

## Librarians Storytelling Workshop

Join the famous Irish storyteller Niall de Búrca for a fascinating professional development session on how to bring forth your inner storytelling ninja!

Niall will pass on nuts and bolts performing techniques that librarians can use effectively in your work practice. He will share skills on the use of space, body and voice. Participants will gain extra confidence and motivation to develop their own unique storytelling style. They will explore story structure and learn tips on creating stories. Participants will work on personal tales that will have a positive impact on all areas of their life.

### About Niall de Búrca

Niall has performed in the European Parliament in Brussels, in Kronborg Castle in Denmark where Shakespeare's Hamlet is set and at the Roskilde Ship Museum on board of the Sea Stallion. This is an exact replica of a mighty dragon ship built in Viking Dublin 1000 years ago!

Niall has produced CD collections, including two of young Irish performing traditional rhymes and stories. In 2023, he enjoyed performing voiceover for an audio guide exploring the life and extraordinary journeys of St Brendan the Navigator. He has performed on abridged digital editions of many classic stories including C. S. Lewis "The Chronicles of Narnia", Roald Dahl's "Danny the Champion of the World" and "Holes" by Louis Sachar.

In 2020, Niall was awarded with Traditional Arts Bursary Award from Arts Council of Ireland to develop the show "The Wild Atlantic Tales" which he performed in theatres from Kerry to Derry in 2022.

As well as traditional performances, Niall also enjoys interpreting gallery exhibitions. These include shows on World War One, The Tales of Brian Boru, Sophie's Tale about Sophie Scholl, the White Rose and many more. On many occasions he has performed and MC'd at Áras an Uachtaráin, the President's Residence, in Dublin for the Lighting of The Tree event in December.

The Vienna Review writes: "His ability to evoke a wide range of emotions from his rapt audiences enables him to bewitch people with his stories and make listening to him as well as watching him an unforgettable experience".

His credo is the ancient Celtic proverb: *Níór bhris focal maith fiacal riamh...* A good word never broke a tooth.