



# Society of Authors

## *Author of the day*

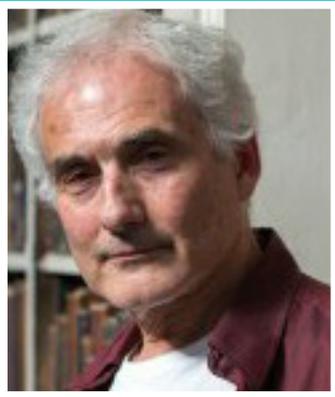
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***Come and get to know some of our Board members at this year's London Book Fair in the Authors' Lounge.***

2026

**Tuesday 10 March | 2-3pm**

*Charles Harris | Author, Scriptwriter and Director*



**Charles Harris** is an author and award winning writer-director for television and cinema, having published three bestselling novels (twice award-nominated) and two popular books on screenwriting, as well as self-publishing a collection of short stories.

Charles previously worked in the Film and TV industry in various roles, ranging from screenwriting and film editing to directing and producing.

He co-founded the London Screenwriters Workshop, the first screenwriters workshop in the world (now Euroscript), and was a co-chair of the New Producers Alliance for 3 years.

**Wednesday 11 March | 2-3pm**

*Sam Blake | Crimewriter*

**Sam Blake** is an award winning No 1 bestselling Irish crime writer whose latest book *Your Every Move* was an instant No 1 bestseller in January 2026. She has written thirteen books, including two YA thrillers and has been shortlisted for many awards, winning Irish Teen/YA novel of the Year in 2024. Sam splits her time between Dublin and London and is the founder of Murder One, Ireland's International Crime Writing Festival.

Sam Blake is the pen name for Vanessa Fox O'Loughlin who is the current Chair of the Society of Authors. The founder of Europe's biggest online writing magazine *Writing.ie*, and The Inkwell Group publishing consultancy, Vanessa is Ireland's leading literary scout and runs *Writers Ink*, the phenomenally successful online writing and mentoring group.



**Thursday 12 March | 2-3pm**

*Juliet McKenna | Sci-Fi and Fantasy*



**Juliet McKenna** is a Science Fiction and Fantasy author. A long-term member, she joined the SoA in 1997 when she was offered her first publishing contract.

Prior to this, she worked as a bookseller for Ottakar's, gaining invaluable insights across the book trade. She has now published 27 novels and several novellas through both mass-market and independent publishers. Her numerous short stories have appeared in magazines and anthologies. She has served as a judge for major SF&Fantasy awards, and also writes historical crime fiction under the pseudonym JM Alvey.