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Russell Wardrop
The poverty of Robert Burns

ABSTRACT

Robert Burns was not the “heaven taught ploughman” some claim, nor was he poor. The Bard was well schooled by John Murdoch, under the instruction of his father William. Burns was an educated man. His Kilmarnock Edition and Edinburgh Edition were best sellers that afforded him some fame, and he had a well-paid job as an exciseman.

This lecture will explore the poverty of the physical environment Burns inhabited, the poverty of the society he lived in and the poverty of his own imagination.

What were the consequences of these three for his life and his work, could it have been different and how might does any of it resonate for us in the early 21st century?

BIOGRAPHY

Russell Wardrop is Co-founder and Chief Executive of award-winning Kissing With Confidence, a specialist communication skills training company. He is a dynamic, charismatic speaker who is passionate about communication. Russell works at the highest levels of government, academia and commerce with high performing individuals and teams to make them passionate, charismatic and unforgettable communicators.

LINKS

<https://www.kissingwithconfidence.com>

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**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

Non-members welcome

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East. Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.

Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.