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Writers' Workshop

Next Meeting September 21 2018

At 10:30

at:

The L.I.E. premises

3, rue de Monthoux

Assignment: Open

Leader: -

With the heat wave in full force everyone looked forward to a bit cooler weather, but it didn't deter those of us available for the meeting. We were happy to be able to meet in our usual place – the Library's Reading Room.

Those in attendance were **Rose** (leader), **Marlene** (secretary) and **Zsofia**, a potential new member and **Mel** a guest from Denmark.

Zinat, **Nancy** and **Eva** apologised for their absence.



Business:

Rose welcomed our quest, **Mel**, who spent the summer in Geneva and hopefully will return next year.

We explained the rules and workings of the Writers' Workshop to **Zsofia** who has full intention of joining our group. Originally from Hungary, but resident in Geneva, we welcomed her to our workshop.

Rose and **Zsofia** apologised in advance for their absence in September.

As there was no further business to attend to we proceeded to reading our different pieces on the optional assignment, **Crossing Boundaries**.

Reading:

Rose began with *The Other Side* an arduous journey inspired by the film *Guns of Navarone*. This piece which deals with a family crossing over a difficult surface to reach safety could apply to any period and especially now with refugees fleeing their homeland. With food and water rationed the young and elderly suffered. The question of humanity is raised, and the existence or absence of compassion.

Marlene read an extract of a longer crime story. *The First Time* deals with the parents of a young man gunned down in the street visiting a police station for the first time. The strangeness of the place, and their rights while there, break through their grief to bring their utter helplessness to the fore. Their anguish to find the *Why* and the *Who* which would explain the loss of their only son drives both parents.

You will be advised of any date changes from those listed below, before the end of the year. We list the leaders and proposed optional assignments for 2018:

Dates and assignments planned for **2018**:

Sept 21: Open

Oct 19: A Play - Marlene

Nov 16: Nature – Zinat

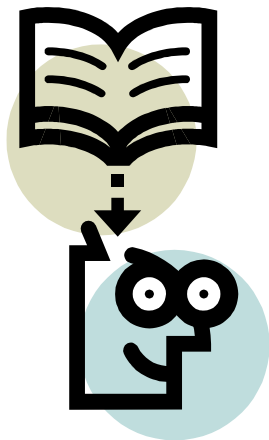
Dec: No Meeting

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Future Dates & Assignments: