



So stop by to "borrow" a living / human book for a brief time to engage in exciting one-on-one or small group conversations around long-held fears, prejudices, myths, misconceptions, stereotypes, curiosities, or just general conversations of mutual cultural/ethnic/heritage interest. Be a part of this, the first **LIVING LIBRARY** in Ireland!

School Phobic ☹️ Black Person
☹️ Blonde Woman ☹️ Disabled
Person ☹️ Traveller ☹️ Single
Mother ☹️ Gay man ☹️ (Ex)
illiterate ☹️ Lesbian ☹️ Muslim
☹️ Older Person ☹️ Widow

The Living Library enables groups to break stereotypes by challenging the most common prejudices in a positive and humorous manner. It is a concrete, easily transferable and affordable way of promoting tolerance and understanding. It is a "keep it simple", "no-nonsense" contribution to social cohesion in multicultural societies." - Living Library/Denmark



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The Living Library

Take out a Prejudice!

The Library Where The Books Literally Can Speak!

County Library, Tallaght

Thursday 15th October 6-9pm

Tel: 086-0492815

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The Living Library: Don't Judge a Book by its Cover

Have you ever thought about your own prejudices and stereotypes about other people? Or the impression that other people may have about you? Do you have a lot of stereotypes for example about Muslims or Single Mothers, Older People or Illiterate People, Homosexuals or Travellers, Blonde Women or Phobics? But you have never had the chance to speak to one of them to find out what his or her life is like? If you are ready to face your own prejudices and stereotypical judgments and meet the stereotype personally, you should become a reader of the Living Library on Thursday 15th October in County Library, Tallaght from 6pm-9pm, where the books can literally speak!

How Does The Living Library Work?

- The Living Library will take place in Tallaght Library at 6-9pm on Thursday 15th October and is the first of it's kind in Ireland.
- You do not have to be a member to participate.



- When you arrive, you can browse through the catalogue of Living Books (people) and select which stereotype you wish to speak with.
- You then go to the Living Library Desk and check out the book (person) with the Librarian.
- If the book (person) you have selected is already checked out, you can borrow another or come back later!
- You and the book go to our designated Living Library chat area and have a coffee and talk. You can spend up to 30 minutes with your book—Readers can extend this time for a maximum of one hour with the librarian.
- The reader must return the book (person) in the same mental and physical condition as borrowed. It is forbidden to cause damage to the book, tear out or bend pages, get food or drink spilled over the book or to hurt her or his dignity in any other way. The reader is responsible for preserving the condition of the book.
- The reader must accept the fact that the book can quit the conversation if she or he feels the reader treats her or him in an inappropriate manner or hurts his or her dignity.



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