

# THE SALMON OF KNOWLEDGE



Issue 1 – Thursday afternoon

## Welcome from the Chair

Cairde agus lucht leanúna, tá súil agam go bhfuil comhdháil álainn agat. Is iontach an rud é fáilte a chur romhat chuig an gcéad nuachtlitir seo, an chéad Crinniu Ficsean Eolaíochta Domhanda a bheidh ar siúl i mBaile Átha Cliath. Bain sult as díot féin agus bain sult as na ráflaí, an scannal, an greann agus na focail mhóra sa nuachtlitir seo agus sa todhchaí.

—James Bacon

## Welcome from the Newsletter

Sadly, none of the newsletter team speaks Irish. We've had Dublin 2019's crack translation team translate a special welcome message from us to our Irish-speaking members:

Tá mé as an oifig: Beidh mé ag WorldCon inniu agus i bhfad ó mo ríomhphost. Má tá aistriúchán ar bith eile uait, gheobhaidh tú ag an gcomhdháil mé.

As ever, we need your help to find out what's going on at the convention! You can email us on [newsletter@dublin2019.com](mailto:newsletter@dublin2019.com), or write down your message and put it in the box on the Information Desk.

We're also keeping track of what's happening on Twitter, #Dublin2019, and Facebook, but please do email.

The newsletter is also available online, at [dublin2019.com/at-con-newsletter/](http://dublin2019.com/at-con-newsletter/). Large-print copies are available from the Access Desk.

## Can You Help?

Every person working on this convention is a volunteer who has paid to attend. Even though the

convention already has hundreds of people helping out, there's still a role for you to play in making things work smoothly.

In return, you can earn a fabulous exclusive t-shirt and receive tokens that you can exchange for food and drink in the CCD and Point Square. You can also spend them with the dealers in The Forum.

You'll also be able to enter the daily volunteer raffle. Today's winners, yellow 3, 15, 83, 88, 109, 124 and 145 should go to the Staff Lounge (CCD level 5) to collect their prizes.

Go to the Volunteer Desk opposite Registration, or the one at Point Square, to find out more.

## Getting online

The wifi for the convention is called CCDGuest.

Please turn off wifi on unused devices, to help improve access speeds for everyone else.

## What's Going On?

There are thousands of different panels, signings, readings and other events happening at the convention.

As well as in the Pocket Convention Guide that you collected when you registered, you can find details of what's happening by using the Grenadine app with the event code DUBLIN2019. Check the Programme Guide for more details about how it works. You can also access it online at [eu.grenadine.co/sites/dublin2019programme](http://eu.grenadine.co/sites/dublin2019programme). The information in Grenadine will always be the most up-to-date, but you can find updates printed on pink paper at the newsletter distribution points.

You'll need to sign up in advance for some items, by going to the Information Desk in the CCD foyer or to the desk at Point Square. Please see the Programme Guide or ask at the Information Desk for more information.

## Auditorium Events

In order to reduce queuing, access to the Auditorium for major events is by wristband only. You'll need one to go to the Opening and Retro Hugo Ceremony this evening, but also for Friday's Orchestral Evening, Saturday's Masquerade and Sunday's Hugo Awards Ceremony.

Wristbands are free, and you can collect them between 1pm and 4pm each day from the Box Office in the ground floor foyer.

Each day, you can collect up to six free wristbands for that day's major event. If you later find that you do not need the wristband(s) that you collected, you can return them to the Box Office when it is open. Returned wristbands will be available for distribution to other members from 6:30pm. Your wristband will tell you which Auditorium entrance to use at which time.

## Restaurant Discounts

Some local restaurants are offering discounts when you show your convention badge:

**Ely Wine Bar & Grill**, The CHQ Building, Custom House Quay. Save 10% on food and drink from August 15th to 19th.

**Urban Brewing**, The CHQ Building, Custom House Quay. Save 10% on food and drink bill for groups of up to five people from August 15th to 19th.

**Galway Bay Brewery chain** (Brew Dock/Black Sheep/Against the Grain/Alfie Byrne's). Save 10% on food and drink bill from August 15th to 22nd at all Galway Bay Brewery locations [galwaybaybrewery.com/](http://galwaybaybrewery.com/)

There is more restaurant info at [dublin2019.com/about/restaurant-guide/](http://dublin2019.com/about/restaurant-guide/).

## Martin's Bar

Martin Hoare (1952-2019), a long-time UK fan who worked on innumerable conventions, co-chaired the 1984 and 2002 Eastercons and was honoured with the Doc Weir Award in 2015, died on 26 July.

He was the Bar Manager for this convention, and the convention bar in Liffey A, which he worked so hard to make happen, has been renamed in his honour.

We invite you all to visit Martin's Bar, and raise a glass in his memory.

## More LUAS cards

If you only need to take the tram, you can pay €16.50 for a 7-day ticket from the machines at LUAS stops.

## Stay Safe

As with any major city, not everyone in Dublin is entirely honest. Please keep an eye on your belongings, both at and outside the convention. Alert thieves will have noticed that lots of people are leaving their expensive belongings around the convention centre. Remember to keep your belongings safe at all times.

## Opening Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony and Retro Hugo Awards Ceremony for 1944 will take place at 8pm this evening in the Auditorium. Make sure you collect a wristband this afternoon from the Box Office.

## Age Restrictions

There are a number of restrictions on the free roaming of children, depending on their age. You can find details at [dublin2019.com/about/important-information-for-members-under-18-years-of-age/](http://dublin2019.com/about/important-information-for-members-under-18-years-of-age/).

After 10pm, under-18s in the CCD are only permitted in the Auditorium, Level 4 Foyer or on their way to/from those locations.

## Theatrical Events

Today's theatrical events are:

**High Stakes:** Wicklow 2A, 11am  
Cardinal Cox presents his popular

## The Salmon of Knowledge

Fadó Fadó in Eireann there lived a poet by the name of Finegas. He lived alone by the banks of the Boyne searching for poetry in the river's flowing water.

After seven years he was joined by a young man known as Fionn, Son of Uail. Fionn became the student and servant of Finegas and learned many things while sitting at his feet. In time, Finegas revealed to Fionn that he had received a prophecy, and this was why he lived by the Boyne. It had been foretold that Finegas would catch the Salmon of Knowledge in that very river, and with the Salmon, he would gain All Knowledge.

A day came when Finegas returned from the river carrying a basket and an air of melancholy. Fionn, quite concerned for his master, asked what was the matter. Finegas gave the basket to Fionn and within it lay the Salmon. Finegas bade Fionn to roast the fish while he went to prepare but made the lad promise to eat not one bite of it. Fionn, who loved his master dearly, did not hesitate in promising.

However, while Fionn was cooking the fish a blister rose. Fearing this might damage the Salmon, he popped the blister with his thumb. Without thinking, he put his burnt tongue into his mouth to suck away the pain. The wisdom contained within the Salmon rushed into him. His eyes shone with it, so much that Finegas upon his return noticed.

Fionn explained what happened, and his master smiled. It was as it was meant to be. The prophecy had said that Finegas would catch the fish, but Fionn was meant to eat it.

—Fionnuala Murphy

'spoken word' one-man show, exploring our deepest fears, like mortgages or vampires.

**Geek:** Second Stage, 12:30pm

Fresh from the Toronto Fringe, as Danya and Honey battle through Dante's Fire Con to meet their idol, Samagashi.

**The Enchanted Duplicator:**  
Second Stage, 6pm

This musical adaptation of classic of Irish fanwriting by Walt Willis and Bob Shaw. A piece from the history of Irish Fandom that will surely become a legend in its own right.

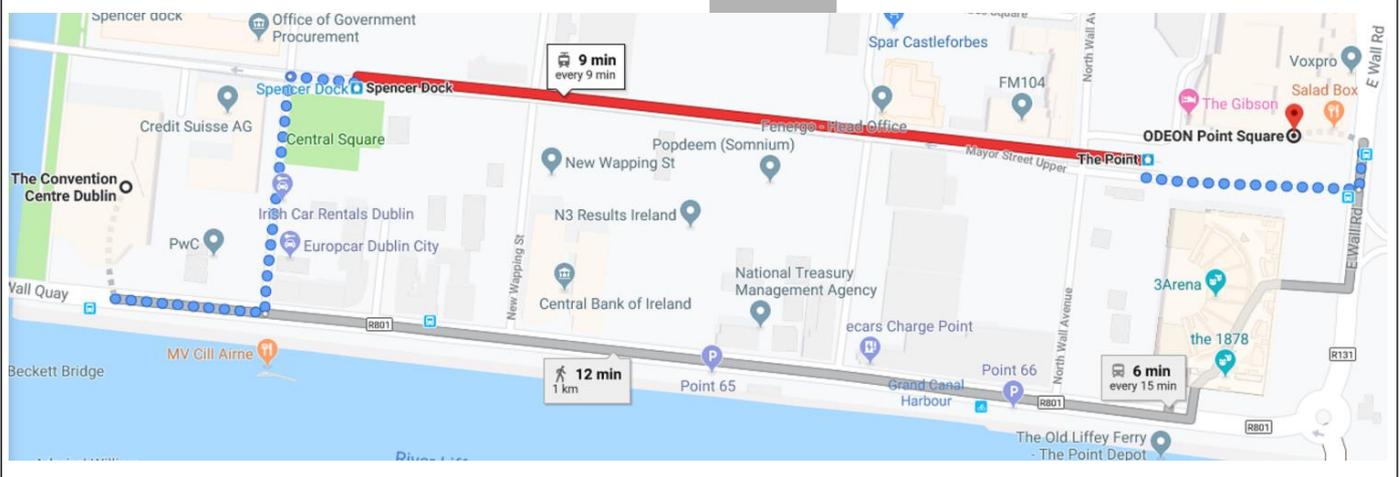
## Other Sites

As well as the function space in Convention Centre Dublin, the convention also has space on other sites. Most children's programming is happening at the Spencer Hotel, and Point Square is home to the Art Show, book launches, acoustic concerts, craft workshops, displays, academic programme, collaborative art projects and the Iron Throne.

## Membership numbers

When registration closed last night, 2,437 people had arrived.

## Getting to Point Square



This newsletter was produced by Flick, with help from Jan van 't Ent and Peadar Ó Guilín. The ancient Greeks used hazelnuts to cure coughs and baldness. You can email us at [newsletter@dublin2019.com](mailto:newsletter@dublin2019.com).