



Creative Writing & Arts Programme

SOUTH WEST WRITERS MENTORING PROJECT

Applications are invited for a new mentoring project to run from March 2010 for 18 months. Selected applicants will be mentored by one of our two Writers-in-Residence, **Paul Dodgson** or **Clare George**, receiving support which could include telephone, email, one-to-one meetings, and day-long seminars at the University of Exeter.

This is **NOT** a reading service to edit your book prior to submission to agents, but is to offer you advice and support at this crucial stage in your writing. We will host a public reading/event at the end of the programme.

TEN places are available to authors **currently living permanently in the SW region** and who are writing a **novel**, a collection of **short stories**, or a work of **memoir, biography** or **autobiography** only. Application is open* and is by submission of:

- a one-page synopsis of your current work-in-progress;
- an extract from this work-in-progress, of no more than 2,500 words;
- a statement of intent as to what you hope to get out of the mentoring relationship;
- a 2 page CV showing some track record of published work or literary activities;
- proof of permanent residence in the SW region.

* Students currently enrolled on a recognised CW programme are **not** eligible to apply.

All decisions are final and non-negotiable, made by a panel of the Writers-in-Residence and the Programme’s Steering Group, including an Arts Council representative.

Paul Dodgson is a well-known writer-producer/director. He has made and written over 400 programmes for BBC Radio 4 and 3, and is a freelance writer for television, radio and stage, as well as a published short story and life writer himself.

Clare George is the author of two novels, *The Evangelist* (Sceptre, 2005) and *The Cloud Chamber* (Sceptre, 2003). Her short stories have been broadcast on BBC Radio 4.

Please send your application, WITH AN SAE FOR REPLY, to: The Creative Writing Programme, Department of English, Queen’s Building, Queen’s Drive, University of Exeter, Devon EX4 4QH

CLOSING DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2010