

Tuairisc ar Fhéile 2008, ag Ó Bhéal Chorcaí:



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winter warmer
a weekend of poetry in Cork

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Winter Warmer Poetry Festival
Five Words International Poetry Competition
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On Monday

11th October



Ballyferriter's Little Poetry Festival

7-9 November 2008

In the Gaeltacht poetry seems to be a part of everything. It's in the language, the scenery and especially the hospitality. What a weekend! 9 poets from Cork and about the same from Limerick converged on the West Dingle peninsula only to be met by two score more of local filí and storytellers. After a first-rate appraisal workshop with Gabriel FitzMaurice on Saturday afternoon, everyone settled in for a meal and an evening of Mighty Craic, including a fiery three hour open-mic session, emceed by Domhnall



Ó Bhéal's 1st hybrid event features poets **Neil McCarthy** (live from Vienna) and **Dean Browne** (in-person - The Long Valley, Cork). **Neil McCarthy** hails from West Cork. His first book of poems

Téacs (ar lean):

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The next morning (don't ask) there were readings from local poets, from Ó Bhéal and Limerick's Whitehouse chaired by Ceaití Ní Bheildíúin over in Dingle, after a tour of Harry Clarke's church windows by Monseigneur Pádraig Ó Fiannachta (now retired). Well I for one didn't want to leave, and I heard a few others say the same. Ballyferriter must be the perfect place for a new poetry retreat. Any takers out there?

This elegant, heartening event, organised and hosted annually by poet and potter Louis Mulcahy, has etched its way firmly into my 2009 diary. Thanks Louis. May there be many more!