

Storywork - a weekend exploring narrative practice

When is it? Where is it? How much?

The weekend will happen from 25-27 November 2016 at the Corrymeela Centre. The weekend will run from 6.30pm on Friday to 2pm on Sunday. The address is: The Corrymeela Community, 5 Drumaroan Road, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim BT54 6QU. The weekend costs £100 for a shared room and £120 for some (very limited availability) single occupancy rooms.

How can I get there?

You can drive (and offer a lift to others too) - we have plenty of parking. In the week leading up to the training we will check if folks have spaces in their car to offer lifts from where they are traveling.

Please make plans to arrive no earlier than 5pm on the first day.

You can get a bus to Ballycastle, and we can pick you up after 5.30pm.

Who is it for?

We are offering this weekend for anyone who is involved in using narrative methodologies for their practice: researchers, congregation leaders, ordained ministers of faith, community development workers, healthcare professionals, team leaders, managers and anyone else who can use narrative methodologies in their practice.

Who will run it?

The weekend will be run by Sara Cook and Pádraig Ó Tuama. Sara Cook brings 13 years of narrative practice to her work. Originally from the United States, she has lived in Northern Ireland since the early 2000s. A social worker and sociologist by training, Sara has developed storytelling and dialogue methodologies, facilitated a multitude of storytelling weekends and workshops, and worked with groups to discuss the application of narrative practice in both academic and community sectors. Pádraig Ó Tuama is a poet, theologian and leader of the Corrymeela Community. He was poet in residence with Corrymeela for eight years and has worked extensively with narrative methodologies for the past decade. With his partner Paul Doran he started the popular storytelling event Tenx9 in Belfast.

What is the schedule for the weekend?

Our retreat will have time for narrative practice, exploring theory, discussing application in your place of work, stories over mealtimes and stories in groups. A schedule is outlined below. Additionally, Corrymeela is in a beautiful location and you will have time for exploring.

Friday evening

Arrival from 5pm, meal at 6.30pm

8pm-9.30 Session 1

Saturday

9.30-1 Sessions 2 & 3

Lunch

4pm Session 4

Dinner

7.30 Session 5

Sunday

9.30-12.30 Session 6 and feedback followed by Lunch.

Can I come for just one session?

Our practice is to do everything within the context of a shared group, and as such this weekend is not designed for people to attend only one session.

What is the Corrymeela Community?

The Corrymeela community was founded in 1965 as a response to the growing community tensions in Northern Ireland. Now it encompasses a residential centre, an urban office, staff and volunteers working across multiple projects - education, community, faith and youthwork. The Corrymeela Community also exists as a community of faith, with a membership of 150 who commit to "embracing difference, healing division and enabling reconciliation" in their daily lives - through prayer, work at Corrymeela events, and support of initiatives that help make a world of difference.

To book or ask further questions, please email belfast@corrymeela.org