

Dear colleagues from The Fence:

I write you to present our Artist Residency in Barcelona city (Catalonia, Spain) called Jivar Creation & Society www.jivarbarcelona.com and its Open Call for a Writing Residence 2015 (March-April). The project's concept is inspired in the Jivar tradition, translated as neighbourhood. Jivar refers to the art of establishing a creative and sustainable relationship between neighbours.

Now we are working in our writers program for March and April 2016, we hope you can be interested. This is a project based in Saint George's Day, Catalan celebration that has a special meaning. Roses have been associated with this day since medieval times, but the giving of books is a more recent tradition originating in 1923, when a bookseller started to promote the holiday as a way to commemorate the nearly simultaneous deaths of Miguel Cervantes and William Shakespeare on 23 April 1616.

Jivar contributes to the Celebration by hosting up to three writers from different countries and different writing forms. All writing forms are invited: novel, poetry, short story, translators and journalists.

The writers will share the Jivar residence space, exchanging between them. In the mean time, Jivar staff will organise a serie of meetings and activities around writing:

- Visits of relevant Catalan Cultural institutions as Institució de les Lletres Catalanes, L'Ateneu Barcelonès, PEN Club Català.
- A public reading. Writers are invited to read samples of their work.
- Meet with evenings. Diner with Barcelona writers and publishers.

All the related information can be found at information: <http://jivarbarcelona.com/open-call-writing-residence-march-april-2015/>