**AND SO IT BEGAN…**

***Adventures start by saying yes!***

**THE EVENT**

Session to feel like an adventure in itself as participants will be asked to get involved!

**Let’s be brave and…**

* Do silly warmup exercises!
* Introduce ourselves to a stranger and talk about our favourite books!

**What exactly *is* an adventure?**

* *Adventures start with saying yes, even when we’re scared*
* *Adventures mean different things for different people* – word association games
* *If it’s not scary, it’s not an adventure…* Share stories about scary things we’ve done or read or seen

**Let’s have an adventure!**

* Volunteers come on stage to act out a scene from THE CHILDREN OF CASTLE ROCK

**Let’s talk about adventures**

* How do adventures start in books? Share examples - *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Harry Potter, Fault in our Stars* etc, plus readings, including reading from *The Children of Castle Rock*
* Real life adventures – explorers, film makers
* Adventures in audience’s lives – what have they said yes to when they were scared?
* For me, *writing is an adventure* – saying no to the voices which tell me I can’t do it, and yes to the stories in my head.

**THE WRITING WORKSHOP**

After doing silly warm up exercises, word association games, and sharing stories about our own adventures, we will look at different adventure beginnings (eg/*The Children of Castle Rock, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, The Fault in Our Stars*). Then, working in groups or separately, students will write their own short adventure beginning.