

THE CITY CHAPTER

In association with the John Hewitt Society
invites you to celebrate

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

With two acclaimed Co Armagh Poets
GRÁINNE TOBIN & MEL McMAHON
will read from and talk about their work



Gráinne Tobin grew up in Armagh. She taught for many years in further and adult education in Lurgan and in Shimna Integrated College in Newcastle, Co Down. Her books are *Banjaxed* and *The Nervous Flyer's Companion* (Summer Palace Press). A third collection, *The Uses of Silk*, is due in November 2018. She has won poetry competitions and contributed to magazines and anthologies. Her work is included in Poetry Ireland's archive and ACNI's online Troubles Archive, and one of her poems is on permanent display as a public sculpture in Down Arts Centre.



Mel McMahon was born in Lurgan and is currently Head of English at the Abbey Grammar School, Newry. His work has appeared widely in journals and anthologies and has been broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster. He has been short-listed for several literary prizes and was a prize-winner in the FSNI Poetry Competition (2015). His work has been nominated twice for the Forward Prize for best individual poem. His first book of poems, *Out of Breath*, was published by Summer Palace Press in 2016. His second book of poems, *Beneath Our Feet*, was published this year.

Armagh City Library

Thursday 4th October
at 7.30pm

*Admission is free with donations for
The City Chapter welcome*

