

## **Expressions of interest - freelance writer facilitators for New Writing North's Young Writers programme**

New Writing North's Young Writers programme works with young people through a combination of in-depth schools' work, open access creative writing groups, summer schools and short-term projects, including community-based work. We work with professional writers to deliver our programme, and as our work has expanded over the last few years we are putting out a call for new creative writing facilitators to add to our list of contacts within the North East.

In relation to upcoming projects we are especially interested in hearing from writers based in (or willing to travel to) County Durham, North Tyneside and Berwick-upon-Tweed.

### **How we work**

We adopt a relationship-based approach. This means we get to know the young people engaging with our programmes and respond to their interests by developing relationships over the long term, so that participants can progress through our programmes; for example, moving from school activity to an out-of-school group, or building confidence to lead their own creative writing or cultural activity. Our writers and the NWN team work hard to get to know individuals quickly, so that we can tailor our sessions to young people's interests, engagement styles and support needs.

Our programmes also focus on creating artistic outputs each term with the classes or groups we work with. These outputs can take the form of printed written work, pamphlets of collected writings by young people, films, audio or songs. Working towards an artistic output gives the young people we work with something to focus on over the course of a term or project, a sense of achievement when they see their finished work produced to a high quality, and pride when their work is shared with families, communities or more publicly at events and exhibitions or online via New Writing North's networks.

### **Who we're looking for**

We define creative writing very broadly, with our sessions covering everything from poetry and prose to songwriting, rap, script, podcasting and more. If you have a creative background based on the written word, have experience of delivering workshops and are passionate about supporting young people to engage creatively then we want to hear from you!

Please submit an expression of interest (maximum 500 words) and your CV [here](#) if you are interested in working with us. We will add your application to our records and be in touch with you if we think there is a project for which you'd be a good fit!

**The closing date for Expressions of Interest is 21 October 2022.**

Please note, all our writers are required to have a DBS check and receive safeguarding training from New Writing North. They are supported in delivering New

Writing North's projects by a Project Producer and/or Programme Manager at New Writing North.

If you have any questions, please contact the Young Writers team on [youngwriters@newwritingnorth.com](mailto:youngwriters@newwritingnorth.com).

We will consider the following criteria when selecting writers for projects:

- Professional experience leading creative projects with young people, including within schools and/or community organisations
- A passion for working with people and recognising and developing their potential
- Strong planning and organisational skills
- Ability to demonstrate experience of building and maintaining relationships with a wide range of people
- A passion for the arts and literature and the role they can play in helping to address social change
- Ability to travel to deliver workshops in the North East region