

## Application for membership of Irish PEN/PEN na hÉireann

Irish Pen/Pen na hÉireann exists to promote friendly co-operation among writers in every country in the interests of literature, responsible freedom of expression and international goodwill.

- **Full Membership** of Irish Pen/Pen na hÉireann is open to Writers, Poets, Playwrights, Editors, Essayists, Novelists, Translators and Bloggers.
- **Associate Membership** is open to those who take an active interest in literature and subscribe to Irish PEN's principles on responsible freedom of expression.

To apply for membership, please add your details below. For **Full Membership**, list a selection of published works, such as plays staged or broadcast, scripts, articles, blogs, contributions to periodicals and other relevant details.

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Membership type</b>	
<b>Published works (for Full Membership only)</b>	

Please carefully read the PEN Charter and the Irish Pen/Pen na hÉireann mission statement on the next page to ensure you understand the principles that underpin Irish Pen/Pen na hÉireann.

**By signing this application form, you are agreeing to abide by the principles of the PEN Charter.**

## PEN CHARTER

- ✓ Literature knows no frontiers and must remain common currency among people in spite of political or international upheavals.
- ✓ In all circumstances, and particularly in time of war, works of art, the patrimony of humanity at large, should be left untouched by national or political passion.
- ✓ Members of PEN should at all times use what influence they have in favour of good understanding and mutual respect between nations and people; they pledge themselves to do their utmost to dispel all hatreds and to champion the ideal of one humanity living in peace and equality in one world.
- ✓ PEN stands for the principle of unhampered transmission of thought within each nation and between all nations, and members pledge themselves to oppose any form of suppression of freedom of expression in the country and community to which they belong, as well as throughout the world wherever this is possible. PEN declares for a free press and opposes arbitrary censorship in time of peace. It believes that the necessary advance of the world towards a more highly organised political and economic order renders a free criticism of governments, administrations and institutions imperative. And since freedom implies voluntary restraint, members pledge themselves to oppose such evils of a free press as mendacious publication, deliberate falsehood and distortion of facts for political and personal ends.

### Irish PEN Mission Statement

The aims of Irish PEN/PEN na hÉireann are to:

- Promote literature in and about Ireland both nationally and internationally
- Defend worldwide the right of writers to responsible freedom of expression as defined in the PEN Charter
- Foster international understanding through the appreciation of literature

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_