

Book Week Scotland – get an author for your event here – deadline is tomorrow

Book Week Scotland has launched a programme called Pitch-It and the deadline is tomorrow Monday 15 October 2018 at 12 noon.

What is it? A chance for libraries and community groups to meet a bestselling author or get them to attend an event on your doorstep.

What do you have to do? Submissions are now open, and must be received by 15 October 2018 at 12 noon. To submit an event or for further information, please visit Scottish Book Trust's [website](#).

Which authors are available?

Joanne Harris, available 19 November

(Venue must hold 70 – 200 people):



Joanne Harris

Joanne Harris is an author of novels, novellas and cookbooks,

best known for her 1999 book *Chocolat*. She will be coming to Scotland to talk about her new book *Blue Salt Road*. The perfect autumn and Christmas read, it combines the harshness of nature with the spookiness of a ghost story and the comfort of a great folk tale, in one beautifully told novella, stunningly illustrated by Bonnie Hawkins, with a beautiful cover by Sue Gent.



Akala available 25 November: BAFTA & Mobo Award winning musician, social entrepreneur and author of 'Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire', Akala educates and invigorates with personal, informative essays, poetry and music.

Sam Conniff Allende, available November 21 (Evening) or November 22 (Daytime):

Professional public speaker, marketing consultant and author of lifestyle book *Be More Pirate*, Sam Coniffe Allende harnesses the wisdom of rebels, pirates and world changers and teaches you how to take on the world and win.



Beerjacket

Beerjacket AKA Peter Kelly, available 20 November (Evening): Alt-folk musician and author **Beerjacket** (Peter Kelly) is soon to release *Silver Cords*, his most ambitious project to date. More than just a new Beerjacket album, accompanying the songs is a beautiful hardback collection of twelve dreamlike short stories, intertwined with the music.

Marc Lambert, CEO of Scottish Book Trust, said: “We’re very excited to launch a new programme strand for this year’s Book Week Scotland. ‘Pitch-It’ offers a fantastic opportunity for communities to come together and suggest event ideas that they wish to see. It’s an honour to have such a star-studded line-up, and we wish those who are applying all the best of luck: we can’t wait to see what shape their rebellious events take.”

Book Week Scotland runs from 19 – 25 November 2018. The event must take place during the specified dates and times for each author. Only one event per author will be selected, but all will be considered.

In addition to covering the authors’ fees, Scottish Book Trust are able to provide a budget of up to £500 to help deliver the most creative and rebellious event possible. This can be supplemented with other funds from the organisers of the event.



Book Week Scotland is a national charity which changes lives through reading and writing.