



***HOW TO MAKE YOUR WORK STAND OUT TO AGENTS, EDITORS –
AND READERS!***
RESIDENTIAL MASTERCLASS OPPORTUNITY

This residential masterclass is for those writing fiction and non-fiction for adults or children, who have yet to secure an agent or have their work published. It will cover the traditional routes into publication, what an agent does versus what an editor does, and examine how the process of publishing a book works.

It will cover the essential first page, and what agents and editors are looking for in a submission package. There will be one-to-one time with the residency tutors, during which those selected to attend will have the opportunity to discuss their submitted work and receive tailored feedback on how to strengthen their material. The residency is designed to cover both adult and children's writing.

There will also be lots of opportunity to write in the self-contained accommodation on Cove Park's rural site. Please see ['Cove Tour'](#) on the website.

Cove Park

Cove Park creates year-round residencies in all the art forms for national and international artists, collaborative groups and organisations. It is located on 50 acres of unspoiled hillside overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast, 1 hour from Glasgow. The brand-new Artists Centre is fully accessible, has a library and archive, and is wifi enabled.

Residents stay in a mixture of self-contained, self-catering 'cubes' or 'pods'. The accommodation does not have telephone or wifi signal. There is 1 fully accessible bedroom with ramped access to the Artists Centre.

This residential masterclass weekend is a pilot project and we hope it will form the basis of other residential writing and creative masterclass opportunities.

Dates

Friday 9th November 2018 (4pm) – Monday 12th November (10am).

Application Process

There are 8 places available, and those wishing to take part should submit up to 3,000 words, a cover letter and a synopsis of their work in progress by the deadline of Monday 3rd September 2018 to catrin.kemp@covepark.org.

Costs

The cost of this residential masterclass is £350 which will be payable in advance. Unfortunately there are no subsidised places on this residency, although should writers wish to stay on after the weekend or return at a later date*, they may do so at a subsidised rate.

Tutors

The residential masterclass is run by Scholastic executive editor Genevieve Herr and literary agent for LBA Books, Louise Lamont.

Genevieve Herr

Genevieve's role as Executive Editor at Scholastic involves commissioning fiction for children across all ages and genres, with a particular interest in YA fiction. Her authors have been nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal, the Waterstones Prize, the Branford Boase Award, and the YA Book Prize. Before Scholastic, she was an editor at Walker Books.

Genevieve first came to Cove Park in 2013 as the winner of the Birkbeck / Sophie Warne Memorial prize.

Louise Lamont

Louise joined the literary agency AP Watt Ltd after a brief spell in the world of film development. She worked there for seven years before moving to LBA Books in 2013.

Submissions

This opportunity is open to anyone working in English. Louise and Gen will read all submissions and select 8 people to take part. Successful participants will be notified by 1st October 2018.

Participants will be provided with the full Cove Park Handbook in advance of their arrival, and an introduction to the site and buildings once here. This weekend residential masterclass will include 2 communal dinners but is predominantly self-catering; details relating to travel, food and access will be communicated in advance. Those with accessibility needs are welcome to apply.

Enquiries

Questions should be directed to [Catrin Kemp](mailto:catrin.kemp@covepark.org) (Partnerships Manager) catrin.kemp@covepark.org

Please note: taking part in this residential masterclass does not guarantee future publication, nor that attendees will secure an agent.

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* Masterclass participants can return for a subsidised self-funded residency (£40 p/night) November - February, depending on available space.