

## Media Information

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### Ilkley Literature Festival 2010

### Announcement of Poet in Residence Appointments



Antony Dunn has been appointed our new Poet in Residence and Andrew McMillan will be apprentice Poet in Residence.

“It’s a real privilege to be appointed Poet in Residence to the Ilkley Literature Festival. I’m looking forward to making myself at home in the two communities of Ilkley - the year-round community of the town’s residents and trades-people, and the visiting community that rolls into town every October. The Festival does a fantastic job of bringing poets and poetry into the town, and one of the most exciting aspects of my role in Ilkley is to help dig out and display the poets and poetry of the place itself.

I’ll be working with primary-age children, with the more senior members of the population, and everyone in between, in all sorts of unexpected places. And together we’ll be creating a kind of poetic map of the town; its people, its visitors and its landscape.”

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For further information please contact Abbey Vale, Marketing & Sponsorship Director on 07931 533325 or email: [marketing@ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk](mailto:marketing@ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk)

Editors notes:

1. Ilkley Literature Festival was launched by W.H. Auden in April 1973 in one of his last public appearances and each year more than 160 events take place in a variety of venues across the town. There are projects and residencies involving local schools and community organisations across the town and a lively Fringe.

2. Write to, call or email the Ilkley Literature Festival at:

[www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk](http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk)

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3. You can buy tickets for other festival events:

- online via the secure website [www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk](http://www.ilkleyliteraturefestival.org.uk);
- by post through filling in the booking form found in the festival programme;
- by calling the box office on 01943 816714 from September 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday - Friday 10am-4pm, Saturday 10am-1pm
- in person from Ilkley Tourist Information Centre, Station Road; The Grove Bookshop, The Grove