



# Connections Festival 2019

Making connections with your world

A festival connecting young people with their world through literacy, health and wellbeing, numeracy, STEM and DYW



## **List of Literacy Contributors:**

### **S1 Day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**Gill Arbuthnott**

**Cathy Forde**

**Rossie Stone**

**Cat Hepburn**

### **S2 Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Lari Don**

**Alex Nye**

**Jonathan Meres**

**Anita Govan**

**Linda Strachan**

**Keith Charters**

### **S3 Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**Kirkland Ciccone**

**Martin Stewart**

## **List of Health and Wellbeing, Numeracy, STEM, DYW Contributors:**

### **S1 Day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

- 1. Home Economics Department – Make a Healthy Snack**
- 2. Health and Wellness Hub – Yoga and Relaxation**
- 3. Therapets – Reading with Dogs**
- 4. Make Yourself Heard! – Voice Production Skills**
- 5. SFA – Coach Education and Football 4 All**
- 6. Clyde 1 Superscoreboard with Gordon Duncan – Sports Journalism**
- 7. Clubbercise—Nicola McAleenan**
- 8. Gillian Cochrane - Make Up Masterclass**
- 9. John Lewis - Teambuilding**

### **S2 Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

- 1. Health and Wellness Hub – Yoga and Relaxation**
- 2. Terumo Aortic – Science and Engineering Workshop**
- 3. Melanie Soares – Fitness and Nutrition**
- 4. John Lewis – Teambuilding**
- 5. Bricks 4 Kidz – Lego Engineering**
- 6. Beats of Brazil – Brazilian Drumming**
- 7. English Department - Sweet Treats**
- 8. SFA – Coach Education and Football 4 All**
- 9. Senior BHS Pupils—Flow n Slow Tai Chi**
- 10. Saltire – Heating Engineering**

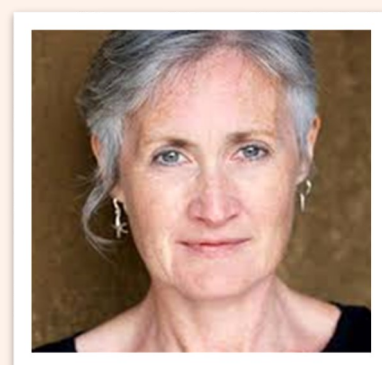
### **S3 Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

- 1. Inspiration4Schools – Elite Athlete Talk and Practical Session**
- 2. Landed – Cannabis Awareness**
- 3. Bricks 4 Kidz – Lego Engineering**
- 4. English Department – Gardening**
- 5. Saltire – Heating Engineering**



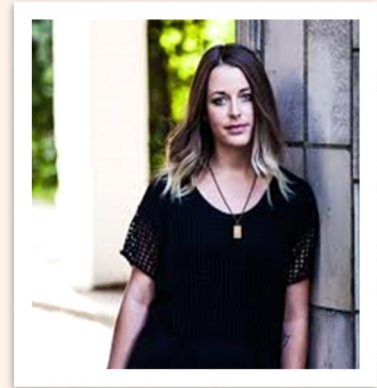
**Gill Arbuthnott is the author of numerous fiction, non-fiction and picture books for children and young adults and has been nominated for a number of major UK book awards. A former biology teacher, Gill has written many non-fiction books to engage children with science. Her books include Chaos Clock, Winterbringers, The Giant Panda Party and What Makes You You? Gill lives in Edinburgh with her family and Leonard the cat. Gill will deliver an author session to our S1 pupils and P7 pupils from Logan's and Muir Street where she will discuss her books and life as a writer.**

**Cathy Forde is a prolific Scottish writer, who worked as a secondary-school English teacher before becoming an author. Her best-known book is Fat Boy Swim, which won the Grampian Award. She teaches creative writing workshops and was a writer-in-residence at Scottish Book Trust. Cathy will deliver a practical workshop to a group of S1 pupils on creative writing with a particular focus on writing for the stage and developing dialogue.**



**Back in 2016, Rossie founded Dekko Comics, an educational comic book company that aims to revolutionise the ways in which children can learn. Having struggled with dyslexia during his schooling, Rossie understood that struggling and reluctant learners might need a more creative, innovative teaching approach that will help them learn to love learning. Since then, Dekko Comics has grown considerably with subscribers all over the world. Rossie is a graduate of Duncan Jordanstone College of Art & Design in Dundee and regularly gives talks and runs workshops about the concept behind the comics, including three TEDx talks. Rossie will deliver a practical workshop to a group of S1 pupils on using comic books as a way of getting reluctant readers and/or those with dyslexia passionate about reading and learning.**

**Cat Hepburn is an award-winning script writer, spoken word artist and educator based in Glasgow. She holds an MA with distinction TV Fiction Writing from Glasgow Caledonian University and an MA Hons in Theatre and Slavonic Studies from the University of Glasgow. Cat's passions are working with marginalised voices, exploring feminist issues, and using contemporary storytelling to empower, provoke and make people laugh. Cat will present a practical workshop for a group of S1 pupils which will empower them to find their own voice through their writing.**



**Lari was born in Chile, and travelled round the most exotic parts of South America and the Caribbean before she was old enough to notice any of it. She went to primary schools in Tain, Innerleithen, and Dufftown, and then Speyside High School in Aberlour. She spent ten childhood years living beside a distillery, a river and a railway line, giving her lots of opportunities for incredibly dangerous outdoor games. She became involved in student politics at Glasgow University and was the Scottish National Party's Press Officer for many exciting and sleepless years and then a researcher and producer at BBC Radio Scotland. She has had short stories published in anthologies and magazines, and won the Canongate Prize in 2001. Now living in Edinburgh, Lari works as a full-time children's writer, writing books for all ages, and visiting schools to talk about her books. Lari will deliver an author talk to all of S2 about her life as a writer and the novels she has written.**



**Alex Nye is the award-winning author of four novels. She grew up in Norfolk by the sea, but has lived in Scotland since 1995 where she finds much of her inspiration in Scottish history. At the age of 16 she won the W H Smith Young Writers' Award out of 33,000 entrants, and has been writing ever since. Her first children's novel, CHILL, won the Royal Mail Award. Her fourth book is a historical novel for adults about Mary Queen of Scots. Her forthcoming title, ARGUING WITH THE DEAD, is to be released on July 31st 2019. She divides her time between walking the dog, swimming, scribbling in notebooks in strange places, staring at people without meaning to, and tapping away on her laptop. She also teaches and delivers atmospheric candlelit workshops on creative writing/ghost stories/Scottish history. She studied at King's College, London more years ago than she cares to remember! Alex is a regular visitor to Braidhurst and will deliver a creative writing workshop to a group of S2 pupils which focuses on how to pitch your work to a publisher.**

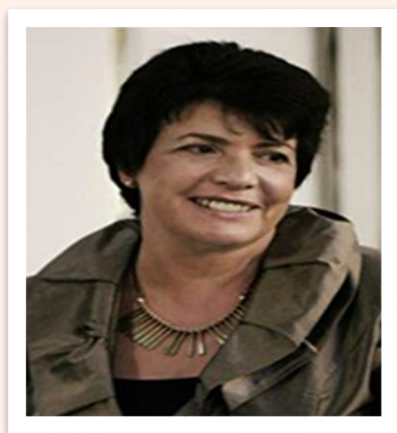






**Jonathan Meres is a former merchant seaman, ice-cream van driver and Perrier Award-nominated stand-up comedian. As a writer he's written for TV and radio, but is best known for being the author of over 30 books for children and in particular his best-selling, award-winning series, The World Of Norm, which has so far been translated into 16 languages worldwide. Jonathan's hugely entertaining live performances ensure that he's in constant demand at school and book festivals throughout the UK and beyond. Jonathan will present a practical workshop to a group of our S2 pupils on writing with humour and making readers laugh.**

**Anita was born in Stirling and has been deeply involved in the artistic community of Edinburgh and Scotland for over 15 years. She has performed all over Scotland, the UK and abroad, as well as appearing on TV and radio and being placed on the Scottish Book Trust Writer's List. Having never published a collection of her poetry before, 'Jane' represents the first chance her work will have to reach people who are unable to attend her performances, or who wish to have a written record of her work. Anita will deliver a workshop to a group of S2 pupils on writing poetry and the use of spoken word as a performative skill.**



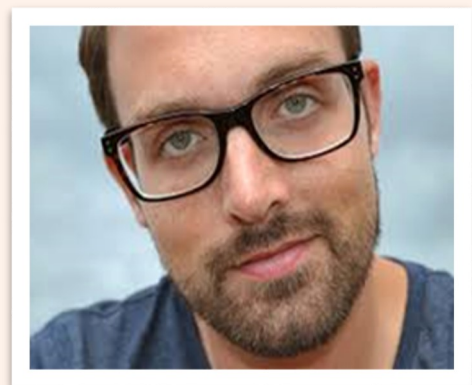
**Linda Strachan is the award winning author of over 60 books for children. She writes for a wide range of ages from picture books like bestselling HAMISH McHAGGIS SERIES to edgy teenage novels such as the award winning SPIDER and her latest teen novel DEAD BOY TALKING. Her educational books are used in schools worldwide. She has also written a writing handbook for adults WRITING FOR CHILDREN. Linda lives in Scotland and travels widely at home and abroad. She is an inspirational speaker presenting in schools, libraries, conferences and festivals. Linda will present a workshop to a group of our S2 pupils on creative writing with a focus on techniques to engage your reader quickly.**

**Born in Edinburgh, Keith grew up in Glasgow where he attended the University of Strathclyde, before he moved to London in 1986, where he lived until 2002. His first novel for children, *Lee and the Consul Mutants* was published in 2004 and his second, *Lee Goes For Gold*, in 2006. Those two books claimed the no.1 and no.4 slots respectively in the Children's Best Sellers list published by *The Herald*. Keith is well known for presenting at hundreds of schools throughout the UK and Ireland and for appearing at book festivals. In 2006, Keith established Strident Publishing Company in Scotland, to promote and publish new books for children. Keith will present a workshop to a group of S2 pupils on literature for work with a focus on the publishing industry as a viable career choice.**

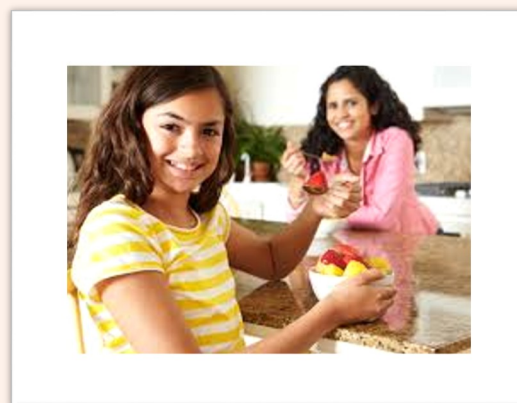


**Kirkland Ciccone is the author of several books of weird punk fiction for teenagers. He is currently working on his debut novel for adults (TBA). Growing up on a diet of weird fiction, Kirkland decided to be his own favourite author and write cult books, the sort he would read. With luck, other people might read his books too. A writer and performer, Kirkland Ciccone has toured and appeared at many festivals over the country. Kirkland will deliver an author session to all of S3 in a way only he can—with terrific humour and a hilarious journey into the mind of a boy from Cumbernauld.**

**Martin Stewart has previously worked as a recycling technician, university lecturer, barman, golf caddy, and English teacher. Having written his first book on Post-Its as an eight year-old, it was his time back in the classroom that made him understand the unique joy of writing for younger readers. A native of Glasgow, where he still lives, he enjoys buying books to feed his to-be-read pile, and combining the city's urban splendour with walks on the beaches of Scotland's west coast. Martin's first novel, *Riverkeep*, was longlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize. Martin will present a practical workshop to a group of S3 pupils on creative writing with a focus on how to edit your work for school or public consumption.**



**Our Home Economics department will offer two sessions delivered to our S1 pupils where they will learn to make a healthy snack for themselves by using simple, everyday ingredients.**



**The Health and Wellness hub was established in 2012, from a belief that people living in North Lanarkshire regardless of health, disability or financial hardship, should be treated fairly and with equity and should have opportunities available to them which allows them to realise and achieve their full potential. Since 2012 the organisation has been providing regular health and wellbeing activities in a number of community based centres that are in areas of North Lanarkshire where multiple deprivation exists. They will be offering gentle yoga and relaxation sessions to our S1 and S2 pupils reinforcing how important it is to maintain a state of relaxation and calm as they go about their busy lives at school.**

**Therapets promotes the therapeutic value of dogs to patients or others isolated from normal association with pets. As part of Canine Concern Scotland Trust, Therapets carry out a lot of work with community youth groups to encourage a love for reading by using the role of the dog as a means to interest, inspire and relax young people as they read. Christine and her gorgeous Old English sheep dog Carrie will deliver a small reading workshop focused on developing a positive association for pupils with reading for pleasure.**





**Our English department will offer S1 pupils a 'Make Yourself Heard' workshop that focuses on developing voice production skills. Learning to articulate and project their voice is not only a useful skill for pupils to develop but the session will also be a fun opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their flair for the dramatic through vocal warm ups and interactive games.**



**Our Scottish Football Association coaching staff will offer S1 and S2 pupils two different football workshops—coaching and football for all. These sessions are not open to the pupils who are currently part of the football programmes and so will be an opportunity for the boys and girls of S1 and S2 who may have been inspired recently by the Women's World Cup and want to give football a try or develop their budding, amateur football skills.**

**Local boy, and radio journalist, Gordon Duncan will visit the school to deliver a sports journalism workshop to a group of S1 pupils. Gordon presents the very popular Clyde One Superscoreboard so brings to school a lot of experience in this field and a willingness to pass this on to any of our pupils who would like to pursue a career in journalism or who simply enjoy writing.**





**Clubbercise began in the UK in 2014 as a single class run by three friends and is now one of the biggest concepts to hit the fitness industry. Clubbercise classes are fun, easy-to-follow dance workouts with rave glow sticks and disco lights. Participants exercise to club anthems from the 90s to today's hits as Clubbercise combines having fun with a high cardio workout. These sessions are open to boys and girls in S1-S2 and are delivered by Nicola McAleenan who has also taught dance to pupils in the school.**

**Professional make-up artist Gillian Cochrane will visit the school to deliver make-up master classes to pupils in S1 and S3. Gillian will demonstrate to pupils the essential techniques of how to apply flawless make-up—from concealer to eye liner and everything in between. These sessions are ideal for those who would like to pursue a career in the beauty industry.**



**As one of our link partners, department store John Lewis will be in the school to lead team building workshops with groups of pupils from S1 and S2. In today's highly competitive workplace, skills, such as, being able to successfully work as part of a team, are essential, and these sessions will provide pupils with the opportunity to develop team building with one of the most successful retailers on the UK high street.**

**The physicians, led by Dr. Shibasaburo Kitasato, that founded Terumo Aortic in 1921 to design and make superior thermometers had a larger goal: healthier living abetted by superior medical technology. The will to contribute to society through better health care still drives every Terumo employee. In the 21st century, Terumo is rising to the challenge of making health care more accessible and suitable to a range of needs, wherever in the world we possibly can. This fascinating science and engineering workshop will be delivered by Terumo Aortic's Senior Product Development Engineer Niall Paterson to groups of pupils in S2 who have an interest in STEM.**



**Local fitness instructor Melanie Soares will visit the school to deliver fitness and nutrition workshops to our S2 pupils. These workshops will encourage young people to think about what it takes to have a healthy mind and body through eating a balanced diet and carrying out regular exercise.**

**A Bricks 4 Kidz in-school workshop uses the LEGO® bricks kids love to deliver hands-on lessons correlated to cross-disciplinary curriculum objectives. The Bricks 4 Kidz approach to learning is imaginative, multi-sensory and fun, creating a dynamic learning experience for your students. Our models are the centrepiece of the lesson, which includes an educator-scripted discussion designed to engage students in a discovery process. The Bricks 4 Kidz sessions will be offered to pupils in S2 and S3.**





**Beats of Brazil will be in school to offer an interactive and highly energetic Brazilian drumming workshop to groups of our S2 pupils. Instructors John and Marcia will lead pupils through a step-by-step guide to playing basic Brazilian percussion beats designed to get you moving and smiling.**

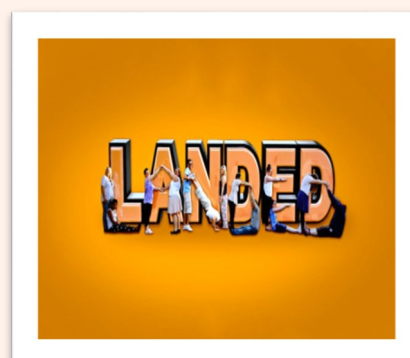
**Saltire Facilities Management Ltd is a national provider of central heating and electrical services; specialising in Central Heating Service, Repair, Maintenance, Central Heating Installations and Electrical Services, including rewires, PAT testing, heating and lighting for Homeowners, Local Authorities and Housing Associations. Saltire will deliver heating engineering workshops to groups of our S2 and S3 pupils interested in pursuing a career in this industry.**



**Inspiration for Schools believe that all young people have the potential to achieve and often all it takes is a little encouragement and direction to unlock their talents and allow their dreams to become a reality. Visiting schools across the country, Inspiration for schools, bring a bolt of excitement through the school by bringing pupils face to face with the cream of our nations sporting crop; commonwealth medallists, European champions and Olympians from a number of sports to encourage pupils to believe in their own capabilities, realise their potential and achieve their personal best in life. Inspiration for Schools will be in school to deliver an elite athlete motivational talk and practical session to all of S3.**

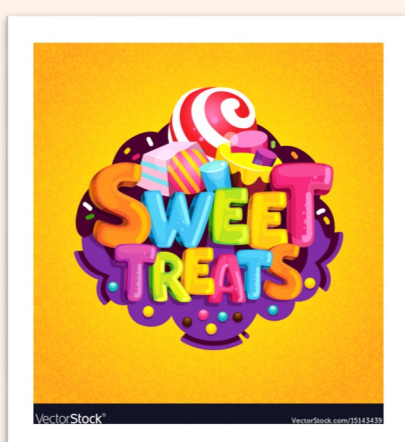


**LANDED** is a young persons' charity that provides and promotes peer education services for young people and service providers in Lanarkshire. The charity will be in school to deliver cannabis awareness sessions with targeted pupils in S3.



The English department will be offering a practical gardening workshop, a 'Spring Fling', with a group of S3 pupils who will help to prepare the school courtyard for the coming spring season by planting bulbs and readying the flower boxes.

Our Senior pupils will lead a 'Flow n' Slow' Tai Chi session with a group of S2 pupils. This session will teach pupils the basic principals of Tai Chi which is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defence training, its health benefits and meditation.



The English department will present a fun workshop where a group of S2 pupils will make and decorate a selection of goodies to take home and enjoy, or even give to a family member. They will learn about how treats feature in a healthy diet, and see how spending time in the kitchen can be relaxing and beneficial.