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Speakers unveiled for the IPG's 2023 Spring Conference

The Independent Publishers Guild has revealed the line-up of speakers and opened bookings for the 2023 Spring Conference on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 February.

The Conference in London and online will be packed with 30 different sessions, combining plenaries, streams dedicated to different areas of publishing and workshops. It will host three keynotes from a trio of inspiring experts:

- Back by popular demand, BBC broadcaster, economist and author **Dharshini David**, with an overview of the business, economic and media landscapes
- **David Rowan**, founding editor-in-chief of Wired, setting out technology and innovation trends impacting publishing including Artificial Intelligence
- Leading European affairs commentator **Anand Menon**, with a look at big trading issues and opportunities for UK publishers in a post-Brexit Europe.

The first day of the Spring Conference will also feature a wide range of independent publishing leaders, including Canongate's **Jamie Byng**, Nosy Crow's **Catherine Stokes**, Bloomsbury's **Jenny Ridout** and Gill Books' **Ruth Gill**, who will set the scene for 2023 in the trade, children's, academic and educational sectors.

Guests from the world of retail are led by Waterstones and Barnes & Noble's **James Daunt** and Bookshop.org's **Nicole Vanderbilt**. Other topics under discussion will include smart solutions in the supply chain, author care, the second-hand book market and which books sell best in challenging economic times. The Conference's second morning is set aside for workshops, providing publishers with practical advice on a variety of subjects including online advertising, podcasts, rights, email marketing, management, events, sustainability and accessibility.

The Spring Conference has been revamped for 2023 to optimise accessibility, with content packed into a day and a half and a new venue at London's Shaw Theatre. Online access will also be available. As well as the sessions, there will be free business clinics on issues from finance to sustainability, networking breaks, an Exhibitors Zone with top suppliers and a dinner at the British Library on Monday. [Bookings for the Spring Conference are open now.](#)

IPG chief executive Bridget Shine says: "As we enter another year of major change, challenge and opportunity, it's the perfect time for independent publishers to come together to be inspired and informed. It's one of our biggest and best Conference line-ups yet, and we can't wait to get started."

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