



Press Release

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A timeless relevance in local poet's new anthology, 'Reaching Out'

Local poet Denis Carson, from Carryduff in County Down, is set to launch a unique, inspiring new anthology of poems, 'Reaching Out', this September. The poems, which have been crafted by Denis over several years have been inspired by both his love of nature and his observations on life, which he depicts in his poetry through the colour and the conversation of the every-day, coupled with his expert technical and creative style.

'Reaching Out' will be launched on Thursday 28 September, 2017 in the Linen Hall Library, Belfast from 6.00pm - 8.30pm. Denis Carson will read some of his poems at the launch and will be holding a book signing and participating in an audience Q&A. The launch event, which is free to attend will include refreshments. Places are limited and booking is advised by contacting Emain Publications.

Denis Carson is a former analytical chemist working in the field of forensic science. He later spent several years in public administration, including a four year spell as Secretary of the Standing Advisory Commission on Human Rights. He states it was this appointment that first sparked an interest in some aspects of creative writing, which he has since pursued in retirement. Denis has been a member of Belfast Philharmonic Choir for several years and is one of the original members of Ballynafeigh Creative Writer's Circle. He is also a regular contributor to *Crossroads*, the monthly magazine of St. Ignatius parish church in Carryduff, where he now lives.

Shauna Dunlop, Director of Emain Publications stated: "I am delighted to be publishing this wonderful new local collection of poems by Denis Carson. From the very beginning, I knew this very talented poet had a real story to tell, and an ability to bring his reader or listener on a journey with him, to experience a vibrant and tangible natural world of words, capturing the sometimes forgotten, and sometimes lost landscape of our travels through life.

'Reaching Out' will appeal to readers who crave that almost forgotten artistic tapestry of poetry. The poems, crafted by Denis, provide that moment we all need at times to find the relevance in our day of a sense of the wider world around us; that fresh breath, the ghost of a memory, a sense of certainty. I know this special anthology will find its way onto many bookshelves and become a treasured friend on bedside reading tables across the country."

Denis Carson stated: "I have tried in this collection to offer a softly spoken challenge to a seemingly graceless age. I am simply writing as myself, frequently biographically, about things which engage my interest, reveal an element of local identity and offer some light to dispel the darkness. There are even references to my love of cats."

'Reaching Out' by Denis Carson will be launched on 28 September 2017 at the Linen Hall Library, Belfast 6.00pm-8.30pm and is now available to pre-order for £7.99 by contacting Emain Publications at enquiries@emainpublications.com or calling 07919023690. -Ends-

Notes for editors:

- For media enquiries or review copies please contact Shauna Dunlop or Michael Dunlop on 07919023690/ www.emainpublications.com or by email on enquiries@emainpublications.com / Michael@emainpublications.com
- "Reaching Out" by Denis Carson will be published by Emain Publications on the 28 September 2017, ISBN 978-0-9932332-7-2, 114 pp pages, full colour and contains 63 poems, published in perfect bound, full colour cover, priced £7.99.
- The launch of 'Reaching Out' will take place on Thursday 28 September, Linen Hall Library Belfast, 6.00pm – 8.30pm, the event is free to attend, booking is advised by contacting enquiries@emainpublications.com or calling 07919023690.
- Emain Publications was established in 2012 by local author Shauna Dunlop to publish stories she had written about her baby daughter Orlagh Rose. Five of the forty Orlagh Rose stories have now been published and the first title 'The Lemon Sugar Baked Cookies' which has sold hundreds of copies is a favourite story in many families all across Ireland and further afield.
- Emain Publications includes the following publications - "The Lemon Sugar Baked Cookies", the 1st Orlagh Rose story by Shauna Dunlop, published in October 2012; the 2nd Orlagh Rose story "The Pink Man" published December 2013 and "Timothy's Dream" the 3rd title from Emain Publications, by Lauren Dunlop, illustrated by Gary Boyd, published on 22 December and launched at the Fine and Dandy Market, Crescent Arts Centre; the 4th title "Ferrari Adventure" by Aidan Gormley was published on 24 May 2014 and launched at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh; the 5th title "Russ on the Suss" by Mo Maher was published on Amazon Kindle on 26 July 2014, ISBN number 978-0-9573926-6-3, price £3.62 (including tax). The paperback version was launched on 22 August 2014 ISBN number 978-0-9573926-8-7, 176 pp pages, full colour cover, softback, price £7.99. Further details available at www.emainpublications.com
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