

Introduction

The Patrick Kavanagh Centre is the venue for this weekend of poetry workshops in which acclaimed poet and author, Noel Monahan, will direct participants.

The Centre which is dedicated to Patrick Kavanagh, one of Ireland's best loved poets is located in the picturesque and tranquil village of Inniskeen which nestles among the Monaghan drumlins. Over the centuries, this ancient landscape has been an inspiration for legends and a home to poets and proved to be such a rich source of inspiration for Patrick Kavanagh, prompting him to 'dabble in verse'.

The locale hasn't changed since Kavanagh's time, providing the perfect backdrop for this weekend of literary activity.

This weekend course is suitable for both beginners and those who have written some poetry.

The programme will deal with all aspects of Poetry writing. Starting with the initial stirring of a poem (first inspiration), the workshop will cover such headings as:

The line as a basic unit of a poem.

The outline of images.

The mass of language: Words : Syllables

Rhythm and line breaks

Editing a poem

The final form of a poem

Getting your poetry published

The Workshop will take each participant's poems and assist with the editing of the same.

Saturday 17^h April

9.30am Registration

10am Workshop 1

12.30pm Lunch

2pm-5pm Workshop 2

Sunday 18th April

11am Workshop 3

12.30pm lunch

1.30pm Depart Inniskeen

NOEL MONAHAN

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Noel Monahan's literary awards include: The Sea Cat National Poetry Award, organized by Poetry Ireland, the RTE P. J. O'Connor Drama Award, The ASTI Achievements Award, The Hiberno-English Poetry Award and The Irish Writers' Union Poetry Award. His poetry is prescribed text for the Leaving Certificate English, due for examination in 2011 and 2012. *Curve of The Moon*, Noel Monahan's fifth collection of poetry will be published in April by Salmon Poetry.

His other collections of poetry include: *Opposite Walls, Snowfire, Curse of the Birds and The Funeral Game*, all published by Salmon. His most recent play, *The Children Of Lir*, was performed by Livin' Dred Theatre. Noel Monahan holds an MA in Creative Writing.