiative, Poetry Ireland has appointed a Poet in Residence for a two-year period.

Catherine Ann Cullen is the inaugural Poet in Residence and she will read some of her work and talk about her role, which includes working with communities in Dublin's North Inner City. Catherine also runs writing workshops with the Pathways Centre for former prisoners on Granby Row, the SAOL project for women in treatment for addiction, and local schools.



Catherine Ann is an award-winning poet, children's writer and songwriter, and recipient of a Kavanagh Fellowship for Poetry 2018. Her three collections are *The Other Now: New and Selected Poems* (Dedalus, 2016), *Strange Familiar* (Doghouse 2013) and *A Bone in My Throat* (Doghouse 2007).

She was A&L Goodbody Writer in Residence 2016-19 at St Joseph's School, East Wall, for which she won the Business to Arts Award for Best Use of Creativity in the Community 2017. Her latest book is *All Better!* (Little Island, 2019). She has a PhD in Creative Writing from Middlesex University.

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