

YOU'VE GOT A STORY TO TELL!

A FREE WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY QUIRK-E THE QUEER IMAGING AND RITING KOLLECTIVE FOR ELDERS

September 19th 10am to 2 pm, Britannia Family Education Centre, at Napier St. and Commercial Drive, Vancouver.

MEMOIR with Dr Claire Robson



A widely published writer, Dr Claire Robson has authored two books, *Love in Good Time*, a memoir, and *Writing for Change*, a text on memoir as community activism, and has co-edited *Basically Queer: An Intergenerational Introduction to LGBTQA2S+ Lives*. Her short stories and poetry have appeared in many literary journals; she has edited three collections of fiction and is working on a third. Her research, which is ongoing, investigates the capacity of arts practices to build community, navigate identity, and generate social change.

Lessons Learned

How and where did you learn what you know? Where did your values come from? What made you into you?

Whether we write about our memories of school, home, playground, or back street games, our education and schooling provide rich material for memoir writing. In this four-hour workshop, we'll write about what we learned (or refused to learn, or resisted learning) when we were young.

- All are welcome, regardless of age, chosen gender identity, writing experience and background, ethnicity, educational background, or sexual orientation. No previous experience is required to attend this workshop
- there will be a range of writing exercises and prompts
- revising and refining the work produced will give each participant a polished piece of writing (all genres, including graphics, poems, plays, prose, are acceptable)
- Participants will be invited to work on sending in this piece, proof read and edited, for publication in an edited collection

Call Britannia Community Centre to register at 604-718-5800. Space is limited. There will be snacks, but bring a bag lunch with you and something to write with and on.



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