



Award-winning novelist Jenny Colgan's books to be brought to life as part of Book Week Scotland

Forfar Library to host The Chatty Café immersive experience

Scottish Book Trust, the national charity changing lives through reading and writing, has announced that critically acclaimed romance and science fiction novelist Jenny Colgan will visit Forfar Library as part of Book Week Scotland 2019 on Thursday 21 November, 7pm – 8.30pm.

Book Week Scotland is a national celebration of reading and writing that runs from 18 November to 24 November. Taking inspiration from this year's Book Week theme 'Conversation', ANGUSalve will invite audiences to immerse themselves in The Chatty Café at Forfar Library. The cakes featured in Jenny Colgan's novels will be brought to life, and she will act as the café owner, with library staff as waiters. Fans of Jenny's books, such as her latest novel *The Bookshop on the Shore* (Sphere), are encouraged to attend to meet the author and chat about her work.

The event forms part of 'Pitch It', which invited groups and individuals all over Scotland to submit their dream event for one of four big names. In addition to covering the authors' fees, Scottish Book Trust has provided each successful host with £500 to help deliver their event.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said: "We've been so impressed by the standard of pitches we received to host these authors. The energy and enthusiasm demonstrated by all applicants throughout this process is a great reflection on the health of book-loving communities all across Scotland. I hope that the opportunity to host one of our four fantastic authors will encourage and inspire conversation in communities the length and breadth of the country."

Initiated by the Scottish Government and supported by £200,000 from the National Lottery through Creative Scotland Targeted Funding and £26,000 from SLIC, Book Week Scotland 2019 will be delivered by Scottish Book Trust from 18 November – 24 November.

For more information about Book Week Scotland 2019 and how you can get involved, visit www.bookweekscotland.com where you can find information about all the events taking place in your local area.

Christine Sharp, ANGUSalve, said: "ANGUSalve Libraries are absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to transform Forfar Library into 'Jenny's Chatty Café' for the evening of Thursday 21 November. Café visitors that evening will have the chance to sample some of owner Jenny Colgan's cakes made from her special recipes, as well as chat to her about her 'cupcake' books and even get one signed."

Event

Jenny's Chatty Café, Thursday 21 November, 7pm – 8.30pm
Forfar Library, 50/56 West High Street, Forfar DD8 1BA
Tickets £4.80/£2.70: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/angusalive/t-xxgarp>

Notes to Editors



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Scottish Book Trust

Scottish Book Trust is a national charity changing lives through reading and writing. We inspire and support the people of Scotland to read and write for pleasure through programmes and outreach work that include:

- Gifting books to every child in Scotland to ensure families of all backgrounds can share the joy of books at home.
- Working with teachers to inspire children to develop a love of reading, creating innovative classroom activities, book awards and author events.
- Supporting Scotland's diverse writing community with our training, awards and writing opportunities.
- Funding a range of author events for the public to enjoy and promoting Scottish writing to people worldwide.

In addition to the funding we receive from the Scottish Government and Creative Scotland, we need the constant support of trusts and foundations, corporate sponsors and individual donors.

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Jenny Colgan

Jenny Colgan is writer of romantic comedy fiction and science-fiction. She has also written for the *Doctor Who* line of stories. Her latest title, *The Bookshop on the Shore* (Sphere) features single mother Zoe and her escape to the Scottish Highlands where a tiny bookshop perches on the edge of a loch.

A Year of Conversation 2019

A Year of Conversation 2019 is about us all celebrating, initiating and exploring conversation in our lives. There will be some events involving many people at places you might expect – festivals for example. But there will be many conversation events that are smaller and more intimate too. What is a 'conversation event'? It's simply something that's been planned – that you might have planned – in which conversation plays a significant part or which gives rise to conversation. So it may be a performance of some kind or it may be a group of people (you have) chosen for a special reason to



share a meal. There will be information about events on the website, but there will also be space for you to reflect on your own experiences of conversation.