

Piece by Piece – a partnership between Literature Wales and Newport Mind

Call-out for Applications: Paid opportunity for Writers, Filmmakers and Artists

Background

[Participation](#) in literature is one of Literature Wales' three activity pillars and main areas of work. We aim to increase the accessibility and impact of creative writing for participants in Wales in order to **inspire some of our most marginalised individuals and communities** through active participation in literature.

Based on our understanding of the power of literature to improve and transform lives, and the need to focus our activities where they will have greatest impact, [Representation & Equality, Health and Well-being and Children and Young People](#) are our three Tactical Priorities. They are a theme that features in everything we deliver, and in our partnership and facilitation work.

We are therefore proud to be working in partnership with Newport Mind and Community House, Maindee Youth to invite expressions of interest from writers, filmmakers, and artists to deliver their *Piece by Piece, Bridging the Gap* project funded by Comic Relief. It will offer support for families and young people in Newport to address and reduce the impact of poor mental health. Projects will start in Autumn 2020.

What opportunities are available?

There are the two kinds of paid opportunities available as part of this project.

Creative Practitioners

We are looking for lead Creative Practitioners (up to 8) to deliver participatory literature projects with young people and their families in Newport. These projects will use literature in all its forms to address a range of mental health issues. The fee will be **£150 per workshop** with a **maximum fee of £1,050 for full delivery of the project**.

This fee is for:

- the delivery of a 3-4 session creative project with small groups of young people to explore and express their thoughts around mental health
- the creation of a resource/film/pamphlet
- the development of a creative project with young people and their families

The fee is inclusive of all expenses including VAT and travel expenses.

The Creative Practitioner will:

- be willing and able to attend mental health First Aid training delivered by Newport Mind
- be willing to sign a confidentiality clause
- be able to deliver projects for the budget discussed and agreed with Literature Wales and Newport Mind
- be able to work with families and children aged 11 – 25 years old

- be able to collaborate with other creative practitioners to produce a successful outcome
- have specific experience in delivering participatory literature workshops with people with mental health issues
- have a current enhanced level DBS check (Literature Wales can advise)
- be able to deliver via an online platform such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams (Literature Wales can advise)

Paid Shadowing Opportunity

We are also inviting expressions of interest from early career writers, filmmakers or artists who would benefit from further training and experience before applying for a similar opportunity, to shadow a more experienced practitioner during a workshop. There is a per diem fee for this opportunity of **£50 per day, up to a maximum of £200.**

This will include:

- shadowing an experienced creative practitioner in a literary workshop
- contributing to the creative ideas and activities of the workshop
- delivering a short evaluation activity at the end of the session

The early career writer, artist or filmmaker will:

- be willing and able to commit to attending all workshops
- be committed to learning from experienced artists
- have an interest in delivering participatory literature workshops
- have a current enhanced level DBS check (Literature Wales can advise)
- be able to access online activity
- be willing to sign a confidentiality clause

This fee is inclusive of all expenses including VAT and travel expenses.

How to apply

[Click here to apply](#) for this opportunity. You will have the option to apply for one of the two opportunities available.

Please note, you will be asked to:

1. Complete a short application form and an Equality and Diversity form
You can either answer the application questions in the form or upload a 2-minute video
2. Attach a simple CV identifying relevant experiences and or/potential

We will **keep all applications on file for 24 months** and may invite artists to **register an interest or provide a quote** for the delivery of other specific projects during that period.

**Closing date for applications:
12.00 noon, Monday 21 September 2020**

What happens next?

Successful applicants will be **selected and confirmed by Wednesday 30 September**. Artists will be selected by a panel of Young Ambassador Volunteers, Newport Mind, and staff from Literature Wales, Newport Mind and Community House, Maindee Youth based on experience, suitability for the project and availability.

About Literature Wales

Literature Wales is the national company for the development of literature. Our vision is a Wales where literature empowers, improves, and brightens lives. We are a registered charity, and work to inspire communities, develop writers and celebrate the literary culture of Wales. We facilitate, fund, and directly deliver a literary programme across Wales.

Literature Wales' [Strategic Plan for 2019-2022](#) outlines Representation and Equality as one of its main tactical priorities. Wales' writers should comprise a range of ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, ethnicities, genders, regions, and languages and not be typified by certain limited demographic profiles. This is not about excluding anyone. It is about creating equal and fair access to artistic innovation and professional development.

About Newport Mind

Newport Mind is the local mental health charity for the City of Newport. They aim to make sure anyone with a mental health problem has somewhere to turn to for advice and support.

For 40 years, Newport Mind has delivered accessible, community focused mental health services - including wellbeing groups, supported housing, welfare benefits advice, counselling, advocacy, training, and self-management courses. More than 2,500 people use their services every year, including referrals from the NHS and Newport City Council. They are a trusted local partner and have the skills and resources to deliver projects for the benefit of the local community.

www.newportmind.org

About Community House, Maindee Youth

Community House Maindee Youth Project is a third sector youth and community project that engages children and young people aged 6 – 18 years old from Maindee and neighbouring communities. Community House is a multi-faith community centre which welcomes many groups to gather, learn from each other, and work together peacefully.

Running since 2012, Maindee Youth Project supports children and young people's needs, gives them a space to relax and encourages them to build stronger bonds with their peers and the local community. The project runs play sessions, youth drop-in sessions, a girls' project and provides one-to-one support for young people. The team of youth workers also delivers outreach youth work to engage with local young people in their community and build positive relationships with them.

Through the project, children and young people are encouraged to broaden their horizons, face their fears, and work together to overcome barriers. The project runs year long and is a youth-led project that aims to engage young people in making better choices, building their resilience, and taking part in local opportunities.

<https://communityhousemaindee.org/>