

New Writing North, Creative Associates

£4000 of investment, 6-month period (August 2026 – February 2027)

Closing date: Monday 8 June at 9am

Interview dates: Longlisted applicants on Monday 22 June (online) and shortlisted applicants on Wednesday 15 July (in-person)

New Writing North are offering this position as part of New Writing North's Creative Associates programme. Creative Associates bring fresh perspectives to the organisation, while being supported to develop their own creative projects and artistic practice.

Who is this opportunity for?

We are seeking two writers to take part in a six-month residency to create a new piece of artistic work. Please note, this project is funded by the North East Combined Authority and therefore only open to writers residing within a postcode located in the North East CA region.

New Writing North strives to be a diverse and inclusive organisation. We aim to empower and enable artists who have been historically excluded to be the artists they want to be without any pressure of representation. We particularly encourage writers of colour, disabled writers, LGBTQI writers and writers from a socio-economic disadvantaged background.

What will you be expected to do?

You will receive support from New Writing North to create a new piece of artistic work.

As a New Writing North Creative Associate, you will receive support for 6-months to develop a new piece of artistic work. Creative Associates bring fresh perspectives to the organisation, and we have no preconceptions about what form the work may take, although it must involve writing in some form. There will be a bursary of £4,000 for each Associate, and you will be provided with the space, time and support from New Writing North to develop your creative project.

Associates will also receive a bespoke mentoring package to help you develop your project.

Applications

Apply here: <https://airtable.com/appxqhqBnO3IHu4m2/shrBO2QnFEoLEQHLk>

If you would like to apply for this position, you will be asked to submit the following:

- * A headline pitch that addresses the creative project you would like to develop and includes links to relevant examples from your previous work. Please provide passwords where required (no more than 500 words).
- * Details of two referees who can vouch for the quality of your work
- * An up-to-date CV

For guidance, we suggest you briefly cover some of the following when writing your headline pitch:

- What is the idea and why is it important to you?
- Why does it need to be created now?
- Is it collaborative, or will you be creating it alone?
- What will the outcome be at the end of 6-months?

Successful longlisted applicants will be invited to a 15-minute chat to discuss the opportunity and ask any questions they may have. From these discussions, a shortlist of candidates will be

invited to a formal interview where they will be asked to pitch their idea and provide a sample of their previous work.

If you have any questions about the opportunity, or the application process, please contact us at Skills@newwritingnorth.com

New Writing North

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