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# READING SCOTLAND

**with Billy Kay**

Billy will explore a lifetime of working in the field of promoting Scottish culture, both at home and abroad through his work in radio and television. He will discuss the trials and tribulations of being a prominent advocate for his native language, Scots, and the language's importance in his own sense of identity. Having met and often interviewed many of the great figures in 20<sup>th</sup> century Scottish culture, he will share some of his recollections of poets and writers like Hugh MacDiarmid, Norman MacCaig, Sorley MacLean, William McIlvanney, Iain Crichton Smith, Janice Galloway, Hamish Henderson etc. He will also tell stories collected around the world for his programmes and books on the Scottish diaspora, and do one or two readings from *Born in Kyle*, to give the audience the opportunity to hear contemporary Scots.

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**6.00 – 7.30 pm (German time) on MS Teams**



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