



## **THE EDGE-LIT 7 WALKTHROUGH!**

**By your intrepid event organiser, Alex Davis**

### **ARRIVAL**

**Doors for the event open at 9am, and we suggest early arrival if you are interested in booking any of our workshops on the day. While we have increased the quantity of workshops due to public demand, we still expect these slots to fill up quickly!**

On arrival at the venue, you will see our event registration desk to your right as you come in. Simply let us know who you are – or even better flash us your ticket/booking confirmation – and we can get you registered for the day. You'll receive your goodie bag when you register, which will contain your programme booklet with all the up to date information on the event.

When you register, you'll also be able to fill in your own lanyards – so you can go by whatever name you prefer, be it your real name, pen name, twitter handle or nickname! **Please keep this on you at all times throughout the day, as it will provide access to all the panels, readings, book launches and workshops (if you have signed up for any) on the day. These will be checked by our redshirt volunteers on the way into sessions.**

If you arrive between 9am and 10:30am, we'll have our Welcoming Event in the Participation Space – just to the left of Box Office – where you can grab a tea or coffee and meet some old faces or make some new friends!

The registration desk will be open all day and if you have any questions on the day, feel free to ask one of our redshirts there and they'll be happy to help!

### **ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY**

The Participation Space is on the ground floor – just to the left of the Box Office and just before you enter the QUAD Gallery. This will be hosting our Welcoming Event and then workshops throughout the day.

On the first floor you will find the Digital Suite – hosting a variety of different sessions through the day – as well as our second and third workshop spaces, The Green Room and The Meeting Room.

On the second floor you will find The Box, which plays host to our event dealers room, as well as Cinema One and Cinema Two, hosting our panel sessions, Guest of Honour sessions and book

launches. There will also be book dealers on the first and second floor foyers.

## **FACILITIES AND ACCESS**

There are toilets located on each floor, including an accessible toilet at each level.

The ground floor bar at QUAD will be open throughout the day, with the second floor bar open at select times during the day.

There is a lift provided at the venue, as well as an automatic door for access at the entrance. If you have any queries as per access prior to the event, or any specific needs, feel free to contact event co-ordinator Alex Davis at [alex@derbyquad.co.uk](mailto:alex@derbyquad.co.uk)

## **WHAT TO EXPECT FROM SESSIONS AND EVENTS ON THE DAY**

Panel sessions will feature a discussion of the stated topic with a range of authors and industry figures with an interest and expertise in the topic. There will be a chaired discussion followed by audience Q+A towards the end of the session.

Guest of Honour sessions will feature either an author reading and audience Q+A, or an interview with the author followed by audience Q+A, as stated in the schedule.

Book Launches will feature a host of the authors involved in the book(s) signing, as well as short talks and/or readings from the titles being launched. The 3pm 'Her Dark Voice' launch will also feature wine and refreshments.

Workshops are interactive, providing insight and inspiration for writers with a mix of talks, discussions and exercises from the authors. **These sessions have limited capacity and slots will be allocated on a first come, first served basis on the day – book at registration on arrival.**

The raffle is a fun, lively event with lots of prizes to be won! Raffle tickets can be purchased throughout the day from registration, or one of our redshirts will come and say hello throughout the day and ask if you'd like some tickets! You'll find a prize list in your programme booklet.

The Gemmell Awards ceremony sees the three prizes presented for one of the most prestigious awards in genre fiction. This will also feature the Gemmell Awards auction, with a host of great lots available for the highest bidder at the live event! This will all be followed by drinks and snacks downstairs in the Participation Space and ground floor bar on the night.

## **COMMENTS? QUESTIONS? ISSUES?**

Your central point of contact for Edge-Lit will be the registration desk, just to the left of the main entrance, which will be open all day for any queries or comments. You can also ask at QUAD Box Office on the ground floor.

**If there's anything you'd like to ask before the event, feel free to email Alex Davis, event co-ordinator, at [alex@derbyquad.co.uk](mailto:alex@derbyquad.co.uk)**