



Shane Dalmedo



Joe Adamberry



Sophie Macdonald



Christina Galliano



Elaine Benzecry
(Headteacher, St Joseph's Lower Primary School)

Thursday 13 Nov

Lightning Talks

🕒 5:30-6:30pm

📍 **The Gibraltar Garrison Library**

Always one of the festival's most popular sessions, the Lightning Talks return in 2025 with a vibrant mix of voices from Gibraltar's artistic and literary community.

Artist Shane Dalmedo shares the inspiration for her children's book on painter Gustavo Bacarisas, while Sophie Macdonald of Patuka Press explores the beauty and playfulness of Llanito writing.

Young poets from St Joseph's Lower Primary School present their poetry project inspired by UK Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, proving that creativity begins at any age.

Christina Galliano offers a heartfelt tribute to her late mother's memoir, *A Rocky Passage to Exile*, a moving recollection of childhood evacuation during WWII.

Joe Adamberry talks about his book where he explores rhythms through poetry as a musician.

Short, sharp, and bursting with ideas, this event showcases the diversity and vitality of Gibraltarian voices.