Tasty tales writing project is launched

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Mary Contini who is taking part in the initiative

Scottish Book Trust has launched a writing project to encourage people to share true stories of life and food.

A selection of the best submissions to be published in an ebook and the Nourish writing campaign will run until 7 June 2017.

Scots will be encouraged to spill their tasty tales. They could be about growing your own, howking tatties, creative cooking, sharing a poke of chips or a celebratory feast.

People of all ages are invited to submit personal pieces in any form — story, poem, comic strip, play or letter — of up to 1,000 words long in English, Gaelic or Scots <u>on the website</u> <u>here.</u>

Celebrities and authors such as Mary Contini and Catherine Simpson will be cooking up stories to whet writers' appetites.

Free workshops will take place in Edinburgh as well as Aberdeen, Ayr, Dundee, Fort William, Galashiels, Glasgow, Inverness, North Berwick, Stirling and Thurso to help writers learn the perfect ingredients for a good story.

To add spice to the campaign, Scottish Book Trust has an interview with Gary Maclean, winner of 2016 Masterchef: The Professionals, on its blog.

The favourite stories will be published in an e-book for Book Week Scotland, which is from 27 November to 3 December. It is Scotland's national celebration of books and reading.

Submissions can be made <u>online here</u> The closing date is midnight on Wednesday 7 June except for school pupils who will be able to submit their stories until October.