

Writer's workshops with Author of Our Diligent Souls Emer G.M. Lawless

10.00am - 5.00pm

To book contact authoremerlawless@gmail.com. Course fees for full day are €80 paid in advance, booking essential, register early as there are limited places available.

For further information check out www.emerlawless.com

The workshops are suitable for all ages, for budding writers at any stage of the process. The focus is on novel and short-story, but it is guaranteed to inspire anyone with an inclination or genuine interest in writing.

10.00-10.30 Introduction...A brief synopsis of what is to be covered throughout the day.

The clients are asked to introduce themselves, stating what they hope to get from the workshop and where they are at in the writing process.

10.30-11.00 The importance of structure, creating a framework and corresponding timeline. Having the essential tools to hand.

11.00-11.30 Stretching and minimising the synopsis to get a better feel for the chapter by chapter stage of events. Adapting the storyline for a work in progress.

11.30-11.50 Short break

11.50-12.20 Creating memorable and distinctive characters. Separate storylines, character backgrounds, independent voices, isms, defining body language. Pacing new character introductions

12.20- 12.50 The protagonist drive and anti-protagonist conflict. The use of subterfuge, aversion and story reconciliation.

12.50 -1.50. Break for lunch

1.50-2.20 Creating verve- literary animation, rhythm and pace, intermittent paragraphs of prose.

2.20-2.40 Dialect, attitude, accent, gender roles, dialogue framework and endings.

2.40- 3.10 Sense of place, time and atmosphere, creating subtle substance.

3.10-3.40 Proof-reading and editing options. Pros, cons and pitfalls. On-line support forums and submission opportunities across the field.

3.40- 4.00 Short break

4.00-4.30 Approaching the publishers, end Synopsis, letter of introduction, copyright laws, author's contracts, time frames.

4.30-5.00 Social media for writers, self-publishing options, ISBN numbers, formatting etc.