



**Bloody Scotland**

Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival  
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## **MONDAY 2 MARCH - FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **CRIME WRITERS' PREPARE A KILLER DISH FOR CHARITY**

Organisers of the Bloody Scotland Crime Writing Festival are supporting Scottish charity, The Big Dinner by holding a crime writers' supper this Saturday in Edinburgh.

Over 20 crime writers will be in attendance to feast on a menu of killer dishes such as Bloody Marys, Death by Chocolate, and Ice Cream Wars. To add a potentially murderous element to the evening each of the writers will be bringing a dish which they've prepared. Writers expected to attend include names such as Ian Rankin, Sara Sheridan, Lin Anderson, Alex Gray, and Alanna Knight, with several more donating to the charity.

The event is being organised as part of The BIG dinner, a 500 miles initiative to raise £500,000 in a single night to help people with mobility difficulties in Malawi and Zambia to live independent lives. 500 miles provides artificial limbs and braces for people with disabilities of the limbs and spine.

We anticipate that we will donate several hundred pounds to The Big Dinner as a result of the evening.

For more info on the Big Dinner see [www.bigdinner.co.uk](http://www.bigdinner.co.uk)

## **COMMENT**

**Festival Manager Dom Hastings** said 'We're delighted to be able to bring together crime writers to support this great cause. The Big Dinner is a fantastic charity that will really make a difference to the people they work with in Malawi and Zambia. Crime writers' aren't exactly known for their culinary skills so I'm nervously anticipating tasting their creations, hopefully they won't have murdered them!'

## **NOTES FOR EDITORS**

**Bloody Scotland** is Scotland's International Crime Writing Festival and takes place in a number of venues in Central Stirling each September. Established in 2012, the festival aims to showcase the very best Scottish and international crime writing, nurture the next generation of writers through masterclasses and provide opportunities to highlight Scottish crime writing on an international stage. The 2015 Festival runs from 11-13 September 2015 and the full programme will be announced on Wednesday 3 June 2015. Tickets for the Festival are available from [www.bloodyscotland.com](http://www.bloodyscotland.com), by phone on 01786 27 4000, or in person from the Tolbooth Theatre Box Office, Stirling (phone and box office: Tuesday to Saturday 10am-6pm, closed Sunday and Monday). High res images from the festival weekend are available on request.

**The Big Dinner** will happen in hundreds of homes and local restaurants across the country on Saturday 7 March, with a few select dinners broadcast online, including a celebrity dinner hosted by Fred MacAulay. Hosts make an initial donation to register their dinner – and then it's up to them if they go on to charge their guests a fee, ask for donations or leave it open. On the night, you can join the BIG dinner audience online, share your highlights and bid in our auction. With a target of £500,000 the BIG dinner needs a lot of participation. Every dinner counts. If you'd like to find out how you can get involved by hosting your very own dinner – [please click here →](#)

**ENDS**

**Scottish crime writers' are available for comment, interview and photography/filming at the event and in advance.**

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