

# CYMERA – a writing festival

**CYMERA will be Scotland's first festival of science fiction, fantasy and horror writing and tickets for the June event [are on sale now.](#)**

There will be 40 talks, 12 workshops, 81 authors including events for children and adults alike.

The workshop programme will offer three FREE introductory sessions supported by Edinburgh Napier University and a children's workshop with Lari Don.

During the weekend there will be the chance to join book groups or share your work at open mike sessions. There are late night sessions with a ceilidh to finish off featuring the Science Ceilidh Band.

The academic strand is curated by David Bishop, programme leader for Creative Writing at Edinburgh Napier University, and the author of 20 novels. Audiences will hear mini presentations covering the latest academic research, presented in a dynamic, accessible manner.

Festival founder and director Ann Landmann said : "We've been overwhelmed by the enthusiastic and incredibly supportive responses from publishers and authors, and the interest this has sparked around the world. It was difficult limiting the programme to the 80 speakers now appearing at the festival.

"The response from readers has been every bit as enthusiastic! Sixty people purchased a weekend pass through our crowdfunding

campaign before we'd even announced the line-up. We think this programme justifies their faith in us, and thank them for helping to make CYMERA a reality.”

[Book tickets here](#)

