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St Patrick's College
Drumcondra
Dublin 9

(A College of Dublin City
University)

Writer-in-Residence

English Department, St Patrick's College Drumcondra

2011-2012

Applications are invited from writers of the short story in English for the post of John McGahern Writer-in-Residence hosted by St Patrick's College Drumcondra. The post is tenable from the second semester of the Academic Year 2011-2012.

The Position:

The John McGahern Writer-in-Residence will work as a member of the English Department. Drawing on the individual writer's strengths and writing interests, s/he will offer creative writing workshops to Third Year B.A. students of English and give public and seminar readings, as appropriate.

S/he will support the College's creative writing community, and will further the College's local and national links through public readings and by participating in literary events. This residency will also offer the successful writer a valuable opportunity to develop his/her own creative writing within a supportive educational environment.

Principal Duties & Responsibilities:

The successful applicant will undertake circa 8 Workshops for 3rd Year B.A. Students, hold one-to-one meetings with students, contribute one public reading for the John McGahern Evening, one Reading to the MA in Children's Literature & Readings for 1st year and 2nd Year B.A. and B.Ed. Irish Writing courses. In addition, the successful applicant will engage, as required, in setting and marking course work, setting and marking examinations, and be available for student consultation.

The College

Established in 1875 as a Catholic teacher training college, St Patrick's College is one of the major Colleges of Education in Ireland. It offers a range of Education and Humanities programmes, including BEd, BA, Graduate Diploma in Education, MEd, MA (Taught and Research), PhD and EdD as well as programmes in Special Education. Staff are organised into two faculties – Education and Humanities.

Since 1993, the College has been a linked College of Dublin City University and it is the University that accredits all its programmes. Staff and student numbers have increased substantially in recent years. At present, the number of students is over 2,500 and the number of full time academic staff is approximately 120. In addition to the main buildings, the campus also houses student residences, the Educational Research Centre, the Drumcondra Education Centre, a primary school and a crèche. A major new building programme, which will substantially enhance teaching and other facilities in the college, is expected to commence shortly.

The Department

The English Department is an innovative, dynamic department, committed to excellence in teaching and research. There are currently seven full-time members of staff in the department. The department offers Academic, Professional and Curriculum English courses in the BEd programme, Academic English courses in the BA (Humanities) degree and a curriculum English course in the Graduate Diploma in Education programme. Two highly successful taught MA programmes are offered by the Department – one in Children’s Literature and one in Theatre Studies. The supervising of research degrees at Master’s and Doctoral level is central to the work of the department. The Department is also responsible for The Centre for Children’s Literature and the Repertory Theatre.

The Department’s research record includes a wide variety of publications on topics such as Irish writing, children’s literature, popular literature and many aspects of Irish and international theatre.

Writer-in-Residence Salary

The payment to the successful candidate will be €7,000.

The writer-in-residence will be provided with living accommodation on campus. A workstation, computer and library facilities will also be made available.

Application

To apply for the Writer-in-Residence, applicants should submit a letter of application describing the applicants experience in educational settings with a Curriculum Vitae by:

12 noon, Friday 9th December 2011 to:

*Human Resources Department
St Patrick’s College
Drumcondra
Dublin 9.*

Applicants may be interviewed as part of the selection process

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