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you're welcome here, kind stranger.

The Seventh Leeds Gathering Festival is  
a ten day celebration of Irish music & arts,  
from the 10th to the 20th of November  
2011. We've tried our very best to bring  
you the finest examples of traditional  
& contemporary Irish arts, we're sure  
you'll enjoy it...

# 10-20 NOV The Leeds Gathering

For further info on  
The Leeds Gathering  
0113 275 5665  
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# The Leeds Gathering November 2011

## Bringing the best in Irish, Celtic & Folk Music & Arts to Leeds

Please note: all details are correct as of 1st October 2011. The Irish Arts Foundation reserves the right to amend any programme details.

**Sat 15th October**  
In partnership with Yorkshire Late Starter Strings.  
**Irish Fiddle workshop**  
**1:30PM — 4:00PM**  
If you played a string instrument at school and would like to start again, or if you are learning as an adult and would like to play in a group with people of similar standard, then **Yorkshire Late Starter Strings** (YLSS) is for you. **YLSS** offers professional tuition of the highest quality and the chance to play string music of all styles and periods from the baroque and earlier to the present day. **YLSS** meets every Saturday morning in term-time at the West Park Centre from 10:00am until 12:30pm.  
**The West Park Centre, Spen Lane, Leeds**  
**LS16 5BE**  
**www.ylss.org**

**Fri 4th November**  
**Film: The Other Side of Sleep**  
**8:45PM**  
**Additional Screening on Sun 6th Nov at 6:30PM**  
**Dir. Rebecca Daly, Ireland / Netherlands / Hungary 2011, 88 mins, UK Premiere, 35mm**  
**The Other Side of Sleep** takes the small town murder story and subjects it to a dreamlike metamorphosis, reinvigorating familiar themes with deeply unsettling and atmospheric results. One morning Arlene wakes in the woods beside the body of a young woman. Fear and suspicion spread through the rural Irish community. Increasingly drawn to the girl's family — her grieving sister and accused boyfriend, Arlene barricades herself in at night, afraid to sleep, haunted by grief and increasingly detached from the realities of waking life. And all this time someone is watching her.  
**£6.50 / £5.00 Concessions**  
**The Vue Cinema, The Light, Headrow, Leeds**  
**LS1 8TL**  
**Tel: 0871 224 0240**  
**Leeds International Film Festival**  
**www.leedsfilm.com**

**Sun 6th November**  
**Ceili in Seven Arts**  
**8:30PM**  
Come along and learn how to dance ceili dances from Ireland, England & Scotland with a caller to show you the moves and live music as well! It doesn't matter if you are a seasoned dancer or completely new to ceilis. You'll be very welcome and it's great fun.  
**£5 on the door**  
**Seven, (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre)**  
**31A Harrogate Road, Chapel Allerton, Leeds**  
**LS7 3PD**  
**Tel: 0113 262 6777**  
**www.sevenleeds.co.uk**

**Mon 7th November**  
**Eddi Reader**  
featuring **Alan Kelly, John Douglas**  
**@ Boo Hewerdine**  
with special guest, **Kieran Goss**  
**7:30PM**  
**Eddi Reader** was brought into the limelight with **Fairground Attraction** and their single *Perfect* and parent album *First of a Million Kisses* which both topped the British charts. However, it has been her subsequent solo albums which signalled her increasing ability to assimilate different musical styles and make them all very much her own.  
From the traditional to the contemporary, **Eddi** brings to joyous life all forms of song and what sets **Reader** apart is the depth and quality of the emotional performance; her ability not only to move the listener but to connect her experience to that of her audience. Her rare blend of meltingly true vocals and towering romanticism combine with an astute and pragmatic nature to make her a unique and powerful figure in contemporary British music. She has effortlessly developed into one of popular music's most thrilling and affecting performers. Featured in **Eddi's** band is *County Roscommon* piano accordionist **Alan Kelly**.  
**www.eddireader.co.uk**  
**Eddi's** special guest for this evening's performance will be Irish singer-songwriter **Kieran Goss**.  
**Tickets: All areas £21 / Boxes\* (to seat 2) £48**  
**+£1.50 Booking Fee per transaction**  
**All prices include 60p levy towards City Varieties Regeneration Fund**  
**\*not available online**  
**City Varieties Music Hall, Swan Street, Leeds**  
**LS1 6LW**  
**Tel: 0113 391 7777**  
**Email: info@cityvarieties.co.uk**  
**www.cityvarieties.co.uk**

**Thu 10th November**  
In Partnership with Bewleys Hotel  
**The Official Launch Event**  
**7:30PM**  
**All Welcome.** The Leeds Gathering will be officially launched on Thursday 10th November at Bewleys Hotel, Leeds with guest speakers **Jane Connolly** (First Secretary, Embassy of Ireland), **Fabian Hamilton** (MP Leeds North West), **Catherina Casey** (General Manager, Hammersmith Irish Cultural Centre), **Jackie Dwyer** (CCE) and **Thomas Moran** (Business Development Director, Bewleys Hotels). Refreshments will be provided. The event will also feature a performance from harpist **Bernadette Beirne** and a traditional Irish music showcase.  
**Bewleys Hotel, City Walk, Sweet St, Leeds**  
**LS11 9DA**

**Fri 11th November**  
**Over 55's Day Club**  
**12:15PM — 2:30PM**  
New people are always welcome to join the relaxed Irish environment at the **Montague Burton Resource Centre**. Lunch is provided and to celebrate the *Leeds Gathering Festival* this week it features the singer guitarist and all round entertainer, **Roy Atkinson**. For information contact:  
**Leeds Irish Health & Homes**  
**Tel 0113 262 5614**  
**www.lihh.org**  
**Montague Burton Resource Centre,**  
**Roundhay Road, near St. Aidan's Church, Leeds**  
**LS8 5RU**

**Sat 12th November**  
**Yorkshire Farmers' Market**  
**11:15AM**  
This popular monthly event features a dancing display from the **Joyce O'Donnell School of Irish Dance**.  
**FREE Event**  
**The Rose Garden (outside the Arc)**  
**North Lane, Headingley, Leeds**  
**LS6 3HU**  
**www.headingleydevelopmenttrust.org.uk**

**Festival Club:**  
**Traditional Irish Music Session**  
**2:00PM**  
This year we feature **Ciara O'Sullivan** from *Ennis Co. Clare*, an accomplished harpist and flautist. She started playing music at the age of 9 and played the harp in *Bunratty Castle Co. Clare* for 5 years. She has toured America and Europe with various groups. She completed a *Masters in Irish Traditional Music Performance* in 2009 in the **University of Limerick** where she spent 2 years as a harp and flute tutor.  
We also welcome **Vanessa Millar** from *Kilmihil Co. Clare*, a fine accordion player. She has been playing the accordion for many years and was taught by **Martin Connelly**. She plays and teaches music regularly around *West Clare*. She completed a *Masters in Irish Traditional Music Performance* in 2009 and is currently the *All Ireland Senior Accordion Champion*.  
Of course **Leeds** has big connections with *County Mayo* so we are also delighted to feature *Newport* guitarist **Kevin Corbett**. Kevin is a well known face in the session scene in the westand has toured all over the world with a number of theatre shows.  
It's a relaxed afternoon of music, song and craic. Bring your instrument or just join in the friendly atmosphere.  
**FREE Event**  
**The Grove, Back Row, Holbeck Urban Village, Leeds**  
**LS11 SPL**  
**www.grovefolkclub.org.uk/grove\_inn.html**

**Sun 13th November**  
**John McSherry @ At First Light**  
— 'Idir' Album Launch  
Plus support from **Ciara O'Sullivan, Vanessa Millar, Kevin Corbett @ Dave Oldroyd**  
**8:00PM**  
In 2001 *Lúnasa* alumni **John McSherry** and **Michael McGoldrick**, put their creative energies to good use in what would become a critically acclaimed collaborative recording. The album, *At First Light*, became an instant top-seller worldwide and was acclaimed by **Irish American News** as *Best Traditional Album of the Year 2001*. The duo were instantly in demand for festivals and venues and called upon the services of *Dundalk fiddle prodigy* **Dónal O'Connor** and John's brother **Paul McSherry** formerly of *Tamlin* to complete the line up.  
In 2004 Michael left the band to pursue his own projects and a short while later the *Uilleann* piping and *bodhrán* skills of **Francis McDuff** (of the famous *McPeake* clan) were brought into the mix. It was at this time that the name *At First Light* was adopted. In 2006, the critically acclaimed album *Tripswitch* was released. Described as 'Acoustic Perfection' by **Living Tradition magazine**, the album featured the talents of *Dublin's* **Tony Byrne** on guitar and **Ruben Bada** from *Asturias* on Bouzouki. 2010 saw *At First Light* collaborate with another great guitar player, the world renowned **Bob Brozman**, to produce the critically lauded album *Six Days in Down*. Influential *BBC* broadcaster **DJ Ritu** described the album as, "one of the most impressive CDs to fly through my letter-box this year" that same year, *At First Light* introduced guest singer and fiddle player **Ciara McCrickard**, considered to be one of Ireland's finest young singers and carrying the pedigree of the great Ulster song tradition into the new millennium having learned at the feet of many of the masters.

"The rhythmical power of *At First Light* would cause the most reluctant of feet to tap." **Scottish Herald**  
"Irish trad gets a kick up the backside with this dream-team line-up of fiddle, Uilleann pipes and crystal-clear vocals. The Pixies meets Planxty? Now there's a thought." **The Irish Times**  
Support is provided by **Ciara O'Sullivan** and **Vanessa Millar** from *Co. Clare* (see above) with *Co. Mayo* guitarist **Kevin Corbett**. We also feature Sheffield based **Dave Oldroyd**, a fine singer songwriter who holds numerous *All-Ireland* titles in composition.  
**Tickets £12.50 / £10 Concessions from Seven Arts**  
**Seven (Chapel Allerton Arts Centre), Leeds**  
**LS7 3PD**  
**Tel 0113 262 6777**  
**www.sevenleeds.co.uk**  
**www.atfirstlight.net**

**Mon 14th November**  
**Traditional Irish Music**  
**@ Ballad Session**  
**9:30PM — 11:15PM**  
Featuring songs and craic from local musicians and singers.  
**FREE Event**  
**The Harp, Cromwell Street, Lincoln Green, Leeds**  
**LS9 7SS**

**Tue 15th November**  
**Tuesday Irish Elders Club**  
**12:15PM — 3:00PM**  
Includes bingo and refreshments. This Tuesday features music from *Irish Arts* musicians **Gerry Brownridge** and **Kevin Mullaney**. Contact the *Irish Centre* for details on how to join.  
**Tel: 0113 2480887**  
**www.theleedsirishcentre.co.uk**  
**Leeds Irish Centre, York Road, Leeds**  
**LS9 9NT**

**Weds 16th November**  
**Irish Elders Coffee Morning**  
**10:30AM — 12:30PM**  
A regular event this time featuring live Irish music and song. For information contact:  
**Leeds Irish Health & Homes**  
**Tel 0113 262 5614**  
**www.lihh.org**  
**Patterdale Community Resource Centre,**  
**Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre, Leeds**  
**LS11 6ER**



Vanessa Millar

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**Thu 17th November**  
**Lecture from Professor Harry White**  
In partnership with  
**University of Leeds School of Music**  
**7:30PM**  
**Harry White** is *Professor of Music* at **University College Dublin** and a *Fellow of the Royal Irish Academy of Music*. He has held visiting professorships in Canada, Croatia, Germany and the United Kingdom. He was inaugural *President of the Society for Musicology* in Ireland from 2003–6, and is *General Editor* (with **Barra Boydell**) of the forthcoming *Encyclopaedia of Music in Ireland*. His books include *The Keeper's Recital: Music and Cultural History in Ireland, 1770–1970* (1998), *The Progress of Music in Ireland* (2005) and *Music and the Irish Literary Imagination* (2008). He was elected to the **Royal Irish Academy** for his services to musicology in 2006.

In this lecture **Professor White** his latest work: *The Encyclopaedia of Music in Ireland: an Introduction. The Encyclopaedia of Music in Ireland* (EMIR) represents the largest research project in music to have been undertaken in Ireland to date. **EMIR** contains some 2,000 articles on Irish music and musicians from the early middle ages to the present day, and it maps the experience of classical, popular, traditional and church music in Ireland. It offers a wealth of new research on music in Irish life, on Ireland's musical influence abroad and on individual musicians, instrumentalists, singers, teachers, composers and scholars. **EMIR** contains worklists, discographies, sources and bibliographies, as well as critical assessments of Irish music and the circumstances in which it has been produced. It features the work of over 200 contributors and is addressed to all those with an interest in music in Ireland. It will be published by **University College Dublin Press** in 2012.  
This address will outline the genesis and history of **EMIR** and the range of material which it surveys.  
**FREE Event**  
**School of Music, University of Leeds, Leeds**  
**LS2 9JT**

**Fri 18th November**  
**Community Ceili**  
In partnership with **I Love West Leeds Festival**  
**8:30PM — 10:15PM**  
A *ceili* is great fun, good exercise and a fantastic way to meet new people. This evening features a caller to show you the moves and a four piece *ceili* band to dance along to.  
**FREE Event**  
**St Peters Church Hall, Hough Lane, Bramley, Leeds**  
**LS13 3JF**  
Bring your own drinks and refreshments.  
**www.ilovewestleeds.co.uk**

**Adrian Edmondson**  
**@ The Bad Shepherds Plus support**  
**8:00PM**  
Featuring **Adrian Edmondson, Troy Donockley** and **Andy Dinan**. **Adrian** is best known as a comedian in *The Young Ones, Bottom* and *The Comic Strip Presents*, though he's no stranger to the music world. He has played with bands including **The Who** and **Jools Holland** and had a number one single with **Cliff Richard**. **Troy** has built up a formidable reputation as a composer, arranger, musician, performer and as a leading virtuoso of the *Uilleann Pipes*. **Andy** is best known for playing with **Toss the Feathers** and has won the *All-Ireland Fiddle Championship* twice.  
**www.thebadshepherds.com**  
**Tickets: Stalls @ Circle £20**  
**Side Stalls\*, Side Circle\* and Upper Circle £18**  
**+ £1.50 Booking Fee per transaction**  
**Boxes\* (to seat 2) £44**  
**All prices include 60p levy towards City Varieties Regeneration Fund**  
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Karen Tweed



Alan Kelly



Eddie Reader  
City Varieties  
Mon 7th Nov

**Sat 19th November**  
**Festival Club:**  
**Traditional Irish Music Session**  
**2:00PM**  
With special guest **Karen Tweed** (*piano accordion*). Regarded as one of the premier exponents of this instrument on the Irish Music Scene. She has played in the **Kathryn Tickell Band** and her many collaborations include the Anglo-Swedish quartet **SWAP**, her duet with guitarist **Ian Carr** and **The Two Duos Quartet** (with **Andy Cutting, Chris Wood** and **Ian Carr**). **Karen** is joined by Leeds musicians **Des Hurley** (*fiddle*) and **Chris O'Malley** (*guitar*). Bring your instrument or just join the friendly atmosphere.  
**FREE Event**  
**The Grove, Back Row, Holbeck Urban Village, Leeds**  
**LS11 SPL**

**Sun 20th November**  
In partnership with **Leeds CCE**  
**Piano Accordion Workshop**  
with **Karen Tweed**  
**Noon — 2:00PM**  
**Leeds** has a long tradition of piano accordion playing in Irish Music. This workshop is delivered by one of the instruments finest exponents — **Karen Tweed**.  
**FREE Event**  
**Tel 0113 265 5665**  
**Upstairs, Leeds Irish Centre**  
next to **O'Meara Lounge, York Road, Leeds**  
**LS9 9NT**

In partnership with **Saltairlive**  
**www.saltairlive.co.uk**  
**Tim Edey @ Brendan Power**  
in Concert  
With support from **Karen Tweed, Des Hurley @ Chris O'Malley**  
**7:30PM**  
Creative players are drawn to each other and this duo's freewheeling approach to live performance is infectious. On acoustic guitar and button accordion. **Tim Edey** (formerly of the *Sharon Shannon Band, Lunasa & Session A9*) has an exceptional musical ear which allows him to play the most demanding instrumentals in any style you throw at him. Alongside him is **Kiwi** harmonica player and composer **Brendan Power**, one of the most versatile and creative musicians around today. **Tim** and **Brendan** love to improvise, giving a spontaneity which unfailingly captivates.  
**www.edeyandpower.com**  
**Tickets: £10 / £8 in advance, £11 / £9 on the door**  
**Otley Courthouse, Courthouse Street, Otley**  
**LS21 3AN**  
**Box Office 01943 467466**  
**www.otleycourthouse.org.uk**

