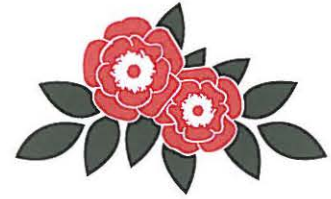


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Award winning Irish author visits Preston

One of the foremost living writers of contemporary Irish fiction will be visiting the University of Central Lancashire this week.

On Wednesday 19 February, the University is playing host to award winning author John McGahern, who will be discussing his life and work and reading extracts from his novels.

John McGahern's books include *The Barracks*, *The Dark* (banned in Ireland in 1965), *The Pornographer*, *The Leavetaking* and the 1990 Booker short-listed *Amongst Women*, which was later adapted by the BBC. His most recent novel, *They That May Face the Rising Sun*, provides a lyrical, poignant account of lives lived on the shores of a lake in central Ireland.

The event is taking place in the Adelphi TVI Lecture Theatre, Preston Campus, from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Tickets, £4 and £2 (concessions) are available from Karen Adams, Department of Cultural Studies, tel: 01772 893020. Information about this and other events in the University's 'Writers and Writing at UCLan' series can be obtained from the Department of Cultural Studies, tel: 01772 893020.

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