

# CONTACTS

The following is a comprehensive list of all the Literature organisations in Scotland with key contacts – please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any information on Scottish Literature activity.

## Association for Scottish Literary Studies (ASLS)

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## Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIPS)

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[www.slainte.org.uk](http://www.slainte.org.uk)

## Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)

T: 0131 474 9200  
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## Edinburgh International Book Festival

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[www.edbookfest.co.uk](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk)  
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## Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature

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14 High St  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1TE

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[www.cityofliterature.com](http://www.cityofliterature.com)  
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## Gaelic Books Council

22 Mansfield Street  
Glasgow  
G11 5QP

T: 0141 337 6211  
[www.gaelicbooks.org](http://www.gaelicbooks.org)

## Itchy Coo

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EH6 6JL

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## National Association for Literature Development (NALD)

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## National Library of Scotland

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## The Playwrights Studio

CCA  
350 Sauchiehall Street  
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## Publishing Scotland

Scottish Book Centre  
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[www.publishingscotland.co.uk](http://www.publishingscotland.co.uk)  
[www.booksfromscotland.org](http://www.booksfromscotland.org)

## The Saltire Society

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## Scots Language Centre

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## Scottish Arts Council

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## Scottish Book Trust

Sandeman House  
Trunks Close  
55 High Street  
Edinburgh EH1 1SR

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[www.scottishbooktrust.com](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com)  
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## Scottish Language Dictionaries

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[www.scotsdictionaries.org.uk](http://www.scotsdictionaries.org.uk)

## Scottish Society of Playwrights

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## Scottish PEN

The Writers' Museum  
Lady Stair's Close  
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## Scottish Poetry Library

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## Scottish Storytelling Centre

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## Society of Authors

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# Literature in Learning

## An ABC Guide to Literature Resources for Scottish Schools and Colleges



Produced by the Literature Forum for  
Scotland in conjunction with the  
Scottish Arts Council

An A-Z of useful Literature resources available for teachers to access in Scotland.

## A ADVISORS

Creative Links posts access local, national and international professional arts resources to augment arts experiences for children and young people in their area.

All 32 local authority education departments have an officer and they have made a noticeable difference to the profile and practice of arts in education in their areas.

For a full list of the **Creative Links Officers** and for your local **Cultural Coordinator** or **Literature Development Officers**, please go to:

[www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk)

## B BOOKS

[www.booksfromscotland.com](http://www.booksfromscotland.com) is an online web portal providing comprehensive information and a selection of all Scottish titles to buy.

## C CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

If you want to know specifically about children's writers in Scotland you will find a comprehensive, searchable list of children's authors and illustrators living in Scotland on the Scottish Book Trust website, [www.scottishbooktrust.com](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com). There are also a range of initiatives and publications available, including:

- **The Royal Mail Awards for Scottish Children's Books** (administered by **Scottish Book Trust**)
- **Treasure Islands** – a guide to Scottish fiction for young readers (available from the **Association for Scottish Literary Studies**)
- **The Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour** – a programme that produces events for children ages 5-15 (administered by **Scottish Book Trust**)

## CURRICULUM, CPD and COURSES

Several Literature organisations are understanding of the needs of teachers and educators and to that end provide support resources and courses that count towards Continuing Professional Development. They work within the educational context to provide successful and useful products, projects and services to aid the teaching and use of Literature in schools.

- **Scottish Storytelling Centre** [www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk)
- **Scottish Poetry Library** [www.spl.org.uk](http://www.spl.org.uk)
- **National Library of Scotland** [www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk)
- **Association for Scottish Literary Studies**  
Annual School Conference – provides 8 hours of CPD in areas of language and Literature  
Scotnotes – study guides on Scottish writers and poets for S5/S6 pupils  
ASLS teaching notes – suggestions and plans for teaching Scottish fiction and poetry, available for free download [www.asls.org.uk](http://www.asls.org.uk)
- **Moniack Mhor** [www.arvonfoundation.org](http://www.arvonfoundation.org)
- **Itchy Coo** The Scots language publisher [www.itchy-coo.com](http://www.itchy-coo.com)
- **Learning and Teaching Scotland** – [www.ltscotland.org.uk](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk)
- **On the Money** – a financial education project produced in partnership by Scottish Book Trust, Learning and Teaching Scotland and Standard Life [www.LTScotland.org.uk/onthemoney](http://www.LTScotland.org.uk/onthemoney)
- **Literature in Learning** – a national network, including all of the organisations represented in this guide, to support the creative use of language and literature in Scottish Schools. For more information on Literature in Learning and links to all of the organisations involved, please visit the Learning and Inclusion section of the Scottish Book Trust website [www.scottishbooktrust.com](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com)
- **Edinburgh International Book Festival** runs a series of CPD events with leading education professionals every August [www.edbookfest.co.uk](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk)

## D DRAMA

The following are the key organisations to turn to for advice on plays and playwrights:

- **The Playwrights Studio** [www.playwrightsstudio.co.uk](http://www.playwrightsstudio.co.uk)
- **The Scottish Society of Playwrights**  
[info@scottishsocietyofplaywrights.co.uk](mailto:info@scottishsocietyofplaywrights.co.uk)

## F FESTIVALS

Scotland has an exciting array of Literature festivals with wide-ranging and diverse programmes and plenty of events on offer for young people of all ages.

- to download full list of festivals please visit the Scottish Book Trust website [www.scottishbooktrust.com/adults-and-parents/events](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/adults-and-parents/events)

## FUNDING

Live Literature Funding provides support for a range of literary events throughout Scotland. Bi-annual application available at [www.scottishbooktrust.com](http://www.scottishbooktrust.com)

## G GAELIC

**The Gaelic Books Council** [www.gaelicbooks.org](http://www.gaelicbooks.org) is a one-stop-shop for books and information about what is available to buy, read and enjoy in the Gaelic language.

## L LIBRARIES

**The National Library of Scotland (NLS)** is an unrivalled source of material on all Scottish literature, including the John Murray Archive. Visit the website at [www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk) to find out more about digital resources and workshops. Local libraries are also great places to find out about useful services – see the link below.

Contact the **Chartered Institute of Library Professionals (CILIPS)** and the **Scottish Library and Information Council** for listings of local libraries. [www.slainte.org.uk/slic/slicindex](http://www.slainte.org.uk/slic/slicindex) local

## P POETRY

Scotland's poetic heritage is rich, diverse and enjoyable. **The Scottish Poetry Library** provides a wealth of material, information and resources, with borrowing free to all and postal borrowing services.

To assist teachers and educators, the SPL:

- Arranges poets' visits/workshops
- Offers postcards and resources for National Poetry Day
- Has a special Education section on its lively website [www.spl.org.uk](http://www.spl.org.uk)

## PUBLISHING

**Publishing Scotland** is the national body that represents and supports Scottish publishers and anyone interested in publishing, writers and books, from offering an online sales portal to providing all the latest up-to-date news about changes and developments in the book industry.

- Publishers' catalogues
- Training for careers in publishing
- Support and advice on all aspects of Scottish publishing

## R READERSHIP

It is one of the aims of Scotland's Literature organisations to raise the awareness of the benefits of reading and the literature arts – to that end there are readership development projects and programmes happening within the following contexts and organisations:

- **'One Book One Edinburgh' Campaign** – organised by Edinburgh Unesco City of Literature [www.cityofliterature.com](http://www.cityofliterature.com)
- **National Short Story Prize** in conjunction with Scottish Book Trust [www.theshortstory.org.uk](http://www.theshortstory.org.uk)
- **Aye Write Book Festival** – runs a citywide readership campaign in Glasgow For details go to [www.ayewrite.com](http://www.ayewrite.com)
- **Local libraries** often run development programmes in the holidays and throughout the year – check your individual branch for details [www.slainte.org.uk/slic/slicindex](http://www.slainte.org.uk/slic/slicindex)
- **Scottish Poetry Library Reading Room** – for poetry suggestions, choices and online group reading visit [www.splreadingroom.org.uk](http://www.splreadingroom.org.uk)

## RESOURCES

There are many newsletters, membership schemes and publications to keep you up to date with what is going on with literature in Scotland – see the list of organisations with their **contacts** over the page and see below for a few highlights:

- **Literature Alive** is a guide to running successful author events and is available from **Scottish Book Trust**
- **Scuilwab**: the Scots language website for schools [www.scuilwab.org.uk](http://www.scuilwab.org.uk)
- **Scotlit Magazine, New Writing Scotland, Scottish Studies Review** are available from ASLS [www.asls.org.uk](http://www.asls.org.uk)
- **Scottish Review of Books** [www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk)
- **Edinburgh International Book Festival**:  
An audio archive of talks given by 30 different adult and children's authors can be downloaded for use in the classroom. Download the Schools Programme for teacher's tips and lesson suggestions based on authors appearing at the festival. [www.edbookfest.co.uk](http://www.edbookfest.co.uk)

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### SCOTS LANGUAGE

The Scots language is spoken or regularly used by over 1.6 million Scottish people. The following organisations are committed to developing the language, providing resources and above all keeping the language alive.

- **Scots Language Dictionaries** – Reference materials for reading and writing in Scots [www.dsl.ac.uk](http://www.dsl.ac.uk)
- **Scots Language Centre** – a central resource for all things to do with the development of the Scots language
- **Itchy Coo** – Scotland's award-winning Scots Language publisher, producing braw books for bairns and offering CPD courses on the Scots Language for staff [www.itchy-coo.com](http://www.itchy-coo.com)

### SCOTTISH LITERATURE

Scotland has a rich vein of literary heritage and history. The Association for Scottish Literary Studies provides key information and publications on Scottish Literature.

### STORYTELLING

For anything to do with creating stories, telling stories or using stories in the classroom, the **Scottish Storytelling Centre** is indispensable in providing advice, resources and an artists database for this traditional and magical artform.

- Story telling
- Story making
- Storytellers database
- Storytelling website [www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk](http://www.scottishstorytellingcentre.co.uk)

## W

### WRITERS

- The Scottish Book Trust database contains information on writers for adults and children based throughout Scotland including their contact details, subject areas, publications and availability for events.
- **Writing Fellowships** [www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk)
- **Scottish PEN** [www.scottishpen.org](http://www.scottishpen.org)
- **Society of Authors** (Scotland) [www.societyofauthors.net](http://www.societyofauthors.net)