

Press Release

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Local author set for success with 1st Children's Book

The official book launch of new children's book 'Chansey the Chicken and the Plum Tree' by local Co. Fermanagh author John Conlon took place today in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. The book is set to be a firm favourite with local children this Christmas, which is now available to buy in local bookshops as well as online. Chansey the Chicken, also a Co. Fermanagh native is a curious character, a little mischevious but always willing to take a 'chance' for a risk she feels will be worth it!

The story began one afternoon after John noticed Chansey wander over to him while he studied for an exam. The author, initially delighted and touched by his old friend showing support, soon realised that Chansey had set her sights on something, she had seen a 'chance' with the plum tree in the garden, and John might be the very person to help her!

'Chansey the Chicken and the Plum Tree' has been published by local children's book publisher, Emain Publications and is supported by the Creative Industries Innovation Fund through the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and the Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure.

Lorraine McDowell, Director of Operations, Arts Council of Northern Ireland said: "The Arts Council of Northern applaud Emain Publications on the publication of 'Chansey the Chicken' by talented local children's' writer, John Conlon. At the Arts Council we seek to put our support firmly behind local artists and help them develop their creative ideas into commercial success and we wish all involved every success with this delightful children's book."

Shauna Dunlop, founder of Emain Publications stated, "I am thrilled to be launching the next Emain Publications title for 2014. 'Chansey the Chicken and the Plum Tree' is a story that I loved from the very first line. John Conlon, a very talented writer has captured not only Chansey and her sense of adventure perfectly but has also uniquely given us a wonderful contemporary insight into rural life in Northern Ireland. This book is sure to be a wonderful gift for this Christmas."

Chansey the Chicken and the Plum Tree, priced £6.99 is now available to buy at local books stockists and on Amazon.co.uk, Waterstones.com and www.emainpublications.com. -Ends-

Notes for editors:

- For media enquiries and review copies please contact Shauna Dunlop on 07919023690/ www.emainpublications.com or by email on emain.publications@virginmedia.com
- 'Chansey the Chicken and the Plum Tree' is to be launched on 6 December 2014. The launch will take place from 11am – 1pm in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen. Printed in Northern Ireland by Nicholson Bass. Book design and illustrations by Gary Boyd from Limavady.
- 'Chansey the Chicken and the Plum Tree' by John Conlon is a full colour, fully illustrated book across 24 pp with a full colour cover and endpages (4). The paperback book ISBN is 978-0-9573926-7-0 and will be available to buy from Saturday 6 December from local books stockists, including McBrien's Newsagents, Lisnaskea, Ruby Rose, Lisnaskea and the Post Office, Maguiresbridge and on Amazon.co.uk, Waterstones.com and www.emainpublications.com
- Also published by Emain Publications, founded in January 2012 - "The Lemon Sugar Baked Cookies", the 1st Orlagh Rose story by Shauna Dunlop, published in October 2012; the 2nd Orlagh Rose story "The Pink Man" published December 2013 and "Timothy's Dream" the 3rd title from Emain Publications, by Lauren Dunlop, illustrated by Gary Boyd, published on 22 December and launched at the Fine and Dandy Market, Crescent Arts Centre; the 4th title "Ferrari Adventure" by Aidan Gormley was published on 24 May 2014 and launched at the Strule Arts Centre, Omagh; the 5th title "Russ on the Suss" by Mo Maher was published on Amazon Kindle on 26 July 2014, ISBN number 978-0-9573926-6-3, price £3.62 (including tax). The paperback version was launched on 22 August 2014 ISBN number 978-0-9573926-8-7, 176 pp pages, full colour cover, softback, price £7.99. Further details available at www.emainpublications.com
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