

Creative Minds at Birmingham

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'Creative Minds at Birmingham', the School of English, Drama, and American and Canadian Studies (EDACS) Writers and Artists Distinguished Speaker Series, features an exciting variety of renowned writers, poets and theatre leaders give an intimate talk or reading, showcasing their latest works.

On May 15 Alice Oswald will read from her work and talk to attendees following the reading during a complimentary drinks reception.

Alice's second collection, *Dart*, won the T. S. Eliot Prize in 2002. Her third collection, *Woods etc*, was a Poetry Book Society Choice and was shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best Collection and the T. S. Eliot Prize. *A Sleepwalk on the Severn* appeared in 2009, as did *Weeds and Wild Flowers*, her collaboration with the artist Jessica Greenman.

Last year Alice became the first poet to win the Warwick Prize for Writing with *Memorial*, a reworking of Homer's *Iliad*.

Creative Minds at Birmingham was launched in October 2013. Each event in the series gives literature and theatre enthusiasts the opportunities to hear from a modern-day great, pose your questions to the speaker, and meet them afterwards during book signing sessions. Previous speakers include Jamie McKendrick and Bernard MacLavery (videos below).

- **Further information and tickets for Alice's talk are now available (<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/edacs/departments/english/events/2014/alice-oswald.aspx>)**

These events are open to all. The final event in the 13/14 series of talks will take place on 19 June 2014 and feature Simon Stephens.

'*So inspiring*' – attendee at Bernard MacLavery's talk

'*To sit and listen to one of the best ever short story writers read his own work and then discuss it was fabulous!*' – attendee at Bernard MacLavery's talk

'*Excellent, funny and poignant story-telling*' – attendee at Bernard MacLavery's talk

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Jamie McKendrick opens the series

