

Press Release from Winterset in Summer Literary Festival
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Literary Festival to introduce Writer in Residence Program.

The Winterset in Summer Literary Festival today announced a pilot project to provide a Writer-in-Residence program for the month of August, 2012.

The writer will be based in Eastport and applications will be restricted to writers living in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Kathy Hodder, Chair of the Winterset in Summer Board of Directors, says this new project fits the organization's mandate to celebrate and promote Newfoundland & Labrador writers. "We are pleased to offer local writers the opportunity to apply for a one-month position to work on their personal writing and with the public and other aspiring writers through community outreach."

Hodder noted that to celebrate the Festival's tenth anniversary in 2011 novelist Lisa Moore had been commissioned to adapt her critically-acclaimed novel February into a theatrical work. She said "The Writer in Residence program is another example of innovation for the Festival and one of a series of outreach programs the Festival hopes to implement over the next few years".

The Winterset in Summer Literary Festival is held annually in Eastport, with the aim to foster interaction among all participants, and to provide improved public access to established and new Newfoundland and Labrador writers and other artists in a spectacular rural setting. The 2012 Festival will be held August 10 to 12, 2012.

The application deadline is December 31, 2011. For more information on the project, go to www.wintersetinsummer.ca for a copy of the Call for Applications or contact Kathy Hodder at info@wintersetinsummer.ca.