



Acclaimed comic artist Frank Quitely to host Careers in Comics event during Book Week Scotland

The Prince's Trust has organised unique event for young people in Glasgow

Scottish Book Trust, the national charity changing lives through reading and writing, has announced that critically acclaimed comic artist Frank Quitely will visit The Prince's Trust in Glasgow for Book Week Scotland 2019 on Friday 22 November, 10.30am – 3.30pm.

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', youth organisation The Prince's Trust will invite young, emerging artists and illustrators to join Frank who will share his journey to becoming a comic artist, as the author of current titles including *New X Men* and *All Star Superman*. Frank will also run small workshops with the young people, giving them a practical look at how they too can enter this industry.

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 over 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.

Yasmin Hanif, The Prince's Trust, said: "We are absolutely delighted to be working with Frank and the Scottish Book Trust, to put together an incredible event for young people at The Prince's Trust hub in Glasgow. We want to give more young people the opportunity to engage with reading and upskill their literacy in fun and creative ways. Frank is the perfect choice for doing this as his work has captivated so many young (and older!) audiences alike, coupled with his experience, knowledge and passion for the arts making this a truly unique opportunity not to be missed!"

Frank Quitely said: "I am excited to share my journey to becoming a comic artist with young people in Glasgow. This is the sort of event I wish I had been able to attend at the start of my career, and hopefully I can share a few useful insights into entering this competitive industry."



Event

Get Into Comic Books & Illustration with Frank Quitely, The Prince's Trust Wolfson Centre, Glasgow, Friday 22 November, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Exclusively for 16-30 year olds. Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/how-to-become-a-comic-book-legend-withfrank-quitely-tickets-79892997105>

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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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Frank Quitely

Frank Quitely started to write and draw comics in the late 1980s as part of the Glasgow underground comic Electric Soup, then the UK-wide Judge Dredd Magazine, followed by American publishers including DC, Marvel and Image. His largest exhibition to date was a retrospective in Glasgow's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. His current titles include *New X Men*, *All Star*



Superman and *Batman & Robin*. The Netflix TV show based on his comic with Mark Millar, *Jupiter's Legacy*, is out next year.

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.