

Invitation 1st of October 2026 to attend unveiling of John Springhall's textile portrait and poetry reading

Dear all:

We cordially invite you to the unveiling of a specially commissioned textile - arpillera - portrait and reading of a poem focused on **John Springhall's legacy**.

We appreciate your contribution during the research process of diving into John Springhall's archive. It allowed Textile artist Lorna Gough and Ulster University alumnus poet Niamh McNally to capture John's persona and bring it to life via their art.

They will be in attendance and share with us their experience of accessing John's archives hosted in the Special Collections and Rare Books: Other small collections section, at Ulster University library, Coleraine campus.

The event will take place at noon on 1st October, National Poetry Day.

Professor Malachy O'Neill, Director of Regional Engagement at Ulster University, will be with us to unveil the portrait, listen to the poem and to welcome all who join us on this relevant occasion.

We will welcome you to the Coleraine campus, at reception of Ulster University Library, Top Floor Main Building.

Light refreshments will be served,

RSVP,

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