## Easyreadwrite

Reader/Writer Service for Individuals and Groups

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I have been teaching English and History for over thirty years and have enjoyed working with mature students on Creative Writing and Reading Workshops. Easyreadwrite allows me to combine my love of language and desire to help people retain and develop the interest and passion they have in reading and writing as they age. Engaging with language will help prevent and delay the onset of conditions such as Dementia and Alzhimers. My service will also enrich the lives of lifelong readers and writers by stimulating their interest in well loved and new authors, poets and dramatists.

I tailor my programme to suit the needs of my clients. Creative Writing Workshops for groups of people in Nursing Homes, Day Care Centres, Resource Centres, Community Halls and other venues is one of the many services Easyreadwrite provides.

Memoir,autobiography,biography short story, novel,magazine/newspaper article, letter, poetry and drama are some of the areas catered for in the Workshops.It is most important that the needs of the clients are met and that they actively engage in the activities in a way that is comfortable and enjoyable for each individual.My experience of dealing with people over many years helps me to assess and design the language experience to the needs of the person.Some people may wish to focus on reading or on having favourite books read to them, while others clients may want to develop

writing skills, get some help with writig a memoir for example. Activities are designed to motivate and stimulate clients in a pleasurable and entertaining manner. All requests will be considered and programmes will be designed to meet your requirements.

An indvidual one to one reading and writing service where I visit the person at an appointed time and date can also be arranged. This applies to Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages, Private Residences and any other type of residential establishment where the service is requested.

Clients may wish to provide a list of titles, favourite authors, poets or other material they would like to read or have read to them. You can choose a specific genre or writing task which you are interested in working on and I will work to meet your specific needs.

I offer a free consultation to discuss your needs and design a programme to meet those needs. I am available to visit and demonstrate the type of service Easreadwrite offers.

Qualifications: B.A., H Dip in Education, CTG Maynooth College NUI 1977-81

Experience: I started teaching in Banagher, Co. Offaly in 1981.I have taught English and History at second level and worked on Writing Courses for Adults teaching English as a second language on courses in Ireland and in Turkey. I am at present teaching English and History in Eureka Secondary School where I have been teaching for the past ten years as a permanent member of staff.

I was Friends Ambassador for The Hay Literary Festival Kells in 2014. I gave two public talks of one hour in duration introducing the writers and other participants attending the festival to the community. I attended the Launch of the Kells Hay Festival at Trinity College as an invited guest,