

Memoir Pulled: Festival Cancels Ex-MP's Appearance

Summary

The Llandeilo Lit Fest has cancelled an appearance by former MP Jonathan Edwards to discuss his memoir, *Into the Abyss*, despite positive reviews praising its honesty regarding a past domestic incident. **Festival organisers stated the book's content did not align with their values** and could cause distress. **While some support this decision**, others worry it stifles important conversations around accountability and personal struggles in public life, as the memoir is described as a candid reckoning rather than a justification. **Edwards' book explores themes of shame and regret**, gaining readership for its raw portrayal of a public figure's personal breakdown. **The festival maintains its commitment to inclusivity**, but the cancellation raises questions about whose stories are deemed acceptable.

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