



Course details

Course title

Creative Writing: Memory is a Muse: Creative Writing

Course code

Q00021474

Course date

Start: 26/04/25

End: 14/06/25

Number of classes

8 sessions

Timetable

Sat 26th Apr, 10:00 to 12:00

Sat 3rd May, 10:00 to 12:00

Sat 10th May, 10:00 to 12:00

Sat 17th May, 10:00 to 12:00

Sat 24th May, 10:00 to 12:00

Sat 31st May, 10:00 to 12:00

Sat 7th Jun, 10:00 to 12:00

Sat 14th Jun, 10:00 to 12:00

Tutor

Stephen Smith

Fee range

Free to £59.20

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes online in video meetings and materials will be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

Online

Venue

Online

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This eight week course will explore the part that memory and personal experience play in the creation of poems, short stories and autobiographical fiction.

Course description

When William Blake famously remarked that memory was not a muse, he was wrong. The memory of personal experiences is in fact a writer's greatest resource, and most poetry and fiction can be traced back to a personal origin, no matter how obliquely that is referred to.

We will concentrate on discovering the personal origins and sources for your voices as writers and our discussions will enable you to isolate and exploit those experiences in your lives which have left an indelible impression. Alongside this, we will discuss those elements that contribute to your unique voices.

Additionally, the course will aim to stimulate you to write, and integral to this is the building up of your confidence to commit writing to the page. You have something to say, and it deserves to be heard.

Finally, we will explore modern techniques of writing poetry, short stories and auto-fiction, and you will come to understand how technique enhances your ability to execute your intentions for writing. In order to further this, each session will involve discussions, the exchange of ideas and allow time to listen to each others' pieces.

Come and surprise yourself with your own creativity and unlock what you have always wanted to express.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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