**Kildare Library Services Short Story Workshops: Hazel Gaynor.**

10 Participants Max: (Over 18's only and not suitable for beginners. Participants must sign up for both workshops)

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| **Branch** | **June Workshop** | **July Workshop** |
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| Maynooth: 01 6285530 | Saturday 6th: 10:30 am | Saturday July 18th: 10:30pm |
| Leixlip: 01 6060050 | Saturday 13th: 10:30 am | Thursday July 2nd: 7:00pm |
| Celbridge: 6272207 | Saturday 20th: 10:30 am | Thursday July16th: 7:00pm |
| Rathangan: 045 528078 | Saturday 27th: 10:30 am | Thursday July 23rd: 6:45pm |

**The Competition**: These workshops will prepare participants to enter their work in the inaugural Kildare Readers Festival Short Story Award. The theme for Hazel's workshops and for this year's competition relates to **journeys**, with stories either focused on or loosely based on that theme. Hazel's novel, THE GIRL WHO CAME HOME, inspired by true events, poignantly blends fact and fiction to explore the Titanic tragedy's impact and its lasting repercussions on survivors and their descendants, so Hazel will have lots of tips for participants!

**Maximum Length:** Up to2000 words

**Closing Date for Competition entries**: Monday, August 31st.

**Entries to be sent via email** to krf@kildarecoco.ie and marked **'Short Story Comp Theme Journey'**

**Postal entries can be addressed to:**

Caroline Farrell, Maynooth Community Library, Main Street, Maynooth, County Kildare

**Winners Announced**: Maynooth University Library KRF Fringe Event - Tuesday 13th October

**Prizes:** Winner - €300. Two Runner-up Prizes of €100 each

**Hazel Gaynor** lives in Kildare and is the author of New York Times best seller *The Girl Who Came Home* which is also the RNA Historical Romantic Novel of the Year. Her new novel is *The Memory of Violets.* She was also the recipient of the Kildare County Arts Cecil Day Lewis Award for Emerging Writers in 2012.