



The workshops will be led by the author Russell Celyn Jones who is Professor of Creative Writing at Birkbeck College, University of London

He holds an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop in the USA. He is the author of seven novels. His first novel, *Soldiers and Innocents* was serialised in six parts on BBC Radio 4 and won the David Higham Prize, and his sixth novel *Ten Seconds from the Sun* won the Weishanhu Prize in China for the best foreign novel in translation.

He has been a freelance feature writer for the Observer, Guardian, Independent, Sunday Times and other major publications, and a staff reviewer on The Times for over ten years. He has travelled for the British Council in South Africa, China and Romania. Prizes he has judged include the Man Booker Prize, The Royal Society of Literature Ondaatji Prize and the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize.

He chairs the annual [Man Booker event at Birkeck](#), in conversation in front of an audience of over 1000 with authors such as Sarah Waters, Kazuo Ishiguro, Alan Hollinghurst, Hilary Mantel, Ali Smith, Julian Barnes.