Joe Corrie (1894-1968): Miner, Poet, Playwright
Anniversary Conference

Wednesday 3 October 2018, Auditorium of the Byre Theatre,
Abbey St, St Andrews.

Please join us for a one-day conference marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Joe Corrie, the West Fife miner whose plays, poetry, and fiction give him a prominent place in Scottish working-class writing. His best-known play, *In Time o’ Strife*, which depicts the hardships of a Scottish mining community during the 1926 General Strike, was revived by the National Theatre of Scotland in 2013. Five years later, we are pleased to host the first academic conference devoted to Corrie and his work. This interdisciplinary event brings together poets, playwrights, historians, and scholars of literature. A written version of each presentation will be published in 2019 on a special Joe Corrie website to be produced by the Digital Humanities and Research Computing team of St Andrews University Library.

This project is sponsored by the Institute of Scottish Historical Research as well as the School of English Modern and Contemporary Research Group of the University of St Andrews.

Attendance at this conference is free; however the number of places is limited. Please, email Paul Malgrati to book a seat: peam@st-andrews.ac.uk

**9.00 – 9.30** Coffee and Welcome

**9.30 — 10.30** Local and international perspectives on Joe Corrie

William Hershaw (Cowdenbeath High School), ‘Joe Corrie’s Bairns, A Role for Joe Corrie in the Curriculum for Excellence’.

Dr. Tom Hubbard, (Szechenyi Academy of Arts and Letters, Budapest), ‘From Montsou to Bowhill: Joe Corrie’s Antecedents’.

**10.30 – 10.45** Tea and Coffee
10.45 — 12.15   **Joe Corrie, working-class writer**

Dr. Gavin Bowd, (University of St Andrews), ‘“A Lazy Lout”: Joe Corrie and the Heroism of Labour’.

Dr. Anindya Raychaudhuri (University of St Andrews), *tbc*.

Sarah Leith, (University of St Andrews), 'Now playwrights could be got from the ranks of the working class': Joe Corrie and the 1951 Edinburgh People's Festival.'

12.15 — 1.15   **Lunch**

1.15 — 2.00   **Joe Corrie’s Songs, performed by the ‘Bowhill Players’**

2.00 — 3.00   **In Time O’ Strife**

Dr. Malcolm Petrie, (University of St Andrews), ‘Popular Politics and the Radical Left: The Political Context of In Time O’ Strife’.

Prof. Zinnie Harris, (University of St Andrews): ‘A Playwright’s response to In Time O’ Strife’.

3.30 — 3.45   **Tea & Coffee**

3.45 — 4.45   **Joe Corrie and poetry**

Paul Malgrati, (University of St Andrews), ‘Pits and Plough: Joe Corrie and Robert Burns’.

Prof. Robert Crawford, (University of St Andrews), ‘The Image o’ God’.

4.45-5.00   **End**