

# Write Fiction For *The "Friend"*

So many people say they'd love to be a writer, but aren't sure how to get started. Now here's your chance to learn from the experts. Whether you're a complete beginner or already have some experience, you'll enjoy every minute of our hands-on story writing workshops taking place this September in Dundee and York.

Visit our new headquarters in Dundee!



**SHIRLEY BLAIR** is Fiction Editor of the "Friend" and is also a published author in her own right. She loves to help promising new writers develop their skills and can call on over forty years' experience in magazine fiction to help you achieve success.



**KATE BLACKADDER** remembers the thrill of her first "Friend" story being published in 2006. Her favourite part of the writing process is when she feels her characters coming to life and their story begins to take shape. Her top tip is to read your work aloud.

**The People's Friend Story Writing Workshop**  
Please complete this coupon and send it to **The People's Friend Story Workshop, D.C. Thomson & Co. Ltd., 2 Albert Square, Dundee, DD1 9QJ.**

Event	Price	No	Total
Short story writing workshop, Dundee: Sept 21	£85		
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**For Your Information**

To book, fill in the coupon on this page and send it, together with your cheque or postal order, to the address shown.

Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. All attendees will be sent a letter confirming their booking.

The workshops will be held at our new headquarters, D.C. Thomson & Co. Ltd., 2 Albert Square, Dundee, DD1 9QJ, and at Premier Inn, 20 Blossom Street North, York, YO24 1AJ.

Lunch is not included but both venues are in the central area.

Tickets cost £85 per person. Tea/coffee included.

**Your Day**

10 a.m. Tea/coffee and introductions  
 10.30 a.m. Talk: Shirley Blair on writing for the "Friend"  
 11.30 a.m. Tea/coffee break  
 11.45 a.m. Talk: guest author on where to find inspiration and how to develop ideas  
 12.30 a.m. Exercise: themes

**LUNCH BREAK 1 till 2.**

2 p.m. Exercise: creating strong characters  
 2.30 p.m. Talk: guest author on structuring your story  
 3.15 p.m. Tea/coffee break  
 3.30 p.m. Talk: nuts and bolts and practical tips  
 4.15 p.m. Questions  
 4.30 p.m. Finish