A LETTER FROM MAIRE HOLMES KERRY WRITER IN RESIDENCE 2020

July 2nd 2020

Dear Poets and Writers of all ages and stages,

The original plan was to meet for a ‘one to one’ or visit writers’ clubs and to have a public performance space for the resultant work in ‘*echoes from a one to one’.*

Due to health and safety reasons and the unpredictable nature of the current pandemic; a change is taking place.

The good news is the ‘one to one’s’ will continue by way of emails, phone or post. it means that I can read your work and if appropriate or applicable, recommendations will be made– which are of course optional for the poet or writer, after their own careful consideration.

**CONTACT HOURS: 9.30- 5.30p.m. MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY**

1. All emails will be dealt with in sequence.
2. Phone calls will be answered between 9.30.am. to 5.30 p.m. 091 553675
3. Please do not contact me by mobile phone as the line is unsatisfactory and engaging with texts can lead to a lack of clarity.
4. It is preferable to send work that you feel you have some difficulty with- or even questions about getting started!
5. If you have a specific question, state that question in relation to the enclosed work.
6. As a considerable volume of work is anticipated; allow a few days for a reply. Acknowledging emails on receipt is not practical. All emails and enclosed doc will be noted, and you will hear from me immediately after I have read your work.
7. For writers working in or outside the home, emails are welcome at any time and will be dealt with in the normal way, within a few days or earlier, depending on the volume of work.
8. While excerpts from novels and stories are welcome, if you feel the work is ready for publication it is advisable to research suitable publishers and outlets.
9. I cover Irish or English language: Screen plays, stage plays, radio plays and all disciplines are welcome. Fiction or nonfiction, children’s stories or prayer books- all creative works will be read. Each writer will be dealt with individually.
10. As I will not be giving ’homework’- it is not necessary to send any amendments of drafts.

And on a personal note I hope you are all coping well in these changing times and getting some extra time to write!

Thank you! To Kerry Co Council, Creative Ireland and the Trustees of Muckross House and to all of you whom I hope to see in due course.

**Máire**

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