Writer in Residence Programme with Selina Guinness

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is delighted to announce Selina Guinness as the new writer in residence for 2015-16.

Selina Guinness is a writer, editor, lecturer and farmer. She was born in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and continues to live and work in the county.  She lectures in English literature in the Humanities Department at IADT, and also farms sheep at Tibradden in the Dublin Mountains. Her memoir about life at Tibradden, *The Crocodile by the Door*, was published by Penguin Ireland in 2012, and shortlisted for the Costa Book Awards 2012 (Best Biography), and the Bord Gáis Energy Awards 2012 (Best Newcomer). During the residency she will be working on her new novel.

The Pale Project:

Throughout her residency Selina will be working on *The Pale Project*.

We all know where we live but we don’t always get the chance to consider what it means to inhabit a place, and how it might shape us. *The Pale Project* aims to do just that. In a series of dedicated workshops, lectures and public events, this year’s residency will focus on dwelling and thinking in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

*The Pale Project* is open to all: young and old; temporary, new and established residents, the able-bodied and able-minded, and those who feel less so. Together, we’ll undertake a fresh approach to writing by becoming active explorers of our everyday lives.

The writer-in-residence invites applications from writers, artists, historians, walkers, readers and idlers to join this different and exciting series of workshops. Participants will choose their own DLR territory to act as their ‘Pale’. This could be a park or an estate, an institution or a set of streets, a mountain or a pier. It doesn't have to be where you live. What’s important is that you enjoy documenting the way life is lived and dreamed there in jokes, stories, images, eccentric maps, songs, walks, catalogue entries, byelaws, and good conversations. These explorations will be carefully guided by a series of small tasks, and supported by readings and guest lectures.

For further information on what’s involved and how to apply, please contact cbrown@dlrcoco.ie or (01) 236 2760