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Workshop for aspiring Selwyn writers

Selwyn District Council and novelist and publisher Jenny Howarth have teamed up to offer another free writers workshop. The workshop is focused on teaching aspiring Selwyn writers how to create readable fiction.

The workshop will be held at the Lincoln Event Centre on Wednesday 16 November at 6.30pm and will cover how to create characters, get inspiration for stories and will also provide an insight on how authors create their characters and settings.

The Selwyn Writers Network was established in February this year and now has around 50 members. Since forming, members have attended workshops and meetings organised by the council.

“Our last workshop with Jenny was very popular with Selwyn writers, I received a lot of positive feedback on how useful it was. The workshop was at maximum attendance - which was a fantastic sign that we are doing the right thing. This next workshop is to help develop writers’ skills further, this follows on from the needs research done earlier this year with Selwyn writers,” says Rachael Inch, Selwyn District Council Arts Advisor.

Jenny Haworth owns Wily publications and is a novelist, non-fiction writer and journalist with a Master’s degree in History. She has a life-long love of history and the arts. Jenny set up Wily Publications as a way to help newer writers gain publication. Jenny’s publications include *The Art of War: New Zealand war artists in the field 1939-1945*, *Hooked: the Story of the New Zealand fishing industry* and *The Road's the Mode: The Story of New Zealand's Road Transport Industry*.

The workshop will run for around two hours and is free to attend, however registration is essential. To register your interest please email arts@selwyn.govt.nz by 26 October 2016.

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