



**MAKE A START ON YOUR NOVEL  
RESIDENTIAL MASTERCLASS OPPORTUNITY**

*“I felt super pumped and supported by the end of the weekend – and my writing took off as a result. Hooray!”*

Book Deal Masterclass participant, Nov 2018.

Building on the pilot we ran in 2018, this residential weekend at Cove Park aims to help you get started on that novel - at long last. Together with Scholastic editor Genevieve Herr and LBA Books literary agent Louise Lamont, you will examine different ways to develop a compelling story then use your individual sessions with the residency tutors to receive feedback and ask anything about the publishing process.

The weekend course will:

- Look at the theory of story-telling; ways to motivate and encourage yourself through the writing process, referring to key texts on writing and industry insiders' experience
- Offer close textual analysis looking specifically at character introduction / scene setting / dialogue to better understand what makes successful story-telling tick
- Look at structuring your novel
- There will also be a short writing task assigned

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 Park's website for images of the facilities.

**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.

**Dates**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (4pm) – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (10am).

**Application Process**

There are 7 places available. Those wishing to take part should submit 1

side of A4 describing the idea you wish to explore in your novel by the deadline of Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to [catrin.kemp@covepark.org](mailto:catrin.kemp@covepark.org).

Please include details of your name, address, mobile number, email address and any mobility issues.

### **Costs**

The cost of this weekend residential masterclass is £350 which will be payable in advance. Unfortunately there are no subsidised places on this residency, although should writers wish to arrive a few days early, 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 Genevieve Herr and 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 6 people to take part. Successful participants will be notified by 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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) (Partnerships Manager) [catrin.kemp@covepark.org](mailto: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 (£50 p/night) November 2019 – February 2020, depending on available space.