

STORYHOUSE CHILDLESS

Helpful Information:

Why is it called Storyhouse Childless?

We know terminology is tricky! When we use 'childless' and/or 'childlessness', we mean it inclusively: not by choice, by choice, childfree, by circumstance, by infliction, by marriage, by singleness, by infertility, because it just never happened, involuntarily, voluntarily, chosen, not chosen, otherhoods, ambivalence, uncertainty, or certainty. Whether you use any of those terms, all of them, or none of them, or whether you are here for you, someone else, or both – you are ALL welcome!

How is Storyhouse Childless curated?

Storyhouse is a charity and Storyhouse Childless is a community, not for profit event. The programme has been shaped by past audience members working with the Storyhouse Community Manager, Nicola Haigh.

Who is the Festival Emcee?

Dr Dawn Llewellyn, Associate Professor of Religion and Gender at the University of Chester, is the festival host. Dawn is childless by choice and she has been part of Festival since our inaugural event in 2019. Dawn's job is to welcome you, to be on hand if you have any questions, and to keep the programme moving and to time.

Who can help me on the day?

There is a team of brilliant Storyhouse Volunteers to help you throughout the weekend. They'll be checking your passes, answering your queries about the building and the programme, and making make sure you are in the right place at the right time. They will be wearing the Storyhouse blue and white striped t-shirts and red lanyards.

Where do I collect my Weekend Pass lanyard?

The Welcome Desk is the place to collect your lanyard, ask questions, get oriented, and have assistance for any accessibility requests. The Storyhouse team are available if you need any information and are there to help you make the most of your weekend. You can also leave your belongings, securely, at the Welcome Desk's free bag check-in.

Is there food and drink available?

The Kitchen is open throughout the day for drinks and snacks, and feel free to take them into sessions. If you would like to join us for the optional 'Storyhouse Childless' dinner on Saturday night, then please book in for either 7.00 pm or 7.15pm through this link: Dinner and Drinks Meet-Up (the dinner is not included in the Weekend Pass). It's a lovely opportunity to continue the conversation!

Please note there is an evening performance in the Main Stage at 8.00pm so the ground floor will be busy until the event begins.

Where are the events taking place?

Events take place in the Main Theatre (ground floor), Garrett Theatre, and Garret Bar (4th floor). You can take the stairs or lift to the 4th floor. The Garret Theatre and Bar is for Storyhouse Childless only during the weekend. There are also quiet spaces in the upstairs part of the library, and a volunteer can direct you. Storyhouse is a public space so there will be children in The Kitchen and the Children's Library.

Is there a list of resources?

With your help we have created a list of resources, and while it's not exhaustive it is a useful starting point. This is available to download on the Storyhouse Childless Hub online.

In previous years, the fantastic Storyhouse Childless audience and community have brought along books, leaflets, flyers, and other information about their work to the weekend. This year, we will allocate a table in the Garret Bar for you to leave any material that you think will be of interest and a mini-book shop for authors to display and sell their publications.

How do I perform at the Open Mic performances?

There are two opportunities over the weekend for you to perform a song, poetry, prose, dance, comedy, or be creative! You'll be supported by Claire Beerjeraz, a member of the Storyhouse Childless community, who is once again returning to facilitate. Please email your ideas or a submission before Friday 25 September to Claire claire.beerjeraz@hotmail.com so she has time to review and send feedback. Find out about Claire [here](#)

I'd like to take part in the Parallel Lives Creative Workshop. How do I book?

'Parallel Lives' is taking place three times over the Festival and is included in the weekend pass, but please do book as space is limited: hello@storyhouse.com

What are the Breakout Chats?

The breakout chats are new for this year! Following audience feedback, these small group sessions are an alternative to events taking place in the Garret Theatre. These are included in the weekend pass, but please do book as space is limited.

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