

## No Trees to Whisper – Book Week Scotland at the Wighton!



From Sheena Wellington of Friends of Wighton :

**We are back! Online but with a very special event to celebrate Book Week  
Scotland**

**Saturday November 21st from 2pm – 3.30pm**

**No Trees to Whisper – the Music of Poetry**

No Trees to Whisper is a song cycle commissioned by soprano and clarinet duo, Turning the Elements who are soprano Frances Cooper and clarinetist Joanna Nicholson.

Poetry workshop led by Dawn Wood.

Be the first audience to hear extracts from this new commission and have the opportunity to work with one of the poets involved, and the musicians, to create a new piece – all from the comfort of your own home, via Zoom!

Dr Samuel Johnson and James Boswell's famous diaries of their Journey to the Highlands and Islands in 1779 were the inspiration for this project, supported by Creative Scotland, with poetry commissioned from Haworth Hodgkinson, Iain Morrison and Dawn Wood, and music by Gemma McGregor, Linda Buckley and Aidan O'Rourke.

Dawn Wood will lead the workshop, delving into some of the ways she finds inspiration for her writing, and sharing some of the poetry she produced for the project. She will use guided meditation techniques to allow participants to access their sensory imagination as they explore aspects of the Scottish landscape and its future. Participants will have the opportunity to produce writing during the workshop, resulting in a collaborative text which will be explored using improvised music by Frances Cooper and Joanna Nicholson.

The workshop is free but places are limited so if you would like to take part in this exciting event, or be part of the audience, please register your interest by email to [secretary@friendsofwighton.com](mailto:secretary@friendsofwighton.com)