

Eligibility and FAQs

➤ Who is eligible to apply for this opportunity?

Individuals of colour (those who are Black, Asian, or from a minority ethnic background, including those from mixed or multiple heritage). Applicants must be over the age of 18 and living in Wales*.

You must be able to fully commit to attending the course on Monday 21 – Friday 25 March 2022 to apply.

*We welcome applicants from Wales who are currently based elsewhere, e.g. studying away from Wales, as long as the applicants are interested in developing a writing career within Wales.

➤ Do I need experience to apply? Or am I *too* experienced?

We are mainly looking for applicants who have potential in publishing work for children or young people. You don't necessarily need previous experience of writing, only good ideas and a positive and determined attitude. Like any other craft, writing can be challenging and requires a lot of effort and attention. This course will hopefully offer you the toolkit you need to start, and continue on your journey as a writer, and Literature Wales will be there in the long term to offer support.

If you are already an experienced writer, you might find that there are barriers which prevent you from reaching your full potential, or you might want to experiment with a different literary form or language. Everyone will have a different definition of what experience means, and where they believe themselves to be on their journey as a writer. If you are unsure if this is the right course for you at this stage of your writing career, please [get in touch](#) to discuss.

➤ Is there a cost for this course?

No. Most courses at Tŷ Newydd require a fee to attend, but some of our more strategic activity is offered free of charge to individuals through a competitive application process. However, you will need to factor in your travel costs to and from the centre. If this will be challenging, please [get in touch](#) to let us know.

➤ Can you give me more practical information about the Centre and my visit?

You can learn more about Literature Wales' National Writing Centre, Tŷ Newydd, [on our website](#). Here you can browse through photos and blogs written by past participants. Located in Gwynedd, Tŷ Newydd is situated between the sea and the mountains – less than ten minutes' drive from both Snowdonia National Park and the Llŷn Peninsula which is an official Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

For this course, the writers will be invited to arrive between 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm on Monday 21 March 2022, and the course will come to an end after lunch, at around 2.00 pm, on Friday 25

March. Please [see our website](#) for travel information. We can help with travel from train stations (Cricieth or Bangor).

The writers will be allocated a bedroom each. Some bedrooms are en suites, others have shared bathrooms. Bedrooms will be allocated randomly.

All meals will be provided to you by our resident chef, including a self-serve breakfast, buffet-style lunch, evening meal with a dessert, and home-made snacks. We can cater for all kind of different dietary requirements and food allergies.

We hope that you will have plenty of free time to enjoy walks in the area, and to relax at the centre. But we kindly ask you to attend all of the activity organised as part of the course. A detailed timetable will be provided.

➤ **I have a disability or an illness that might make it difficult to take part, can you help?**

Of course. The Literature Wales team are available to discuss any concerns and requirements before and throughout the course. For individuals in a wheelchair or with mobility issues, we have an accessible bedroom, and we can welcome a personal assistant. [Please contact us](#) to discuss accessibility.

➤ **When will I hear if my application has been successful?**

We will notify all the applications of the outcome within two weeks of the closing date of [28 January 2022](#).

➤ **If I am unsuccessful, will I receive feedback?**

As we are expecting a lot of applications, we may not be able to provide detailed feedback on each one. However, where possible we will provide a short, personalised line of feedback, and advise on other opportunities Literature Wales and partners may have available.

We are aware that correspondence regarding unsuccessful applications can have a negative impact on your health and well-being. We give our pledge to respect and value each individual application, giving it due consideration and attention.

A small team of Literature Wales staff member will have access to your submitted creative work. In line with our talent-scouting and signposting strategy, we may get in touch in the future with personalised opportunities, based on your work and your expertise. To enable Literature Wales to comply with data protection law (GDPR), please complete the relevant section at the end of the application form to let us know if you **don't** want to be contacted by Literature Wales about offers in the future.

For any further questions, please [contact Literature Wales](#) for an informal chat on email, phone or through [Facebook Messenger](#).