

Course Information Sheet 2023/24

Learning for Pleasure Course

Course title:	Creative Writing - Advanced				Code: LPR521XYZ	
Tutor:	Naomi Jacobs					
Day & Time:	Friday 1pm -3pm					
Start & End Dates:	Term 1 22/09/23-20/10/23 10/11/23-01/12/23		Term 2 12/01/24-09/02/24 01/03/24-22/03/24		Term 3 26/04/24-24/05/24 07/06/24-14/06/24	
Number of sessions:	9		9		7	
Venue:	Ramsbottom Library & Adult Learning Centre				Room No: Sheila Magnall	
Learner Numbers:	Minimum			Maximum		
	8			10		
Costs:	Full Fee			Discounted Fee		
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
	£129.60	£129.60	£100.80	£64.80	£64.80	£50.40
Cost of Consumables						

What will I learn on this course?

This course ideally follows the standard Creative Writing course and is for learners who are now working on a short story, a collection of poems, or a novel in preparation for publication. You will be introduced to a variety of literary devices to help improve your writing for future publication. The course will include workshopping your written piece through submission and feedback.

Topics covered will include:

- Narrative Arc, where you will learn the five common building blocks of narrative structure and how to use them in your story.
- Character Arc, how using the three-act story structure will chart the path your character takes over the course of your story.
- You will also look at the power of archetypes in storytelling through the ages and how to recognise them in your characters, as well as popular tropes in literature and how to avoid them in your own work.
- You will also learn about the five basic voices in Storytelling/Literature and how to find your voice with a focus on developing your own unique style.
- Being aware of common plot devices such as the Love Triangle and Chekov's Gun
- The course will also help you with researching and choosing your genre. A reading of two novels as a study of form, structure, pace, and voice will also be included in the course. Novels to be confirmed on day of enrolment.

Additional information

Before you enrol on a course advice and information is available to help you decide if this is the right course for you. Contact Learner Services on 0161 253 7501 or e-mail at learner.services@bury.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can get advice and information from Bury Adult Learning Centre on 0161 253 5772.

Tutor profile

Naomi is a published author and speaker and has experience within the publishing and film industry having worked with literary agents, publishers, publicists, directors, and film producers. Naomi's work has been showcased at Chelsea Theatre London and the Raindance Festival. Naomi has also given book talks at the Women's Institute, Nationwide Bank and TEDx Vienna. Currently working on her second novel, Naomi is looking forward to sharing her experiences with her students.

What will I need to provide myself?

Please provide writing paper and pens.

Your tutor will discuss materials further at the first class.

Please check that the class is running before buying anything.

What could I do next?

Further progression to other Creative Writing courses is possible. Previous students have gone on to further study in English and Creative Writing at local colleges.

Your tutor will be able to advise on the options available to you in their subject. If you would like to speak to someone about moving on, please ask your tutor to refer you to Learner Services or contact them directly on 0161 253 7501 or e-mail at learner.services@bury.gov.uk.

Can I get extra help?

Support with English and Maths is available through our Skills for Life section. For more information, please contact Learner Services on 0161 253 7501.

Extra support is available for those learners who have sensory, physical or cognitive impairments, neuro-divergent or with mental health conditions. Please contact Nikki Naylor on 0161 253 7287.

Help with paying for your course

You may be entitled to a reduced fee for your course if you claim a benefit. Please see the course guide or ask at the centre for more details. You will be asked to produce evidence on enrolment.

How to enrol

Phone: 0161 253 5772

Call into: Bury Adult Learning Centre, 18 Haymarket Street, Bury, BL9 0AQ

Please keep your copy of this information sheet. It will be useful throughout your course.