

Writing Train

with
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The gang's all here!

2018 classes,
workshops &
writing retreats



It's nearly next year, so I thought it might be time I hollered out your way to say: "Get your creativity back on the rails in spring '18, with Writing Train!"

FREE INTRO CLASSES:

I will run 4 x 1.5 hour TASTER WRITING CLASS SESSIONS free of charge on the following dates:

Saturday 6, 13, 20 and 27 January, 2.30 P.M. Buswells' Hotel, D2. If you're interested in trying out my approaches and working out which class this season might be best for you, email yvonesworkshops@gmail.com to book a seat at one of these events.

WHAT I'M OFFERING, THIS TERM, IN GENERAL:

Currently, I am offering a mix of new classes and options to HOP THE TRAIN/ JOIN US in established classes and workshops, where the enthusiasm, confidence and work ethic of your new classmates will pick you up and carry you along! New classes will run for timeframes from 5 to 15 weeks, with occasional 1-day intensives for good measure. Most classes will start late January or early Feb., with further terms beginning from April/ May. Retreats will kick off at the May Bank Holiday (Inishturk), followed by Bofin in June, Turk and Kerry in July, Kerry and Bofin in August and Bofin early Sept.

Upcoming choices:

JANUARY

10: Wednesday night Advanced Workshop Ongoing, accepts new members each term. Has currently one "hop the train" spot for a joiner. Seven meetings left in our current term, 3.5 hour meets, fantastic talent around the table and superb peer-support. Westin Hotel D.2 6.45-10.15. End-date: Feb 28. A great way to try out this advanced workshop.

27: Start to Write / Developing writers' workshop (hybrid class, ongoing, new members welcomed every term to join warm and talented existing crew): Buswells' Hotel, 11.00 – 2.15, Saturdays from 27th January. 8 places max. First come first served here! €280 End –date, 21/4.

28: One-day Kick start your writing (start to write) course. Glathule. 10.30 – 4.45 with lunch break at Peoples' park Market. 8 places max. €100.

30: Developing Writers' Workshop (a natural follow-on if you have attended several Start

being new to my approaches). Westin Hotel, Westmoreland Street, D2. 6.45 p.m.-10.00 p.m. (earlier departures facilitated). 12 weeks. €330. End-date April 24.

31: Kick start your writing 5-week course, Dunlaoghaire, 11.00- 1.30. €140 Ends 28 Feb.

NB: Also check the Irish Writers' Centre 01-8721302 for a Monday Night class with me starting there, late January, date TBC. 10 week course, expected fee €280. If you are a Monday Night IWC veteran and want to continue there with me, please do enquire from I.W.C early in New Year, as class will run based on demand.

FEBRUARY

2 Friday night **Start to Write / Developing writers' workshop** (hybrid class, ongoing, new members welcomed every term to join warm and talented existing crew): Glasthule/Dunlaoghaire venue TBC. 7.00 – 10.00 p.m., 12 weeks, €320. End-date 27 April.

3 Saturday P.M: **Start to Write / Developing writers' workshop** hybrid class, brand new slot – 9 weeks, south City Centre hotel venue. 2.30p.m. – 5.15 p.m. €265. End date: 21 April.

9 8-week Write In the City morning class at NLI café, D.2.10.30 – 2.00 p.m. combining a START TO WRITE class with Dublin-focused and cultural inspiration. 4th outing for this popular course.

11 SUNDAY ONE-DAY POETRY workshop: will suit you if you have work-in-progress to workshop. €100. 10.30 – 5.00 p.m.

MARCH

18 2.30 p.m. FREE TRY-OUT CLASS city centre hotel venue TBC.

21 Wednesday Night Advanced Writing workshop – New term starts. (See January Description, timings and venue). End-date 4 July. €390.

25 SUNDAY ONE-DAY Start your non-fiction project day. €100

APRIL

15 SUNDAY ONE-DAY course: VISION-EDIT YOUR NOVEL with advance reading of 10,000 words €150.

18 Wednesday a.m., 7-week kick starter Start To Write course, Dunlaoghaire venue TBC. Ends May 30.

29 SUNDAY ONE-DAY Writers' think-tank: approach new projects & goals, pick up new habits €100

NB: Please also see IWC timetable for a new class from me beginning in April.

MAY:

4-8 Rossbeigh Kerry writing jaunt for Developing writers (Also offering Guided Retreat option). Special value fee for this shorter course: €525 full board and tuition. Small group – 6 places max.

15 Tuesday Night Writing Train Developing Writers' workshop (details as above) Continuation course, accepting joiners: 7 weeks. €200. End-date: 27 June

27 SUNDAY ONE-DAY Beginners' and Developing Writers' short story and flash fiction course.

JUNE:

1 INISHBOFIN JAUNT including prelim. Weekend at INISH culture festival, followed by 7-day writing course. 1-10 June (4-10 June option also available). Details and fees to follow.

13 Wednesday morning kick-starter Start to Write 4-week city centre café class, venue TBC, End Date July 11. €120 (3 hour sessions with comprehensive materials).

15 Friday night Start to Write / continuation course with room for joiners. 5 weeks €150. End-date 15 July.

JULY

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14 Inishturk Jaunt writing holidays 2 x Developing Writers course and Guided Retreat

AUGUST

18-23- Rossbeigh Kerry Jaunt for beginner writers

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1/9 Inishbofin Jaunt (Start to write 25/8 – 31/8, Developing writer and Guided Retreat 1-8 Sept.)

AUTUMN TERM STARTS Mid-September.

If you like the sound of any of this, email for more info or text 083 8333574. Alternatively, phone hours for this number will be 3-6 p.m. till and including 22nd Dec and from 5 January. Emails and texts will also all reach me and be responded to within 24 hours re special offers and in general within 48 during that time.

A warm and happy Christmas and start to the New Year, everyone! And don't forget to use or pass on your voucher!

Xxx Yvonne

BEGINNER AND DEVELOPING WRITER CLASSES BY DAY*

MONDAY

MONDAY NIGHT **Start to Write in Glasthule** – write and talk writing by the fire in my cottage full of books. Solid steps and lots of fun discussion to get your imagination going. 10 meetings from 29 January till early May. (4 week break to write, during our timeframe, for the month of March).

WEDNESDAY

Developing Writers' Workshop, 6.30 p.m. weekly, Westin Hotel, D 2., 10 meets x 3 hours plus, €300.

FRIDAYS, DAYTIME

FROM HISTORY TO STORY, memoir, non-fiction, historical fiction and essay course (anything, in fact with facts and research at its back): 10 Friday mornings from 26 January to early May with a follow-up term in the summer.

FRIDAY NIGHTS

START TO WRITE Friday nights: HOP THE TRAIN option: Join the most recently convened 10-week Friday night group for its final 5 sessions from Fri 13 Jan. As each weekly meeting stands alone content-wise, you will fit right in to this friendly and enthusiastic group. This is also a great value way to try a class with me. €150 is the fee for joining this one.

(Further new term of 12 meetings for this one starts: Friday 24 Feb. €340)

SATURDAYS

START TO WRITE/ DEVELOPING WRITER morning classes, 10 weeks from Sat. 28 January, (to early May), National Library Cafe. €290. Further new term May 20).

MONTHLY SATURDAY WRITERS' WORKSHOP: one space in this innovative and intensive session, meeting 6 times till autumn 2017. €210 to join at this point. Next meeting Sat 14 January.

(New intake September 2017).

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS, HOP THE TRAIN OPTIONS

ADVANCED WRITING TRAIN workshop – for writers with work in progress in all forms. The best of my guidance, tuition and editing both at vision and copy levels plus support and feedback from a set of gifted peers. (Tues and Weds VENUE: Westin Hotel D2., Thurs. VENUE: Glashule). These workshops are now in progress and HOP THE TRAIN / JOIN US OPTIONS exist here as follows:

Take 10 Tues or Weds night meetings from 17 and 18 January for €300

Take 5 meetings of THURSDAY group from January 12th for €150

(Further terms for all of these workshops will start in March and April, see below).

SUNDAY ONE-DAY events

From MAY 2017: START TO WRITE, START YOUR NOVEL, START YOUR RESEARCH-BASED BOOK, GET INTO POETRY, DEVELOP SHORT FICTION, VISION-EDIT YOUR NOVEL. €100 for each event.

Further start dates, Spring 2017

MONDAY NIGHT START TO WRITE, May 22nd, 8 weeks till 18 Sept., €235.

TUESDAY NIGHT WORKSHOPS, April 25., 10 weeks till Sept. €300.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORKSHOP, April 26. 10 weeks till Sept. €300.

THURSDAY NIGHT ADVANCE WORKSHOP 2 March. 12 weeks till Sept. €340.

(8 weeks to mid-June and a further 4 meetings across the summer to September).

START TO WRITE FRIDAY NIGHTS: From March 24, 12 weeks till Sept.

FRIDAY MORNING, FROM HISTORY TO STORY: 19 MAY, 8 meets.

SATURDAY MORNING START TO WRITE May 20 (6 summer Saturdays across the season to keep you connected to your writing habit!) €170

MONTHLY SATURDAY P.M writing workshop, NEW INTAKE SEPTEMBER 2017. €400 for 10 months.

SUNDAY ONE-DAY events from MAY 2017.

ISLAND (& KERRY) WRITING JAUNTS

JUNE 2017:

VENUE: INISHBOFIN. DURATION: 10-day Jaunt to Inishbofin covering attendance at the fantastic INISH Arts festival and a week-long START TO WRITE and DEVELOPING WRITERS' writing course to follow this. DATES: THURS 1 – SATURDAY 10 June, booking now! (Second option: arrive after Inish and attend writing course Monday – Saturday, sourcing own accommodation (slightly more costly option).

July 2017:

VENUE: INISHTURK: DURATION AND DATES: 8-15 July, Guided writing retreat; 15-22 JULY Start to Write course; 22-29 JULY Guided Writing Retreat and Developing Writers' Workshop.

August 2017:

VENUE: ROSSBEIGH in KERRY, Writing Jaunts: DURATION AND DATES: August 5-12 and 12-19. Start to Write and Guided Writing Retreat combined courses.

SEPTEMBER 2017:

VENUE: BOFIN: Dates: 2-9 Sept.(Guided Writing Retreat) and 9-16 Sept, (START TO WRITE).

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SEPTEMBER 26**

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