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EVENTS CALENDAR  
APRIL 7-14



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7 APRIL 7:30pm European Poetry Festival [More information](#)

### **The European Camarade**

Location: Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Rd, London E1 6LA

Latvian writer participating: [Sergejs Timofejevs](#)

30 poets in 15 pairs presenting brand new collaborations of literary performance made especially for the night. The Camarade is a way to bring together dozens of European poets to London to collaborate, perform and to build connections that will last for decades. **Free entry**

8 APRIL 6pm [More information](#)

### **Parthian Baltic poetry launch**

Location: Wheatsheaf, 25 Rathbone Place, London W1T 1JB

Latvian writers participating: [Madara Gruntmane](#), [Eduards Aivars](#), [Krišjānis Zeļģis](#)

An evening of poetry and beer-tasting to kick off London Book Fair 2018 and celebrate the launch of Parthian Baltic, an exciting series of books showcasing the best writing from Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. Each country's poetry will be accompanied by a sample of its finest beer for a real Baltic sensory treat!

8 APRIL 7:30pm doors, 8pm start European Poetry Festival [More information](#)

### **Performance Literature & Sound Poetry**

Location: Iklectik, Old Paradise Yard, 20 Carlisle Ln, London SE1 7LG

Latvian writer participating: [Sergejs Timofejevs](#)

European poetry is going through a remarkable renaissance in avant-garde and innovative practise. A series of poets explore the possibilities of performance, liveness, space, time and sound. This event is a unique opportunity to witness first-hand the possibilities of an old art in a new century. **Free entry**

9 APRIL 2:30pm [More information](#)

### **Reading and a Workshop for Children by Luīze Pastore**

Location: Moon Lane Ink, 300 Stanstead Rd, London SE23 1DE

Latvian writer participating: [Luīze Pastore](#)

Award-winning Latvian Author Luīze Pastore will be running a workshop and talking about her new book Dog Town. Dog Town is a charming adventure story, full of surprises, wisdom and humour. It's Pastore's debut in English published by Firefly Press. **For ages 8-12s**

9 APRIL 7:30pm – 9pm [More information](#)

### **Being Baltic: at the crossroads of influence**

Location: Knowledge Centre, British Library, 96 Euston Rd, London NW1 2DB

Latvian writer participating: [Nora Ikstena](#)

Explore the literary influences of European, Russian and Nordic cultures on contemporary Baltic authors! Three leading Baltic writers – Mihkel Mutt (Estonia), Nora Ikstena (Latvia) and Kristina Sabaliauskaitė (Lithuania) – join the discussion!

10 APRIL – 20 MAY 9:30am – 6:30pm daily [More information](#)

### **Pop Up Creators Exhibition**

Location: Royal Over-Sees League, 5 Park Pl, St James's, London SW1A 1LR

Latvian illustrators participating: [Liāna Mihailova](#), [Pauls Rietums](#), [Roberts Rūrāns](#), [Vivianna Marija Staņislavska](#), [Zane Zlemeša](#), [Sanita Muižniece](#)

Pop Up Creators is an international exchange of 18 professional illustrators across the UK, Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania working with multilingual groups of talented emerging artists. Guided by their mentors, the 150 young artists produced illustrated leporellos, published by Nobrow, Pāike Ja Pilv, KUŠ! and the Vilnius Academy of Arts Publishing House.

10 APRIL 10am – 11am London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

### **Pushing the Limits of Graphic Stories: spotlight on the Pop-Up creators project**

Location: Children's Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian editor and artist participating: [Sanita Muižniece](#), magazine KUŠ!

Join a panel of artists, mentors, tutors and publishers from the project to discuss their experience of the process and the main outcomes from it. The panel will explore how the innovative and eccentric styles of these young artists push the limits of the genre.

10 APRIL 10am – 11am London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

### **From Promotion to Pitching**

Location: Literary Translation Centre, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian literary agent participating: [Vilis Kasims](#)

This panel explores how publishers choose which books to translate and how literary translators and cultural institutes can influence these choices. The panel will discuss how publishers, translators and cultural institutes can work together – from pitching through editing to promotion.

10 APRIL 11:30am – 12:30pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

### **Translating Illustrated Children's Books: the challenges of text and image**

Location: Cross-Cultural Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian publisher participating: [Alīse Nīgale](#), "Liels un mazs"

In many beloved children's books, text and illustration are inseparable. This poses a range of problems for translators and editors: what to? Join Emma Wright of the Emma Press, alongside Latvian publisher Alīse Nīgale, translation specialist Lawrence Schimel, and picturebook publisher Greet Pauwelijn for a discussion of how to get things across.

10 APRIL 1pm – 2pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

### **Get Connected to Baltic Books! Publishing Markets in the Baltics**

Location: Cross-Cultural Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Participants: [Renāte Punka](#), the president of the Latvian Publishers Association

When looking on the region, a usual question for an outsider is whether you can consider the Baltics as one market, or whether there are three separate markets. Come and learn about Baltic book markets!

10 APRIL 1pm – 2pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**A Dialogue Between Poets: Baltic and UK poets explore memory and history**

Location: Poets' Corner, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Kārlis Vērdiņš](#)

Maarja Kangro (Estonia), Kārlis Vērdiņš (Latvia) – the author of six collections of poetry for adults and children, containing work that is gentle, vivid and intimate as it explores ideas of coming to terms with one's self and Tomas Venclova (Lithuania) will discuss the political and aesthetic dimension of memory and history alongside British poets and chaired by Ellen Hinsey.

10 APRIL 4pm – 5pm British Council Seminar [More information](#)

**Revealed or Lost in Translation: literature from the Baltics**

Location: Literary Translation Centre, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Kārlis Vērdiņš](#)

How much can be 'lost' or 'revealed' by translation? And how can we translate different genres such as poetry, folk songs, and dialects? Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian are very different languages, and their idiosyncrasies make them undeniably challenging to translate. Latvian writer Kārlis Vērdiņš and Estonian writer Maarja Kangro discuss their experiences.

10 APRIL 7pm [More information](#)

**Mythemes: a concert by Latvian indie-rock band "Sigma"**

Location: St Ethelburga's, The Nave, 78 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AG

This year, Latvian indie-rock band "Sigma" is releasing its second album Mythologies, especially significant for the fact that all song lyrics are written by well-known Latvian poets – [Kārlis Vērdiņš](#), [Inese Zandere](#), [Marts Pujāts](#), [Anna Auziņa](#), [Jānis Rokpelnis](#), [Inga Gaile](#) and [Uldis Bērziņš](#). Sigma will be performing songs in Latvian and English to celebrate Latvia's participation at The London Book Fair 2018 and Latvia's Centenary. **Free entry**

11 APRIL 9:15am – 10am

**Literary breakfast with Introvert Latvian writers**

Location: Baltic Café, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writers participating: [Madara Gruntmane](#), [Artis Ostups](#), [Sergejs Timofejevs](#)

Start your LBF morning with literary discoveries and join us at the Baltic café for networking breakfast! We'll be sharing some of the new Latvian titles coming out over the year in the UK. It's a great chance to meet some of our writers and hear more from Latvia about the exciting literary adventures that await you. Breakfast pastries, tea and coffee will be offered.

11 APRIL 10am – 11am British Council Seminar [More information](#)

**Finding New Voices: children's literature from the Baltics**

Location: Children's Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Luīze Pastore](#)

Each of the Baltic countries has a flourishing children's book market, previously little known in the UK. This panel discussion explores the publication choices of several UK children's publishers and introduces the authors / illustrators and the books they have chosen to publish.

11 APRIL 11:30am – 12:30pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**Promoting Reading: experience and ideas in the Baltics**

Location: Children's Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Participants: [Silvija Tretjakova](#), director of the Children's Literature Centre of National Library of Latvia

At the seminar, each of the Baltic countries will present activities for promoting reading that have been designed for different audiences in order to involve them in reading, boost their imagination, and develop a joy for reading in an era of new challenges.

11 APRIL 12am – 1pm [More information](#)

**LBF book launch: children's book Dog Town by Luīze Pastore**

Location: Wales stand (5C129), London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Luīze Pastore](#)

Award-winning Latvian authors Luīze's Pastore's debut in English, published by Firefly Press.

11 APRIL 1pm – 1:30pm PEN Salon [More information](#)

**Baltics Author of the Day – Nora Ikstena in conversation with Claire Armitstead**

Location: English PEN Literary Salon, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Nora Ikstena](#)

Guardian journalist Claire Armitstead will be exploring the background of one of the most astonishing Latvian literature voices – Nora Ikstena.

11 APRIL 2:30pm – 3:30pm British Council Seminar [More information](#)

**Interpreting Cultures: Russia, Europe and the West**

Location: Cross-Cultural Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Sergejs Timofejevs](#)

Sergej Timofejev is a member of the Latvian Russian poetry collective Orbita. Orbita not only creates multimedia poetic work but actively seeks to create dialogues between Russian and Latvian speaking authors. In conversation with Estonian-born Andrei Ivanov and Sasha Dugdale, they will discuss the Russian language, and what it can give an author that other languages cannot, as well as its limitations.

11 APRIL 4pm – 5pm British Council Seminar [More information](#)

**Transformations: women's writing from the edges**

Location: Cross-Cultural Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Nora Ikstena](#)

Nora Ikstena's novel Soviet Milk, a Latvian bestseller recently translated into English, looks at the lives of three women – daughter, mother and grandmother – during twenty years of socialist rule. UK writer Alys Conran, who has worked with disadvantaged groups to increase access to creative writing, examines the roles of the voiceless in society and will join Latvian and Lithuanian writer to discuss women's writing.

11 APRIL 4pm – 5pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**Educational Publishing in the Baltics: from Soviet state-sponsored textbooks to digital learning, and teaching materials in 30 years**

Location: The Faculty, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian publisher participating: [Sintija Buhanovska](#), head of e-learning department, "Zvaigzne ABC"

This year, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are celebrating the centenary of their independence. Independent statehood, however, was in all three countries reinstated short of thirty years ago. The process involved many reforms in all walks of life, education included, and necessitated the introduction of a new educational programme, new curricula, new study materials. In what way has educational publishing developed during these thirty years?

11 APRIL 4pm – 6pm **Book launch: Classical Modernism by Latvian art historian Dace Lambergā** [More information](#)

Location: Calvert 22 Foundation, 22 Calvert Ave, London E2 7JP

"Neputns" Publishers art patrons Dina and Jānis Zuzāni (Latvia) and Calvert 22 Foundation invite you to the launch event of the book Classical Modernism: Early 20th Century Latvian Painting by art historian Dace Lambergā.

11 APRIL 5PM  
**#IAMINTROVERT HAPPY HOUR**  
LOCATION: 5F127 BALTIC PAVILION, THE LONDON BOOK FAIR, OLYMPIA, HAMMERSMITH RD, LONDON W14 8UX

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11 APRIL 5pm – 6pm [More information](#)

**Book launch: children's book Ucipuci by Zane Zuste**

Location: London Latvian House, 72 Queensborough Terrace, London W2 3SH

Latvian writer participating: [Zane Zuste](#)

Reading from series of Ucipuci is Looking for Home and Ucipuci Thinks Outside the Box by Latvian author Zane Zusta. After the reading children's workshop.

11 APRIL 5:15pm – 6:15pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**Translator Mentorship Presentation**

Location: Literary Translation Centre, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian translator participating: [Mārta Ziemelis](#)

Writers' Centre Norwich invites you to join us in celebration of the work of our literary translation mentorships programme 2018. Featuring for the first time emerging translators working from Latvian, Lithuanian, Korean and Malayalam, as well as Arabic, Catalan, Greek, Polish and Norwegian, the reception will showcase an impressive array of new talent with publications and presentations.

11 APRIL 5:30pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**Created in Latvia: writer Imants Ziedonis as a brand of freedom, joy and creativity**

Location: The Club Room, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Participants: Foundation "Viegli" – [Goran Gora](#), [Renārs Kaupers](#), [Žanete Grende](#), [Dace Zariņa](#)

Poet Imants Ziedonis is considered a legendary figure in Latvia. As a young poet during the Soviet occupation, he understood that his calling was to write, so with the power of the word he could preserve and strengthen Latvia's identity. Readings and events he participated in were always special occasions, with several thousand people in attendance. In order to honour his work, several Latvian celebrities came together to form "Viegli" Foundation, which embodies his ideas in the form of music, books, concerts, and campaigns.

11 APRIL 6:30pm – 8:30pm [More information](#)

**Film: Knutification + Q&A with poet Kārlis Vērdiņš and film director Ivars Tontegode**

Location: Cine Lumiere, Queensberry Pl 17, London SW72

Documentary film about Latvian writer and poet [Knuts Skujenieks](#) whose works were published, but forbidden until the fall of the Soviet Union. Since then his works are translated into more than 30 languages, but has only made it into English recently. Prior the screening, join a discussion with the poet and translator [Kārlis Vērdiņš](#), along with the director of the film [Ivars Tontegode](#). The discussion will be moderated by visual artist and filmmaker [Simons Puriņš](#).

12 APRIL 10am – 11am British Council Seminar [More information](#)

**Writing the City: Baltic spaces, British places**

Location: Cross-Cultural Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Inga Ābele](#)

What attracts writers to cities, and what is it about a city that inspires writers? Lithuanian author Kristina Sabaliauskaitė joins Latvian poet, prose writer and playwright Inga Ābele. Ābele's work is known for the deep psychological portraits of her characters, and the effect of the space they find themselves in on their narratives. Estonian author Vahni Capildeo attempts to 'remake' herself in modern cities. Chaired by Steven Fowler, who works on cross-national poetry collaborations through the Enemies project.

12 APRIL 11:30am – 12:30am London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**Presentation of the main literary events and literary residencies in the Baltics**

Location: High Street Theatre, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Participants: [Juta Pīrāga](#), platform Latvian Literature

Are literary events just about books? What is their purpose? Is it to see our favourite authors on stage, hear them read from their books and engage in conversation? The Baltic countries host a wide range of literary events and speakers from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania will provide a snapshot of literary activity in the Baltic region – from festivals and book fairs to writing residencies.

12 APRIL 1pm – 2:15pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**Why Print Your Books in the Baltic Countries?**

Location: Buzz Theatre, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Participants: [Ģirts Karlsons](#), head of sales, printing house Jelgavas Tipogrāfija

Printing industry representatives from all three Baltic countries discuss recent developments in the sector and the mechanisms of coping under new circumstances and new pressures. Discuss why printing in the Baltics offers distinct advantages – affordability, proximity, expertise – and why you should consider it as an option for your future print needs.

12 APRIL 1pm – 1:30pm PEN Salon [More information](#)

**Inga Ābele in conversation with Nicolette Jones**

Location: English PEN Literary Salon, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer participating: [Inga Ābele](#)

Inga Ābele in conversation with writer, critic and broadcaster Nicolette Jones discuss Ābele's writing and powerful emotional imagery that she spread through her plays and prose.

12 APRIL 1pm – 2pm British Council Seminar [More information](#)

**Through a Child's Eyes: Baltic and UK perspectives on fiction writing**

Location: Cross-Cultural Hub, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writers participating: [Nora Ikstena](#), [Luize Pastore](#)

Claire Armitstead chairs discussion about writing stories from childhood, or from the perspective of a child. Recent novels by Latvian writer Nora Ikstena and Lithuanian author Alvydas Šlepikas have both explored childhoods lived out under oppressive regimes. Luize Pastore writes fiction for children, her book Dog Town is an exciting adventure set in a sketchy part of Riga with talking dogs and mysterious men. Rebecca Stott's memoir In the Days of Rain tells the story of her life in an ultra-hardline Christian fundamentalist creationist sect. The writers will discuss the similarities and differences in their work, and the effects of childhood on later life.

12 APRIL 2:30pm – 3:30pm London Book Fair Seminar [More information](#)

**How to Reheat Leftover Soup and Recycle 4 Poetry**

Location: Poets' Corner, London Book Fair, Olympia, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 8UX

Latvian writer and filmmaker participating: [Maira Dobele](#)

Maira Dobele presents her project recycling4poetry. It is a series of 12 short films with Latvian poems. When sequenced one after the other, these 12 short films almost by chance grew into an algorithm of life – a life story. The film series is inspired by Latvian poetry and the work of diary filmmakers Philip Hoffman and Dagie Brundert.

12 APRIL 4PM

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12 APRIL 7pm – 8pm [More information](#)

**Children of History**

Location: Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3GA

Latvian writer participating: [Nora Ikstena](#)

Grandparents, mothers, fathers and children – at its heart, the idea of a family should be universal. But in reality, how does a country's history or identity affect its idea of family? Where do different cultures agree on their views of motherhood, fatherhood and childhood, and where do they differ?

12 APRIL 8pm – 9:30pm [More information](#)

**World Poets Series**

Location: National Poetry Library, Level 5, Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre, London SE1 8XX  
Latvian writer participating: [Kārlis Vērdiņš](#)

Join this one-off event with visiting Baltic poets. The evening will showcase three of the most celebrated poets from the Baltic states, Maarja Kangro (Estonia), Kārlis Vērdiņš (Latvia) and Tomas Venclova (Lithuania). The poets read from their work and discuss the poetry scene in their countries.

13 APRIL 2pm – 4pm [More information](#)

**Story Cafe: Baltic writers**

Location: Glasgow Women's Library, 23 Landressy St, Glasgow G40 1BP  
Latvian writer participating: [Inga Ābele](#)

Discover the joy of being read at the legendary lunchtime Story Cafe, immerse yourselves in tales of life, love and longing by the best women writers from across the globe.

13 APRIL 6:30pm – 8:30pm [More information](#)

**Latvia: Image Music Text**

Location: Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL  
Latvian participants: writer [Kristīne Ulberga](#), writer and filmmaker [Maira Dobele](#), musician [Anete Graudiņa](#)

Acclaimed author Kristīne Ulberga will be reading from her astonishing new novel The Green Crow, published by Peter Owen, followed by a series of 12 short films created by writer and filmmaker Maira Dobele, and traditional Latvian music from Anete Graudiņa. The event will be followed by reception where guests will have a chance to talk to the artists. **Free entry**

13 APRIL 7pm [More information](#)

**The Book of Riga launch at Housmans**

Location: Housmans Booksellers, 5 Caledonian Rd, London N1 9DX  
Latvian writers participating: [Svens Kuzmins](#), [Dace Rukšāne](#)

In the year in which Latvia celebrates a centenary as an independent state, we bring you stories which demonstrate how Riga has established itself as a vibrant creative centre, attracting artists, performers and writers from across the region and beyond. This rare showcase of contemporary Latvian writing gathers together stories by some of the country's finest writers, chronicling the city's continuing growth and transformation after centuries of foreign rule.

13 APRIL 7pm European Poetry Festival [More information](#)

**The European Camarade in Manchester**

Location: International Anthony Burgess Foundation, Engine House, Chorlton Mill, 3 Cambridge St, Manchester M1 5BY  
Latvian writer participating: [Inga Pizāne](#)

Bringing together some of the finest modern poets of the thriving Manchester scene in collaborative pairs with writers visiting from Norway, Lithuania, Latvia, France, Germany and Italy, this special Camarade event will present dynamic new duets of live literature made especially for the night. **Free entry**

13 APRIL 7:30pm Apples and Snakes presents [More information](#)

**Hit the Ode**

Latvian writer participating: [Kārlis Vērdiņš](#)  
Location: Patrick Centre at Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst St, Southside, Birmingham B5 4TB

Apples and Snakes presents Hit the Ode, Birmingham's premier poetry night. Every month, Hit the Ode brings the most exciting poets from the region, the country and the world to the heart of Birmingham. Join us at our new home, The Patrick Centre, Birmingham Hippodrome for poems from all across the world. We have poems and lots of them. Poems to ruffle feathers and caress your heart strings. Poems that will challenge your nan to a hip-hop cypher. Poems that taste like hot cocoa. Good poems. Great Poems. Come and get them.

14 APRIL 7pm European Poetry Festival [More information](#)

**The European Camarade in Middlesbrough**

Location: Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art, Centre Square, Middlesbrough TS1 2AZ  
Latvian writer participating: [Inga Pizāne](#)

Bringing together some of the finest modern poets of the thriving North East scene in collaborative pairs with writers visiting from Norway, Latvia, Germany and Italy, this special Camarade event will present dynamic new duets of live literature made especially for the night. **Free entry**

14 APRIL 7pm – 10pm [More information](#)

**Concert of Imants Ziedonis Foundation "Viegli"**

Location: 154 Holland Park Ave, London, W11 4UH

Imants Ziedonis Foundation "Viegli" was established in the spring of 2010. The Foundation promotes and implements the ideas and values of Imants Ziedonis, continues to support creative and unusual ideas, and organizes public projects that reveal the beauty of Latvia.