

# Being into Words

A Writing Workshop by Vipul Rikhi



17 - 20 May 2008

*While most emphasis these days is on the mechanics of writing, this workshop seeks equally to look into the spirit of it. It aspires, then, to become a meditation on the pursuit of writing. ...*

What provokes writing? Where does it come from? What does it do? Of what does it consist? What purpose and significance does it achieve? How does experience transmute into words? And, *what does it mean to write?* These are some of the questions the workshop will hope to address.

It will explore new ways of thinking into and practicing writing. Some of the approaches we will consider include



Writing as therapy  
Writing as vocation  
Writing as hobby or passion  
Writing as a skill  
Writing as art and life

This will be done through contemplative explorations, writing exercises and film screenings. The workshop will traverse this terrain through looking at established genre-based writing (poetry, fiction, drama, etc), new and emerging genres (screenplays, blogs), as well as the elements and schools of writing (story, plot, character, modernism, postmodernism, and so on). We will also approach the subject of the writer as a medium.

This workshop is for: Those interested, curious or passionate about, or attracted, fascinated or captivated by, writing!

**Vipul Rikhi** is a writer by vocation, passion and compulsion. He has published a book of short stories and is currently working on a novel. He is Writer-in-Residence at the Gap Year College, SIDH, Mussoorie from April to June 2008.

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**Venue:** SIDH campus, Kempty, (15 kms ahead of Mussoorie)

The **workshop fee** (including boarding and lodging, and workshop materials) for this four-day workshop will be **Rs 3000 per participant**. For registration please contact Vinish/Karuna with your name, email, phone, address at [gapyearcollege@gmail.com](mailto:gapyearcollege@gmail.com) and 0135-6455203 ; 01376-213060 ; 09411144021. There are limited seats for the workshop, so please register as early as possible. A few need-based scholarships / partial waivers may be available.



**Gap Year College**  
**Workshop Registration Form**  
*Being into Words, 17-20 May, 2008 (4 days)*

**Full Name of Participant:**

**Registration Fee: Rs.500**

**Mode of Payment: Cheque / Demand Draft/Electronic Remittance\*:**

(The Cheque/Draft must be payable at Dehradun/Mussoorie to "Society for Integrated Development of Himalayas")

**Details of Cheque / Demand Draft/ Electronic Remittance:**

(Name and Branch of the Bank, & Cheque or Demand Draft Number)

**Phone:**

**Full Postal Address:**

**Email ID:**

**College/Institution/Organisation/Company:**

**Please mention any food/dietary restrictions:**

**How did you find out about this workshop (please be specific):**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**NOTE:** Please fill in this registration form and send to the following postal address, along with the cheque/draft of Rs.500 payable to "Society for Integrated Development of Himalayas" by registered/speed post. This registration amount is a non-refundable advance. It will be deducted from the total fee of the workshop.

**Gap Year College**  
**SIDH**  
**Hazelwood Cottage**  
**Landour Cantt.**  
**Mussoorie 248179**  
**Uttarakhand, India**

\* The fee may be remitted electronically to the ICICI bank account of "Society for Integrated Development of Himalayas", Account Number: 016401015817, ICICI Bank, Dehradun Branch, NCR Plaza, 24, New Cantt. Road, Dehradun-248001. Please email us details of the remittance immediately at [gapyearcollege@gmail.com](mailto:gapyearcollege@gmail.com)