

Course Information Sheet

Creative Writing

Introduction

This course offers new and experienced writers the chance to produce new work and develop skills through working on a range of exercises. Character portraits, descriptive pieces, memories, poems and short scripts are examples of the work which will be produced. Learners will be encouraged to share their work in class and to offer constructive comments to help develop their own and other people's writing.

What are the course entry requirements?

Have an interest in creative writing
Be able to write / word process short pieces of writing
Be able to meaningfully read, evaluate and discuss short stories and poems and extracts from longer pieces
You can join the course up to week 3 with the tutor's permission

How long is the course?

See current brochure for details

What will the course involve?

Learning about the writing process including creating characters and a sense of place, writing dialogue, developing plots, producing short stories, poems, scripts, exploring some genre writing according to the group and individual interests. Time will be spent on writing tasks in each class so learners feel they have started something which they may then choose to complete at home. Learners will be encouraged to read their work aloud - this is voluntary. They will also be encouraged to give constructive feedback on the work of others – again, this is voluntary.

How will I be learning?

There will be tutor input on key features of writing and guidance through tasks but time will also be spent exploring some creative pieces, considering what learners like and don't like, what works well and what doesn't. Learners will spend time on their own writing, with opportunities to discuss and share ideas and improve through a process of self-and peer-evaluation.

What equipment will I need?

Pen, paper and file

How will I know if I am making progress?

Tutor feedback, verbal and written, and an increasing sense of a confidence as a writer

What course work will I be expected to complete?

In class you will complete short tasks set by the tutor to stimulate writing. Any work completed outside class is voluntary.

What can I expect to learn from this course?

- To express yourself more confidently as a writer
- Some tricks of the trade
- Identify some of the genres which appeal to you as a writer
- To be more confident about sharing your work

Will I need to cover anything in addition to the course fee?

No additional costs

What other training programmes and progression opportunities are there?

Some specialist writing days / courses e.g. writing a magazine short story

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