

### **THE JESSIE KESSON FELLOWSHIP 2020**

Moniack Mhor Creative Writing Centre is inviting established writers to apply for the Jessie Kesson Fellowship in 2020. This award was established in 2009 by Moniack Mhor to honour Jessie Kesson's inspirational life and work.

The successful candidate will receive time and space to develop their work, as well as opportunities to expand their practice. This includes a stipend of £350 per week, plus accommodation. The successful applicant will:

- Live on-site in the cottage at Moniack Mhor from Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- Have the opportunity to deliver three or four creative writing workshops based on or inspired by Jessie Kesson's life and work in local schools, libraries, or community centres.
- Take a role in hosting a public evening event in the form of a reading or lecture.
- Have the option to contribute one piece of work to Moniack Mhor at the end of the residency.

The final terms of the Fellowship will be agreed by the successful candidate and Moniack Mhor.

### **Eligibility**

The fellowship is open to established writers. To be eligible for the fellowship applicants must have published at least one novel, one short story collection, one poetry pamphlet or had one professional production of their work staged. It is also essential that applicants have experience of delivering workshops or working with children and young people and/or community groups. The Fellowship is open to UK based writers and international writers. Only travel costs within the UK will be covered by the Fellowship.

### **Application**

Please apply by sending one document (preferably in Microsoft Word format):

- A CV which includes previous experience of work with young people and/or community groups
- A covering letter demonstrating your qualifications for the fellowship and how it would benefit you
- A sample of your work (maximum 2000 words, or 6 poems, doubled spaced and single sided)

The deadline for application is 5pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

Applications should be sent by email to: [awards@moniackmhor.org.uk](mailto:awards@moniackmhor.org.uk) with the subject line **Jessie Kesson Fellowship** or by post to Moniack Mhor Creative Writing Centre, Teavarran, Kiltarlity, IV4 7HT.

Interviews will be held at Moniack Mhor Creative Writing Centre or by skype.

For any enquiries relating to the fellowship please contact Eilidh Smith, Programme Manager – [eilidh@moniackmhor.org.uk](mailto:eilidh@moniackmhor.org.uk) or telephone 01463 741 675.