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Inspiring Place Inspiring Words

Project Evaluation

Date 10th November 2023
Malvern Priory



INSPIRING PLACE INSPIRING WORDS

A CREATIVE WRITING DAY LED BY CRAVE ARTS



A one day workshop for those seeking ideas and inspiration. You will take part in both individual and group work in the beautiful surroundings of Great Malvern Priory. For writers of all disciplines. No previous experience needed. For more information please contact Steve at craveartsbusiness@gmail.com

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Date -Friday 10th November 2023 from 10am to 4pm
Cost £15 or £10 concessions.. To find out more email
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Background to the project

This was our third year of running workshops as part of Feast. We felt that it was a great opportunity to work with Malvern Priory as part of the outreach work of the Feast Festival.

The workshop was advertised as part of the Festival's marketing and the bookings came from personal contact from Crave Arts as well as Feast.

The Priory were keen that we used their building and were kind enough not to charge us for the space.

We were keen to have another writer with us and were delighted when Tiffany Hoskins from Reaction Theatre put us in touch with the Worcestershire Poet Sarah Leavesley. From early discussions it was clear that Sarah was going to be a real asset for the workshop.

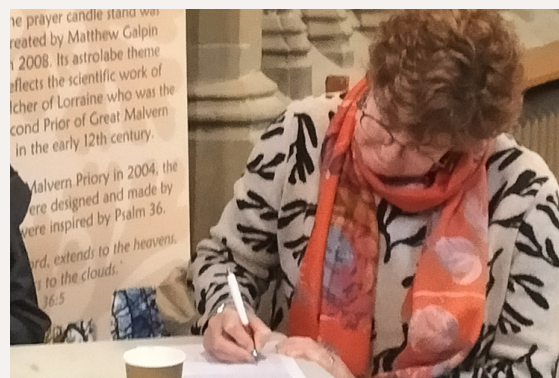


The Workshop

Six people attended on the day. This was a little lower than we hoped but gave us time to listen more to the writers and give more detailed feedback.

Steve and Sarah planned the workshop meticulously. The day itself consisted of writing games and exercises with plenty of time for the writers to both listen and also respond to the various prompts. Steve and Sarah gave individual exercises but also worked together on joint activity. We also had a tour of the Priory by one of the guides which was especially inspiring and got us talking about faith as well as looking at some of the individual features of the building.

Tea and Coffee flowed throughout the day. Writers were given time to write in more depth and the day finished with readings from the writers. All of the six attendees wrote something on the day and we finished the day with discussions about career development and writing opportunities.



Feedback

Participants

'I loved the history of The Priory'

'It was amazing'

I really enjoyed the workshop and hope to explore the work further'

'I really enjoyed a longer workshop and to have more time to think'

'There were interesting prompts and exercises'

'I had a bit of a crisis in confidence as a writer and this has helped regain my confidence'

Sarah Leavesley

'Working with Steve Wilson and Crave Arts on the Inspiring Place, Inspiring Words creative writing day at Great Malvern Priory was a great experience. Steve and Crave Arts were very supportive and open to the kind of workshop exercises I wanted to do. The setting was beautiful, with a wide range of wonderful work written and shared by the writers from workshop material combined with inspiration from the priory. It was amazing to be part of such an enjoyable, friendly and creative day'

Anne from Malvern Priory

'The project has really grown from previous years.

We didn't expect to have such a big audience for the show.

It was great to see new writing at The Studio Theatre.

There were no negatives, it was a great success'