



**THE CREATIVE WRITER'S WORKSHOP:
WRITING & WALKING**

on the

ARAN ISLAND OF INIS MÓR

in

**COUNTY GALWAY
IRELAND**

**with
Irene Graham & Dara Ó Maoildhia**

**Mon 5 Sept to Fri 9 Sept 2011
Workshop Code: W119**

Description of Writing Retreat
Workshop Leader: Irene Graham
Walking Guide: Dara Ó Maoildhia
Programme Details
Registration Details

The Creative Writer's Workshop: Writing & Walking on the Aran Island of Inis Mór, County Galway, Ireland

Description of Writing Retreat
Writing & Walking on The Aran Island of Inis Mór

Mon 5 to Fri 9
September 2011

Throughout this week-long Writing and Walking experience on Inis Mór island you will explore the magical landscape of this ancient island as you discover your inner creativity through the medium of writing. We will explore different parts of the island and discover its heritage, myth and sacred sites and be inspired by the mysteries of times past.

Limited to 11 Participants

This is an exclusive residential Writer's Retreat limited to 11 writers. The workshop is open to new and established writers.

The ideal participant will be committed to the writing process and is seeking an experience and in-depth understanding of fiction writing, story creation and personal creativity, coupled with the great outdoors! It is required that the participant is fit and capable of walking two to three hours at a time, sometimes in gently hilly locations.

The writing workshop will evoke your imagination and enhance creativity as you draw upon your own abilities to satisfy your creative expression.

The writing workshop is fun, it is a time to laugh, share and explore creativity and story both individually and collectively - as we experience island life and all that it has to offer.

The writing workshop is interspersed between walks to the ancient sites on the island. The duration of the walks are flexible – 2/3 hours across easy terrain, this is not mountain climbing or hard trekking! The island is about 13 kilometres (apx 8 miles) long and at its widest apx 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) wide, with the walks spread throughout the island so that throughout the week you will get a sense of what this wonderful little island is about.

Using right-brain/left-brain exercises, the creative writing workshops throughout the week will focus upon creativity,

deepening and enhancing your unique writing voice through the *art* of creative writing and the development of story.

You will understand how characters are created, how to develop them and learn techniques to imaginatively incorporate your character into the structure of story. You will also concentrate upon Theme within story and learn how to weave and integrate life experiences into premise for story development.

You will be enthralled by guided walks to the ancient island sites as you listen to mythical stories as told by Dara Ó Maoildhia a great storyteller and Celtic scholar living on Inis Mór.

This workshop is a proven success with new and established writers and will inspire you to *think* like a writer as you develop your abilities to write creatively.

As part of the programme you will experience a pony trap ride and in the evenings just relax and be a part of island life. There will be plenty of time to wander and explore on your own, or just sit and write on your favourite rock as you overlook the rocky and sandy shores of the vast Atlantic Ocean. We will take the time to celebrate together with music and song and unpredictable island magic!

This is a unique opportunity to discover your inner creativity as you connect with the landscape in the peaceful and unspoilt environment of Inis Mór island.

Be inspired.....write your story!!

Irene Graham: Tutor



Irene Graham, founder of **The Creative Writer's Workshop (1991)** studied many genres of writing (Screenwriting, Fiction Writing, Writing for Children, Autobiographical Writing) in the UCLA extension programme in Los Angeles in the late 1980's. Throughout this same period on the west coast Irene studied and trained in complementary methods of learning – particularly cognitive learning skills (Howard Gardner – Multi-Intelligences) and Psycho-synthesis in Education (Roberto Assagioli). Following this study period Irene founded The Creative Writer's Workshop, which is now an internationally renowned writing method and retreat for new and established writers.

In December 2009 Irene launched The Creative Writer's Workshop – Online Writing Classes – LIVE interactive writing classes which includes Story Consultancy for advanced writers. Her Online Writing Classes facilitate and enable international writers to engage in the writing

process on an ongoing basis, from start to completed works of writing, in fiction and creative non-fiction.

Irene is the Author of *The Memoir Writing Workbook* and is currently writing a novel.

**Walking Guide:
Dara Ó Maoildhia**



The walks and visits to ancient sites on the island will be guided by **Dara Ó Maoildhia**, a Celtic scholar living on Inis Mór. Dara lives a spiritual lifestyle close to nature, working the land, and practising hospitality. He is author of the Guide Book to Inis Mór *Legends in the Landscape*. He is also involved with many projects within his own organization Aisling Árann and within the wider island community. Dara is married with four young children.

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in County Galway, Ireland
PROGRAMME**

Mon 5 September to Fri 9 September 2011

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| Monday 5 | 1pm | :Ferry from Rossaveal, County Galway |
| | 1:35pm | :Arrive on Inis Mór Island, County Galway |
| | 2:45pm | :Lunch |
| | 4pm-6:00pm | :Introductions and Walk |
| | 7pm | :Dinner in Village |
| Tuesday 6 | 10am-12pm | :Writing Workshop Part 1 |
| | 12pm-2pm | :Lunch |
| | 2pm- 4pm | :Writing Workshop Part 2 |
| | 7:30pm | : Dinner at Guesthouse |
| Wednesday 7 | 10am to 11am: | Pony Trap Ride |
| | 11am-1pm | : Walk Inis Mor |
| | 1pm-2:30pm | : Lunch |
| | 3pm-5pm | : Writing Workshop, Part 3 |
| | 8pm | : Irish Pub |
| Thursday 8 | 9:30am-11:30am: | Writing Workshop Part 4 |

11:30 to 1:30pm : Walk Inis Mór with Dara Molloy
1:30 to 5:30pm : Free to Write and Explore
5:30pm to 7pm : Writing Part 5: Reading & Discussions
7:15pm : Celebration Dinner

Friday 9

Workshop Closures
Noon: Ferry Departs Inis Mór to Galway

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Registration Details

Accommodation: Accommodation is provided in Kilmurvey House, a magnificent 18th century stone built house recently renovated to the highest standards while keeping the old style charm of the house. All rooms are en-suite. Each participant will have a single room.

Costs Include: *The Creative Writer's Workshop with Irene Graham
*Island Walks with Dara Ó Maoildhia
*Bed & Breakfast (4 nights) in Single en suite accommodation
*3 x Dinners including Celebration Dinner
*3 x Lunches
*Pony Trap Ride
*Transport to & from B&B/Walking Sites/Workshops
*Writing Journal

Cost: €1,295 including Single Room

NOTE: **Participant Partners are welcome to share the Inis Mór experience - without partaking in the Writing Workshop**
ie: Accommodation (sharing room with partner)
Island Walks with Dara Molloy
Meals as outlined above
Pony Trap Ride
Island Transport

At a Rate of €695 euros - extra for 2nd person

To Register: Click on the "Application Form" link on the website – under 2011 Residential Writing Retreats
www.TheCreativeWritersWorkshop.com
or Email: creativewriting@ireland.com
or Telephone: +353 (0)86 2523428

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Payment Terms: Deposit: €400 Euros due upon your receipt of Confirmation of Workshop Availability

Deposit: €550 Euros if Participant is bringing Partner
Payment Balance due by 30 June 2011
Payment in Euros
Confirmation / Payment Details furnished upon
Receipt of Application Form
Workshop Booking Guaranteed upon Receipt of Workshop Deposit

- Costs do not include:** *Airfares & Insurance
*Bus Fare :Galway City to Rossaveal, Galway €7 euros Return
*Ferry Fare: Rossaveal to Inis Mór €25 Euros Return
(Bus & Ferry Fare subject to change)
*Other meals as required
*Bicycle Hire (optional)
- Ferry Times:** Bus Journey from Merchant Road, Galway City to Rossaveal,
County Galway - Duration: 45 Minutes
Ferry Departs Rossaveal: Monday 5 Sept
Duration: 35 Minutes
- Transport:** Transport Options & Timetables for Coach / Train etc from Dublin
Airport & Shannon Airport to Galway will be supplied upon booking
- Workshop Cancellation:** €400 Euros Handling Fee will be retained
60 Days Notice – 60% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee
59-30 Days Notice – 45% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee
29-21 Days Notice – 40% refundable of paid amount, less handling fee
- Insurance:** No liability whatsoever is accepted for injury, illness or loss
of personal effects or property. Please obtain your own personal
insurance appropriate to your requirements prior to travel and workshop
commencement.
- Packing List:** Small Backpack
Swimgear of course!
Wet Gear – Raincoat!
Small Flashlight
Strong Shoes/Boots for Walking
Sun Hat ! Rain Hat !
Pens to Write!

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