



## **Irish Writers Centre**

### **Customer Care Policy**

#### **Our commitment to you:**

To deliver the best possible service to you in an effective and respectful manner

#### **Courtesy and Consideration**

You are at all times entitled to be served:

- promptly and in a courteous manner
- with due regard to privacy and confidentiality
- by friendly and helpful staff
- fairly and with respect

#### **Our Performance**

We will:

- monitor and evaluate our performance
- review the development and delivery of our courses and activities in order to better meet the needs of all users of the Centre
- train our staff to meet your needs on an ongoing basis and ensure the best quality service
- ask you for feedback in our Course Survey & Annual Survey to better improve our services in the future

#### **Quality and Care**

We will:

- deal with your query openly and honestly and to the best of our ability
- make our services available through a range of channels so that you can access our services how, when and where it is convenient for you
- provide customer facilities that are safe and clean

## **Openness and Impartiality**

We will:

- deal with you in a fair and open manner
- discuss any aspect of your dealings with us
- explain how a decision was reached
- give you the information you need in a clear and easily understandable way
- hold your personal details safely and securely, in line with our data commitments
- give the name and contact details of the person dealing with your query
- publicise our complaints procedure so you are aware of what to do if you are dissatisfied with the quality of service you receive

## **Access and Communication**

We will:

- advertise our policies on refunds, cancellations and complaints publicly in our Booking Conditions & Cancellation Policy, available online on our website and in hard copy in the Centre
- deal with your enquiries in a prompt and effective manner
- use simple and clear language in our print and online communications
- accommodate our customers, when possible, who wish to conduct their business through Irish

## **What we ask of you**

In order to help staff to keep our commitments, we ask that you:

- treat staff in a courteous, civil and fair manner in all your dealings with us, whether in person, by phone, in writing, or online, including via social media.
- have patience with us at peak times when available staff are busy
- give us feedback by making comments, complaints or suggestions about the service you receive and letting us know when we do something well
- provide full, accurate and up-to-date information
- treat our staff politely, patiently and with courtesy
- in the event that you are unhappy with any aspect of any course, please contact us immediately at [info@irishwriterscentre.ie](mailto:info@irishwriterscentre.ie)

We will not accept:

- the use of threatening, offensive or inappropriate language towards our staff or towards members of the public
- the use of violence or the threat of violence or physical endangerment of staff or members of the public
- abusive behaviour
- trespassing
- harassment
- bullying
- discrimination
- intimidation
- sexual harassment
- behaviour which is disruptive and interferes with the use and enjoyment of our facilities by others
- malicious damage to property in the Irish Writers Centre
- theft from the Irish Writers Centre
- smoking and vaping within the Centre
- discriminatory behaviour, the use of discriminatory language including rude comments, offensive jokes or comments about sex, gender, background, race, affiliation, religious or cultural traditions.

The safety and comfort of staff and users of the Irish Writers Centre is paramount. Anyone exhibiting any of the above behaviours or other behaviours considered disruptive or offensive will be asked to leave the Irish Centre immediately.

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