



**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, as well as opportunities to write in your own time. The residency is designed to cover both adult and children's writing.

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 an outstanding 50-acre site overlooking Loch Long on Scotland's west coast (just 60 minutes from Glasgow by road or rail).

Facilities and Resources

The facilities and resources available include:

- Individual private accommodation (Cove Park's residencies are self-catering and each unit is equipped with its own kitchen)
- The Artists Centre: a shared space including work and meeting spaces, library, archive, communal kitchen, dining area and laundry facilities
- Unlimited access to the 50-acre site
- Two fully accessible accommodation units, with adjoining studios, located at the top of our site and adjacent to the Artists Centre. Please let us know at the point of application, if one of these units would be preferable for you.

Please see www.covepark.org for more information and images of the site and its facilities. Please note that our site is in a rural location and situated on a hill. The Artists Centre and two accessible rooms and studios are both located on top of our site, with direct access from the main car park. Further accommodation units are situated further down the site and are accessible via a farm track and a footpath.

Dates

Friday 27th March 2020 (4pm) – Monday 30th March 2020 (10am).

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 arrive a few days before or stay on after the masterclass weekend, or return at a later date, they may do so at a subsidised rate.*

*Masterclass participants can extend their residency before or after the masterclass, or return for a subsidised self-funded residency at £50 p/night up until the end of April, or from November 2020 to February 2021, depending on available space.

Tutors

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

Genevieve Herr

Genevieve is an editor working across adult and children's books, fiction as well as non fiction. She has worked for Walker Books, Scholastic, Bloomsbury and Hachette amongst others, and her authors have been nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal, the Waterstones Prize, the Branford Boase Award and the YA Book Prize. Her first novel, *A Gift in December*, written under the name Jenny Gladwell, was published in 2019.

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.

Application Process

This opportunity is open to anyone working in English. Louise and Gen will read all submissions and select 8 people to take part.

Those wishing to take part should submit the following:

1. **Contact details:** postal, e-mail and website addresses, phone numbers and how you heard about this call for applications.
2. **Sample of your work:** the first pages of your work-in-progress (up to 3,000 words).
3. **Cover letter:** detailing some of your experience and work so far
4. **Synopsis** of your work-in-progress

Applications must be sent to Rebecca DeWald
rebecca.dewald@covepark.org

Deadline for applications: **Thursday 13 February 2020 (midnight)**

We will acknowledge receipt of your application via e-mail by **Friday 14 February 2020 (close of business)**. This acknowledgement will include a link to our Equality, Diversity & Inclusion monitoring form for completion. If you have not heard from us by this date (after close of business), please contact Rebecca DeWald directly to confirm receipt of your application.

Successful applicants will be notified by **Thursday 27 February 2020** (close of business).

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.

Enquiries

Questions should be directed to Rebecca DeWald at rebecca.dewald@covepark.org

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

In line with our equal opportunities policy we welcome applications from writers irrespective of gender, disability, age, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation. The board and staff of Cove Park are dedicated to artistic excellence and the professional development of individuals and groups working within the arts and creative industries. We are committed to equality, diversity, fairness and inclusion across all art forms.

If adjustments to the above application process would improve this for you, please let us know.

We can accept submissions in audio or video formats if this is preferable to a written statement.

Please note: we will store applications electronically for one year. The data contained within your application will not be used for any purpose other than short-listing, running and evaluating the programme. We will not share your details with any third parties without obtaining permission from you to do so.

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