

Bealtaine Festival

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Restorying Ageing: Older Women and Life Writing

Webinar

Tuesday, 24th May, 2-6 IST (UCT + 1 hour)

- 2.00.-2.30 **Dr Tara Byrne & Dr Michaela Schrage-Frueh:** Welcome & Introduction
Ashton Applewhite, Aging While Female
- 2.30-3.10 **Short Talks**
Dr Áine Ní Léime, Ageing and Creativity
Éilis Ní Dhuibhne, Older Women's Memoirs
Prof. Molly Andrews, "We had the dream": Narrating a Life of Activism in Hindsight
Dr Mary McGill, Ageing, Identity & Instagram: Exploring 'Silver Influencers' and '#nannacore'
- 3.10-3.30 **Helen O'Rahilly in Conversation:** The Stairlift Ascends: Tweets from a Covid Cocoon
- 3.30-3.50 **Discussion with Speakers**
- 3.50-4.00 **Break**

4.00-4.15 **Introduction to the ‘Restorying Ageing’ Project:**

Dr. Michaela Schrage-Frueh, Dr Maggie O’Neill, Karen Hanrahan, Éilis Ní Dhuibhne

4.15-5.15 **Readings from the Creative Life Writing Workshop**

Rose O’Driscoll, Driving to Mass

Caroline Moran, When I am old

Meadhbh Ní Bhrádaigh, I am amazed

Pauline Dolan, Dear Nuala: Pauline Dolan answers the question “Are You Somebody?” by letter

Mary Rafferty, Attunement

Meadhbh Ní Bhrádaigh, “I’ve seen all this before, done all this, but am somehow able to find new and sharpened pleasure” (Penelope Lively)

Teresa Mason, Letter to my 20-year-old self (she is back in 1992)

Kathryn Daily, Funny how grief; How he courted me

Meadhbh Ní Bhrádaigh, “If you didn’t know what age you were, what age would you say you were?”

Mary Rafferty, What I don’t need

5.15-6.00 **Discussion with Workshop Participants**



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