

## Mayo Arts Service, Mayo County Council

### **Write Now 2018 – a speed dating writing event for Mayo writers.**



- *Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of December, Castlebar.*
- 20-mins Mentoring slots: 11.30 -3pm
  - Networking Opportunity: 3-4pm
- Open Mic (for participants): 4 -6pm

*Write Now 2018* is an initiative of Mayo Art Service. This event affords Mayo Writers the opportunity of 20-minute speed dating type mentoring slots with a **Poet**, a **Playwright**, a **Screenwriter**, a **Short story writer**, a **Novelist** and a **Publisher**. Write Now 2018 takes place in Castlebar on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

There are three elements to the event. The day starts off at 11.30 with the writers' speed dating event, which is followed by a networking opportunity and the day concludes with an open mic.

*The line-up of professional writers/mentors are;*

- *Poet **Geraldine Mitchell**;*
- *Playwright **Mick Donnellan**,*
- *Screenwriter **Pierce Ryan**,*
- *Short Story Writer **Geraldine Mills**,*
- *Publisher **Maríel Deegan** (New Island Books)*
- *Novelist **Mia Gallagher**.*

This is an opportunity for established or budding Mayo writers to come along and gain the expertise of our mentor panel of writers. Each writer/mentor has various writing requirements for their session which are outlined in this document. Those wishing to attend the mentoring slots can avail of mentoring from **two** of the writers/mentors.

This is a free event, but booking is required to avail of the mentoring speed dating slots. Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, with limited availability so please book your slot as soon as possible

**Date:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
**Venue:** Lough Lannagh Holiday Village, Castlebar.  
**Time:** Mentoring Speed dating slots run for 20 mins segments from 11:30 – 3pm  
Followed by a Networking opportunity over finger food 3-4pm  
Followed by an Open Mic –4 -6pm  
Those attending mentoring slots can book a 5 mins segment to read (limited availability). All welcome to attend Open mic but performance is reserved for those who availed of the mentoring slots and the Writing Mentors.

### **Booking Information:**

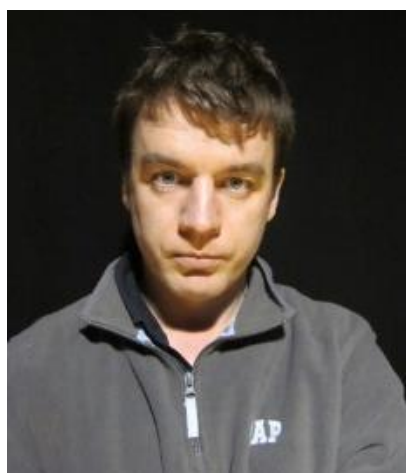
Please contact the Arts Service to book places via:

Email [mayoarts@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoarts@mayococo.ie) Tel: 094 90 64367/094 90 643



**Poet Geraldine Mitchell** is a Mayo-based writer whose most recent collection of poetry, *Mountains for Breakfast*, was published by Arlen House in 2017. She is a Patrick Kavanagh Poetry Award winner and the recipient of Arts Council and Mayo Arts Office awards. Her previous collections are *World Without Maps* (2011) and *Of Birds and Bones* (2014).

***Those wishing to avail of a 20 mins mentoring slot with Poet Geraldine Mitchell should contact Mayo Arts Service to book their place. You will need to submit three poems to Mayo Arts Service by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November and Geraldine will select one to work on during the mentoring session.***



**Playwright Mick Donnellan** is from Ballinrobe. His Theatre Company is Truman Town Theatre. He has written and produced six Plays which sold out nationally and to great acclaim. His most recent Play Radio Luxembourg was bought by a London film company (Dixon/Baxi/Evans) and adapted for the screen.

***Those wishing to avail of a 20 mins mentoring slot with Playwright Mick Donnellan should contact Mayo Arts Service to book their place. You will need to submit a max of 10 pages from your play. Playwrights should have a synopsis ready to discuss during the mentoring slot. Work to be submitted to Mayo Arts Service by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.***



**Screenwriter Pierce Ryan** has written two feature films and several award winning short films. His latest film is *Black '47*, a revenge western set during the Irish famine. Pierce's previous feature film was the romantic comedy, *Standby*, released in 2014. Amongst the awards won by the short films written by him are the 2010 IFTA and 2006 Celtic Film and Television awards for best short film.

***Those wishing to avail of a 20 mins mentoring slot with Screenwriter Pierce Ryan should contact Mayo Arts Service to book their place. You will need to submit the first 30 pages of a feature screenplay. Work to be submitted to Mayo Arts Service by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.***



**Short Story Writer Geraldine Mills** is an award-winning short story writer published nationally and internationally. She has published three short story collections. She has been the recipient of many awards and prizes to include: The Hennessy Sunday/Tribune Emerging Fiction Award and the overall New Irish Writers Award.

***Those wishing to avail of a 20 mins mentoring slot with Short Story Writer Geraldine Mills should contact Mayo Arts Service to book their place. You will need to submit a short story you are working on to a maximum of 2000 words (not a synopsis). Work to be submitted to Mayo Arts Service by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.***



**Publisher Mariel Deegan** is General Manager of New Island Books. New Island commissions in the areas of both crime and literary fiction, and general interest non-fiction, particularly history, biography and memoir, and humour. They aim to give a platform to promising debut writers like June Caldwell and Oisín Fagan, as well as providing a stable home for established authors such as Dermot Bolger, Julie Parsons and Carlo Gébler.

***Those wishing to avail of a 20 mins mentoring slot with Publisher Mariel Deegan should contact Mayo Arts Service to book their place. You will need to submit 15 pages of your work to Mayo Arts Service by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.***



**Novelist Mia Gallagher** is the critically acclaimed author of two novels: *HellFire* (Penguin Ireland, 2006), awarded the Irish Tatler Literature Award 2007, and *Beautiful Pictures of the Lost Homeland* (New Island, 2016), longlisted for the 2016 Republic of Consciousness Award. She is a contributing editor to the *Stinging Fly* and in 2018 was elected as a member of Aosdána.

***Those wishing to avail of a 20 mins mentoring slot with Novelist Mia Gallagher should contact Mayo Arts Service to book their place. You will need to submit 15 pages of a novel in progress to Mayo Arts Service by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.***

