

Press Release: Professor Germaine Greer to visit Cavan.

Cavan Arts Office and Cavan Library Service are delighted to host a reading and discussion with Professor Germaine Greer as part of the Caomhnú Literary Festival.

The event will take place on Sunday, 4th February at 10.00a.m. in the Johnston Central Library and Farnham Centre, Cavan.

A quotation from Professor Greer graces the entrance to the award – winning Johnston Central Library. This quotation was selected because it captures the essence of what Cavan Library Service aims to be. Germaine's words serve as a reminder that our Library is part of an important international family which is central to cultural, social, and personal and community development.

**“Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit,
reminders of order calm and continuity,
lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark.
In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed.”**

Germaine Greer, 1989

Professor Germaine Greer is a respected academic who has made a major scholarly contribution to the study of English Literature. She is an influential writer whose body of work is astonishing in range, subject matter and influence. As a columnist and a cultural commentator she is perpetually challenging, sometimes controversial but always full of humour and energy. To her public performances she brings a compelling sense of theatre and clearly relishes the role of maverick individualist. Her other interests and accomplishments range from cookery to entomology and horticulture. The human characteristics which she has stated that she most prizes are “tenderness, energy, intelligence, resource, constancy, honesty, courage, imagination, endurance and compassion”

We are proud to bring such a distinguished writer and thinker to the Johnston Central Library in Cavan and look forward to an interesting and enjoyable Sunday morning.

The Caomhnú Festival brings together local and national authors to create an environment where ideas can be shared, where authors can be given a voice and hopefully some new ones found. The programme of events reflects this with traditional readings from established authors sharing a platform with exciting new talent.

Today the literary culture of Cavan continues to be populated by writers whose work is equally as diverse and brilliant as their forebears. Caomhnú aims to reflect on some of the literary accomplishments of the past and to profile the work of the artists who shape our literary future. Everyone is welcome to attend, learn about our literary heritage, meet some of today's artists and experience their work first hand. To explore Cavan's Literary Heritage during and indeed following the Festival, make sure to visit the Local Studies Department of the Johnston Central Library.

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