



The NAWE Conference

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Introduction

After two years in York, the NAWE Conference arrives in Bristol – for the very first time. We hope that you'll have a thoroughly stimulating and enjoyable stay here, in the company of friends and colleagues with a passion for writing in education.

At past events we have been pleased to welcome delegates from the US, Canada, China and Australia. This year, however, is the first when we have welcomed representatives from the European Association of Creative Writing Programmes, and we're delighted that Javier Sagarna, President of the EACWP, together with Mariana Torres, will be giving the talk that kicks off our three days of creative discussions.

Our evening guests are highly distinguished. Roger McGough has been a star of the British poetry scene since the 1960s; Deborah Moggach, a prolific novelist, is increasingly well known for her TV and film adaptations.

Each year we take full note of the feedback received from delegates in order to make our event ever better. On the basis of last year's comments we have made the programme a little more compact, with fewer sessions in parallel at any one time. We hope this will swell the overall debate taking place across the three days of the event.

In addition to the scheduled programme, my colleague Anne Caldwell is conducting a number of one-to-one professional development planning and coaching sessions, which all take place in the Aspen room. Other members of our staff and Management Committee are also on hand to help with any queries, and we look forward to talking to you over the weekend.

Paul Munden, Director, NAWE

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writers and students of creative writing at BA, MA and PhD levels. Our graduates regularly publish their work with companies such as Random House, HarperCollins, Oxford University Press and see their work produced by leading broadcasters such as the BBC. We welcome this opportunity to continue our partnership with NAWE and support its mission to further knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of Creative Writing.

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Poetry by Heart is an educational initiative of the Poetry Archive developed in association with the Full English. It was established in 2012 by Julie Blake and Andrew Motion, who launched its third

annual competition in June this year. Poetry by Heart is a national poetry recitation competition for 14-18 year olds in schools and colleges in England. Its timeline anthology of poets and poems and First World War poetry showcase are freely available at www.poetrybyheart.org.uk.



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Friday 14 November

11.30 onwards Registration

12.00-13.00 Network Meetings

1 Writers in Schools Network Meeting – Jonathan Davison, Claudia Conerney

This is an open meeting of the Writers in Schools Project Managers Group that meets regularly through the year. Any writers who work in schools are most welcome, together with any other colleagues involved in this field. Claudia Conerney has been invited to talk briefly about schools outreach projects, run by Manchester Metropolitan University, that specifically target EAL and reluctant and struggling readers.

2 Higher Education Network Meeting – Maggie Butt (Chair)

This is an open meeting convened by the NAWHE HE Committee, focusing this year on the new NAWHE publication, *Writing in Practice: the Journal of Creative Writing research*.

12.30-13.45 Lunch

14.00-14.30 Welcome, followed by Plenary Session

An Overview of Creative Writing Teaching in Continental Europe – Javier Sagarna, Mariana Torres

The European Association of Creative Writing Programmes (EACWP) joins together 21 schools and institutions focused in creative writing teaching, as well as an increasing number of individual members. This talk will present: an overview of who are we and the focus of our project; the work of our members in various countries and their approaches to creative writing; our job together; the projects we have developed with and without EU funding; pedagogical and methodological interchanges; and a summary of our history and our vision for the future – including our desire to collaborate with NAWHE and its members.

14.30-16.00

Choice of:

A1: a) The Digital Writer in Residence – Helen Mort

For the past two years the Poetry Society has placed a digital writer in residence at Cape Farewell, an art and climate change organization based at the Science Museum. The SWITCH: Youth Poetics project is part of the Poetry Society's online Young Poets Network, but also involves schools workshops and this year included a launch event at the Poetry International Festival in London. Helen Mort was this year's resident poet and will showcase some of the new work by young people as well as talking about her experiences working on the programme. How does being an online poet in residence differ from being physically "in residence" and what can we learn from combining the two models?

b) Lit 2.0/new digital platforms in literature – Andy Owen Cook

From international video-based poetry slams, wikizines and fake twitter poetry accounts, this session will explore the worlds that have opened up in the last five years, embracing the Internet's spirit of collective ownership, community-generated content and user feedback. The session will present a selection of works, exploring how they stretch our definitions of genres and deviate from traditional modes of publishing. Most importantly, it will be asking what happens next.

B1: a) Where the Truth Lies -- Two Writers share their non-fiction practice – Martin Goodman, Julie Wheelwright

Two writers share their experiences of practice, in books that challenge myth and look into espionage, cross-dressing, shamanic experiences, medical history, travel, family memoir, biography, gurus and more, sometimes adopting novelistic techniques. Given that non-fiction makes a "truth claim" – a contract between the writer and reader about describing real people, events and experiences – how are these boundaries policed? Where does the creative freedom come from when you are handling facts? Do readers have different expectations of different genres? What are the ethical issues when handling live, rather than dead, subjects?

b) Guest Starring: Using Real People as Characters in Creative Writing – Tracey Icton, Natalie Scott

As modern trends in creative writing increasingly blur the line between reality and imagination, poet Natalie Scott and novelist Tracey Icton lead this

workshop exploring how writers can employ real people as characters. Readings from their own creative practice (*Berth – Voices of the Titanic*, Scott's 2012 poetry collection and *Green Dawn at St Enda's*, Icton's novel due for release in 2016) demonstrate the use of historical figures while writing activities allow participants to develop their own creative use of real people. The session will touch on the legalities of writing about real people and include a discussion on the pros and cons of such creative practices.

C1: a) Engaging the resistant writer: “Psycho-corps” as an entry point into writing. Teaching Creative Writing in Art and Design Schools – Harriet Edwards, Andrea Mason

This workshop will consist of a number of draw/write activities, using the body as a site for exploration (as opposed to place, in psycho-geography). Through visual articulations of body-parts (brain, hand, foot, heart), workshop participants will create stories, lists, monologues and recipes, using memory, the senses, and imaginary responses to their drawings. This will be an active, joyful workshop in which participants will be asked to draw/write and follow where the exercise takes them. No great skills in drawing are required.

b) The Artful Journal – A Creative Practice Workshop for Writers and Artists – Patricia Ann McNair, Philip Hartigan

Kafka, Goya, Faulkner, and others have been inspired by word and image; their journals and sketchbooks show exploration in text, image, and their intersections. This workshop, a sample of activities done in community workshops and at Columbia College Chicago, will combine writing prompts with visual mark-making to encourage participants to develop creative practice skills and engage in a process of artfully recording stories, memories and imaginings. Presenters will demonstrate strategies and techniques in journal work that include writing, drawing, mark making, collage and beginning book arts. Participants will try their hands at creating story and narrative-based art.

D1: Lines – Liz Cashdan

What do walking, weaving, observing, singing, storytelling, drawing and writing have in common? The answer is that they all proceed along lines of one kind or another.” Tim Ingold, in *Lines: a brief history*, distinguishes between traces where the wayfarer leaves their trace on a surface, and threads where the weaver's threads make the surface. In this workshop we will be storytelling and writing. Bring your lines along and we'll take them for a walk like Paul Klee's line that “goes out for a walk”. If you are someone who

makes lines we will weave a rainbow, sing a sweater, or knit a poem.

E1: a) Writing as a Way of Becoming – Claire Williamson

Many writers have put forward the idea that writing teaches us who we are (Alan Ball, Anaïs Nin, George Orwell, Anna Quindlen, Colm Toibin) and that “an inspiration is a suddenly uncovered part of the self” (Hanif Kureishi). Working collaboratively, this experiential workshop and discussion posits the idea of staying with creative process for longer in a reflective and reflexive practice which reveals what the writer’s voice wants to say and informs the author about their own freshness, seeking imaginative solutions to both personal and creative dilemmas.

b) Writing for Your Life: Creative Writing at Maggie's – Sheelagh Gallagher

This workshop aims to demonstrate ways of using writing with people who have not actively sought it out but benefit from the chance to explore their creativity and their lives in the face of loss and change. A brief introduction will be followed by short exercises on which further discussion will be based.

16.00-16.30 Tea/Coffee

16.30-18.00 Choice of:

A2: a) The Write Book – Anna Loudon

This session will explore the ethos of Booktrust's The Write Book project and look at the successful strategies participating schools have had in making meaningful links between reading and writing, and specifically using high quality children's books to inspire creative writing. We will look at how schools have developed long-term approaches to linking reading and writing, focusing on involving families and utilising outdoor spaces to continue to make writing fun and keep it on the school agenda.

b) The Story Republic – Amanda Harris, Annamaria Murphy

The Story Republic is an exploration of Literacy and Literature through the Arts in school and community settings. Project leaders Amanda Harris and Annamaria Murphy would like to share some of the successes of the project to date such as the schools programme and ways of working with writers, the transforming of spaces with artists and writers, writer spaces, talent development with young writers and performers, digital developments and

partnerships. This session will be both a presentation and some practical writing elements with Anna on her “imagination laxatives”.
www.thestoryrepublic.co.uk

B2: a) Writing fantasies: the effects of exercises “Free-Write” and “20 set of instructions” on writer-students’ style of writing – Zoe Charalambous

This session will be an interactive presentation of how the two commonly used exercises, “Free-Write” and “20 set of Instructions”, might function to continue, expand or disrupt an author’s assumptions about how they write, according to the analysis of data from doctoral research about the use of six creative writing exercises in the teaching of creative writing in higher education. This session will provide you with unique insight about the potentiality of tracing pathways of writing followed in your own and your students’ creative writing linked with one’s writer identity.

b) Making Students’ Heads Throb Heartlike: David Foster Wallace’s Infinitely Healing Pedagogy – Tony McMahon

The American writer David Foster Wallace once said that he wanted his work to make “heads throb heartlike”. Since his death in 2008, Wallace has attracted an increasing amount of academic interest. In this paper, I examine unexplored ideas surrounding the use of his novels, short stories and non-fiction in the classroom. I further explore the notion that Wallace’s “new sincerity”, “hysterical realism” or “post postmodernism”, as his writing has been classified, opens doors for as yet unmapped opportunities for teaching. I then interrogate the work of Wallace scholars Greg Carlisle, David Hering and Marshall Boswell, coming ultimately to the conclusion that reading, writing and healing – for Wallace and for students of his work – cannot be separated.

C2: a) Kurdistan: Al-Anfal in Women’s Words – Graham Mort, Muli Amaye

Muli Amaye and Graham Mort have been working with a team of researchers to gather the stories of older women who survived Saddam Hussein’s infamous Al-Anfal campaign against Kurdish peoples in North-East Iraq following the Iraq/Iran war. Their work is uncovering alternative stories to the heroic depictions of Kurdish resistance in the mountains, showing how women supported their children, endured great privations and maintained family structures. This presentation will feature photographs from the project, an account of its multi-lingual methodology and excerpts from the stories themselves alongside poems from a new sequence that Graham wrote as research documentary.

b) Pamoja Tunakataa (Together We Refuse!) – Sarah Penny

In August Sarah Penny conducted a research project called Pamoja Tunakataa (Together We Refuse! in Kiswahili) in Kenya. Working together with a dramatherapist, she used a fusion of dramatherapy and creative writing to collect testimony from Masaai girls at a rescue centre in the Kenyan district of Narok who have decided to refuse Female Genital Mutilation. She then took the stories up to Maralal where FGM remains an obligatory rite of passage for young Samburu women. In cooperation with a team of Kenyan actors, the stories were workshopped with mothers and daughters, to open up the idea of the possibility of refusal.

D2: The Pleasures, Pitfalls and Benefits of Teaching Flash Fiction – Carrie Etter

Flash fiction provides a way into creative writing for students widely ranging in ability and age. In this workshop with an instructor who has long taught flash fiction in both further and higher education, participants will learn of its benefits, pitfalls, teaching techniques and resources; they will also have an opportunity to try out at least one popular prompt.

E2: a) Japanese Wisdom for Writers – Robert Paul Weston

Inspired by the folk wisdom of old Japan, internationally award-winning children's author, Robert Paul Weston, takes a unique approach to writing, exploring how the ancient proverbs and modern aesthetics of the far east can make you a better writer. His presentation is followed by an interactive poetry workshop based on the "tanka party," when Japanese poets gather together to play lighthearted creativity games that help them produce new work.

b) Poetry Improvisation – Robin Vaughan-Williams

Poetry improvisation offers a radical departure from conventional creative writing practices. Rather than composing through writing and in private, poetry improvisation involves spontaneous, collaborative and oral composition. In this workshop I will be talking about my experience of running poetry improvisation workshops, sharing some of the work these have generated (in audio and writing), and giving delegates the chance to have a go themselves. There will also be space to discuss the potential of poetry improvisation to create performance material, engage hard-to-reach groups, build confidence, develop ideas, and channel the inner voice.

18.00-18.30 Poetry by Heart

The Poetry By Heart team invite you to hear about our national schools' poetry recitation competition. Now in its third successful year, it continues its close links with NAWA. Students aged 14-18 from across England will recite from over 200 poems from our interactive timeline at poetrybyheart.org.uk, from Beowulf to Andrew Motion. School winners qualify for county competitions, before the National Finals at Cambridge. Reciting at this event are Matilda Neill, our 2014 Champion, and Fey Popoola, the London regional winner. This performance event will prove that poetry as a spoken art is alive and well in our schools!

18.30-19.30 Dinner

20.00-21.00 Evening Event

A Reading by Roger McGough

We are delighted to welcome Roger McGough as our special guest on this first evening of the conference.

“A trickster you can trust”, Roger is one of Britain’s best-loved poets for both adults and children. He was awarded his OBE for services to poetry in 1997 and a CBE in 2004. He has also been honoured with the Freedom of the City of Liverpool.

He is an Honorary Fellow of Liverpool John Moores University and an Honorary Professor at Thames Valley University.



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Much travelled and translated, his poetry has gained increasing popularity, especially from its widespread use in schools. A prolific writer, he is twice winner of the Signal Award for best children’s poetry book and recipient of the Cholmondeley Award.

His latest poetry book is *That Awkward Age* (Penguin) and, for children, *The Imaginary Menagerie* (Frances Lincoln) with illustrations by the author. His autobiography *Said and Done* (Century) explores overnight fame with Lily The Pink, The Scaffold and Yellow Submarine which he helped write for the Beatles. He encounters Bob Dylan, John Lennon, Marlon Brando, Allen Ginsberg, Pete McCarthy and Salman Rushdie amongst others.



Be part of the fun

The search for the 2015 Poetry By Heart national champion is under way. School and college competitions happen all this term, county contests in January and February and the national finals weekend next March.

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We'd love to meet you and talk about how you could be part of the action.

We'll be at the NAWE conference in Bristol. Come and talk to us.

Saturday 15 November

07.30-08.30	Breakfast
08.00-09.00	Registration
09.00-09.30	Plenary Session

NAWE Director's Report – Paul Munden

09.30-11.00 Choice of:

A3: Film in a Day Workshop – Nigel Smith, Annie Tauk

Young people are excited about creating their own film; we made a stop-start animation with Year Three students using a self-penned rap poem as inspiration. The children worked singly or in pairs to film animated scenes using plasticine and other media. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to write a poem together, create models and sets, operate a camera and edit live footage. The workshop will cover the types of poems that work best, the animation software required, adding a soundtrack and finishing touches – and, of course, the Bristol premiere of the NAWE Conference Animation.

B3: Creative assessment across the disciplines – Alyson Morris, Lesley Dowding, Tim Kelly, Carol Chamley, Fazilah Twining

At Coventry University, a number of departments are adopting short stories as a means of assessing knowledge and understanding. Some of these subject areas deal with challenging concepts, and lecturers have found it difficult to identify a reasonable depth of understanding from students through normal coursework avenues, such as the essay. Two senior lecturers in Creative Writing have been promoting creative assessments across the University with unexpected successes and unforeseen outcomes that warrant debate. The panel consists of Alyson Morris and Tim Kelly (Creative Writing), Dr Carol Chamley (Health and Life Sciences), Fazilah Twining (Mental Health), Lesley Dowding (Part Time Lecturer), with a relayed contribution from Dr Steve Foster (Human Rights Law).

C3: Setting: What lies above, what lies below? – Derek Neale, Nicky Harlow, Edward Hogan, Sally O'Reilly and Emma Sweeney

Just how important is setting? Is it as crucial as character? Setting reveals,

setting hides – it is the writer’s ideal accomplice. This panel of writers from The Open University will discuss how they’ve embraced setting in their novels and stories. The tour of fictional locations will include postwar Brighton, Jacobean London, modern day Morecambe Bay and small valley towns in the Yorkshire moors and Welsh hills. Through brief presentations offering contrasting methods as well as landscapes, the panel will examine the effect of setting on character and story. The last part of the session will open out into broader discussion with the audience.

D3: a) “Notebook” poems – Joan Michelson

We will take directives from *July and August Notebooks*, by the Pulitzer Prize winner and former US Poet Laureate, Robert Hass (1941-). We will consider the reach and boundaries of his use of the “composite” poem with its variety and inclusiveness and also the flexibility of its form. We will identify craft and technical features to explore in our own poems. It would be helpful and a richer experience if participants come prepared with notebook/journal/diary entries of their own or similar jottings by another writer.

b) Giving a brilliant reading – Justina Hart, Joan Michelson

All too often toneless, too-quick readings fail to do justice to wonderful poems. The aim of a reading should be to delight, capture the audience's attention and showcase work, not encourage the listener to switch off. This experiential session will focus on techniques and tips to employ and those to avoid, which are backed up by expert advice from leading voice coaches. Participants will have a chance to read twice: first, without coaching and second, putting into practice what they've learnt. The session is aimed at those who give readings of their work, as well as teachers planning to enter students for the next Poetry by Heart competition. Participants should bring a short poem to the session: either one of their own or a favourite poem.

E3: a) Brave New Words: Opening Up with Creative Translation – Sophie Mayer

Starting with an opportunity to enjoy creative translation exercises developed through English PEN’s “Brave New Voices” project, this presentation will explore the positive impact of playful translation on accessing creativity for all in diverse education environments. Building bridges between writing workshops inside and outside formal education, and between native and ESOL speakers, “Brave New Voices” produced a poetry pamphlet showcasing young contributors from hard-to-reach migrant, refugee and asylum-seeker communities. By turning multilingualism into a strategic skill,

creative translation allows ESOL speakers to participate fully and generatively where they may feel excluded, and broadens vocabularies, wordplay and linguistic sensitivity for all.

b) Celebrating Mother Tongues: Developing Multilingual Creative Writing (Part 1) – Becky Swain, Anjum Malik

This presentation will draw learning from Arvon's (M)Other Tongues programme, leading creative writing with bilingual and multilingual writers who lack confidence and struggle with writing. A practical workshop will follow at 11.30am (see B4).

c) Deepening intercultural bonds through writing: a creative writing group for Asian girls – Josephine Brady

This session will present findings from a research and development project designed to connect a well-established arts initiative (West Midlands Write On! Young Writers programme) with young people who may feel prohibited from engaging with existing opportunities. Funded by Arts Connect West Midlands, a writing group was established which offered a culturally sensitive and artistic space for Asian girls, predominately of Bangladeshi and Bengali heritage, aged between 12 and 16 years old, to develop their interest in creative writing. Through reflections on interviews, observations and written pieces, the session will explore the development of the group over time and the influence on individuals.

11.00-11.30 Tea/Coffee

11.30-13.00 Choice of:

A4: The Creative Writing A Level – Karen Buckley, Sarah Oliver

Karen Buckley has been teaching the Creative Writing A Level since it was introduced in September 2014. During this session she will talk about planning and delivering the course as well as guiding students through the journal keeping, workshops and critical reflection that culminates in an assessed reflective commentary. She will show some students' work produced during the course. Sarah Oliver has also been teaching the course and will detail ways to develop connections with the wider literary community, including collaboration with regional book festivals and universities, and share student success stories. Students have enjoyed publication success in various magazines and journals and their achievements were further celebrated through the publication of a creative arts anthology launched in

collaboration with a local bookshop. This session will share the work from their anthology and provide advice on how to create vocational opportunities for student writers.

B4: Celebrating Mother Tongues: Developing Multilingual Creative Writing (Part 2) – Becky Swain, Anjum Malik

This workshop will draw learning from Arvon's (M)Other Tongues programme, leading creative writing with bilingual and multilingual writers who lack confidence and struggle with writing. This session will share evaluation findings to focus on practical strategies for engaging groups – including Somali, Urdu and Romanian Roma. It will explore techniques that writers have developed with bilingual and multilingual participants. Come prepared for a practical session and to contribute to discussion about understanding the unique character of participant groups and how creative writing can enhance creativity and confidence. Each participant will receive a free copy of Arvon's (M)Other Tongues learning resource.

C4: a) Using Research in Poetry – Andrea Holland

Everyone knows that fiction writers need to spend hours online or in the library researching the worlds in which their potential characters reside – Ian McEwan spent weeks alongside a brain surgeon observing skulls being opened and worked on, in order to better understand the job he had given his protagonist in his novel, *Saturday*. But poets don't need to get their hands quite so dirty – or do they? This talk/presentation/workshop explores what research can bring to poetry, and goes through some of the research which poet Andrea Holland undertook when writing poems for commission which were set in a particular time and place (Norfolk, 1942).

b) Writing for the Community, Theory in Practice: Using Verbatim in Creative Writing – Sophie-Louise Hyde

This session derives from my own work on verbatim poetry and will comprise of three main parts. A presentation will introduce delegates to contemporary verbatim techniques, including micro-interviews, witness testimony and recorded delivery output. Encouraging discussion focused, specifically, on the importance of a “community”, when exploring socially-, culturally- and politically-significant events, in relation to verbatim practice, this workshop will ask questions surrounding source material, authorship, ethics of practice and the importance of the locale. Finally, the interactive activity will demonstrate how you might use the verbatim technique in your own writing, inviting participants (individually/in a group to write and share their final pieces with

the room in a performance-style element.

D4: Fictionalizing the Stories of Others: Using Collaborative Life Writing in the Classroom – Tresa LeClerc

Collaborative life writing in creative writing has the potential to promote personal engagement and foster creativity in the classroom. In this workshop, we will reflect on Nam Le's "The Boat", a fictional short story based on events in the life of Le's father. Through interactive discussion, our group will uncover how this text may have been crafted. We will then discuss ways in which Le and other authors may go about constructing fictional stories based on the lives of others and explore implications for classroom creative writing activities. Participants will also have the opportunity to draft a short story using this method.

E4: Crater: Setting it Straight by Telling it Slant – a collaborative writing project with British Service veterans of the Aden conflict – Helen Limon

Four writers (of poetry, prose and drama) worked with the veterans to produce a radio drama based on their memories of one particular day during the conflict. Their requirements for the writers was to "set it straight" but in seeking to focus on the particular elements of the story that had troubled the veterans for decades it became clear that the writers would need to shape the writing into a dramatic narrative and "tell it slant".

b) Re-imagining World War One in Poetry and Film – Tom MacAndrew

Did the poets of World War One already say all that can be said about that conflict? Is there anything the contemporary poet can meaningfully add? How can poetry and film be brought together to retell those stories? The Poetry Society has marked the First World War centenary with a series of new film and poem commissions, as well as developing some new film-based schools resources. Education Manager Tom MacAndrew will talk about the Society's work commissioning film-poems, its attempts to breathe new life into forgotten poems of the period, and its experiences of engaging adult and school audiences with First World War poetry through film.

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Plenary session

The NAWE Debate – Liz Cashdan, Steve Dearden, Louise Tondeur, Simon Wrigley (Chaired by Maggie Butt)

Who are we teaching to write, and why? How do approaches differ – and what are our measures of success – in different contexts? The four panellists will offer their personal thoughts, leading to an audience discussion.

15.00-16.30 Choice of:

A5: Playing with Words: Transforming Teachers into Writers – Christina Thatcher

Creative writing, like many artistic pursuits, is about engagement. In the classroom this means that if teachers expect their students to meaningfully engage in writing they must engage as well. This interactive workshop will encourage both primary and secondary school teachers to play with words, create new stories, piece together poems, and examine their own writing process. Participants will not only be encouraged to compose and share their own pieces in the session but they will also be supplied with strategies for engaging students through creative writing in the classroom.

B5: a) Screenwriting Studies: Writing about Practice, Beyond the Guides and the Gurus – Craig Batty

As a screenwriting author as well as an academic, I find myself in an interesting predicament with regards to “screenwriting studies”. For a field whose central concern is practice, I am disappointed that many academics ignore work intended to help writing practice. This is particularly problematic in the context of practice-based research, whose aim is not to theorize practice but to interrogate it in order to generate new knowledge and new practices. In this paper I offer some thoughts about how we might expand the area of “screenwriting studies” to set it apart from film, television and/or cultural studies, with specific concerns for writing practice. Screenwriting is an activity and so rather than understand the discipline, researchers should be confident in offering practical insights for it.

b) Screenwriting: Creating screenplays for short films – Julie Everton

In this interactive workshop, I will take participants through the key aspects of writing screenplays for short films. The workshop is based on a module I teach to final year students at the University of Brighton. We will explore

visual storytelling techniques, look at the three key types of short film, the characteristics which make for a good short screenplay, the value of genre in shorts, and pitfalls to avoid. Participants will engage with creating a premise and explore the script workshop process. Finally I will discuss storyboards, and aspects of “no budget” production, with examples.

C5: a) The Act of Looking: Art And Writing Workshop and Discussion – Philip Monks

Using creative writing activities based on art works, we will explore how our responses to art can lead to both resonant writing and an enhanced appreciation of the art being responded to. The main focus is on poetry, but participants are free to respond through prose if preferred. We will look at consideration of the art itself, the story of its creation, the artist and the history it embodies, and through this discuss the pros and cons of writing in response to art and working as a writer in an arts setting.

b) Writing Holographically – Pam Thompson

In 2009 I began a part-time PhD in creative writing, poetry, developing new work in response to and dialogue with holography, the practice of making holograms, or, more specifically, holopoetry. A hologram is an apparently three-dimensional image of an object which is recorded via various optical means. Holopoems are poems made via processes of holography and digital manipulation and comprise a stunning fusion of word and image. This session comprises a discussion and workshop in which I will share my ideas and you will write your own new poems in relation to some of the holographic techniques I have devised.

D5: We regret that the previously advertised session has been cancelled. For details of a replacement session, please refer to the programme posters.

E5: a) Long-Distance Writing: Keeping Going Beyond the Writing Course – Kevin Manwaring

In this session I will look at strategies for resilience in the “long game” of being a writer – beyond the nuts-and-bolts of a writing course – for both teacher and student. Most courses seemed designed to lead to only one destination – publication – but what happens next? As anyone who has been published knows, getting into print is only the start of the journey. What will sustain your writing through the peaks and troughs? Based upon ideas and techniques that are the culmination of over 14 years' teaching experience, The Writer's Quest is the self-diagnostic coaching-map I offer.

b) Promoting High Quality Creative Writing Teaching in Adult and Community Learning – Helen Stockton, Danielle Lloyd

A published author, aspiring to be a creative writing tutor for an adult education college, explained that should he be employed, he would read from his own work, “give it some jaw jaw”, and hope that students got something out of it! Creative writing, across adult and community education providers, is a popular subject, and is often the first step in formal education for writers of varying knowledge and ability. It is crucial therefore that the provision is good. But how is this ensured? Ideas, enthusiasm, practical tips and experience will be shared.

c) Four Plays and an Education Pack: a playwright's journey into the community – Alan Spence

This seminar plots the journey one playwright took, in his on-going attempt to become established. It would be of interest to students, teachers, beginning and emerging playwrights and delegates will receive a pack of materials. Alan will draw on River Wolton’s NAWE leaflet “Getting Started as a Writer in the Community”, linking aspects of her guidance with his own playwriting experiences. Looking at key areas of community, funding, production and audiences, delegates will have the opportunity to explore issues, read short script extracts, share their own experiences, and develop ideas for a new community theatre piece.

16.30-17.00 Tea/Coffee

17.00-18.00 Choice of:

A6: Making Poetry Happen: transforming the poetry classroom – Sue Dymoke, Myra Barrs, Anthony Wilson

Our session celebrates the publication of *Making Poetry Happen: Transforming the Poetry Classroom* (Bloomsbury, October 2014). The book developed from the ground-breaking ESRC-funded Poetry Matters seminars which enabled poets, teachers and researchers to explore emerging issues in poetry pedagogy together for the first time. The session provides an introduction to the book’s key themes and an opportunity to join us in a poetry conversation in which we argue for a distinctive poetry pedagogy and present examples of case studies of poetry practice that are enabling students and teachers across the 5-19 age range to engage confidently with the genre.

B6: The Creative Writing MOOC: Teaching a Class of Twenty Thousand –
Derek Neale, Jude Piesse, Lucy Yates

The Open University's Start Writing Fiction MOOC catered for over 23,000 would-be writers in its first presentation. But what is a MOOC? The acronym stands for "mass online open course" but what does a MOOC consist of? What do students do on a MOOC? And how on earth is it possible to teach or facilitate writing activities for a class of twenty thousand? This session will elucidate – with illustrations and testimonies from MOOC designers, facilitators and users. Half of the session will consist of demonstration, and half question and answer discussion involving the audience – MOOC students past and present are especially welcome.

C6: a) Towards a "Narratology of Otherness": Colum McCann, *Zoli* and a New Transcultural Lens – Ruth Gilligan

This paper will consider contemporary world literature authors writing about a subject "other" than themselves. However, while ethical and political dissections of such novels abound, by surveying the field of narratology, I will try to shift the emphasis and propose a more formal lens through which these texts may be examined. By applying this to Irish-American author Colum McCann, I will reveal the structural ingenuities he enacts over the course of his transcultural novel *Zoli*. Furthermore, as a non-Jew writing a novel about the Irish Jewish community, I will elucidate how (and why) I have also been endeavouring to perform such formal innovations myself.

b) Folk Song Stories as Structural Paradigms – James Martin Charlton,
Lorna Gibb

Folk ballads have lasting cultural resonance and popularity. The narratives and characters in songs like "Barbara Allen" or "Duncan and Brady" are infinitely adaptable in terms of time and place; whilst others like "The Jeely Piece Song" capture a place and its culture in a way that commemorates it for future generations. Contrasting these two different types of ballads, the session shows how writers can adapt, transform, revisit and redeploy ballad stories in other forms of writing. A short introduction to the technique will precede a participatory writers' workshop encouraging the use of selected songs as inspiration for creative pieces.

D6: Writing and Dance – Fiona Hamilton

How can text and dance work together? This session presents findings from a collaboration between a writer and two dancers. Writers often find themselves

huddled over desks, and words can sometimes get a little abstract. What happens when we make conscious connections between words and physical sensations such as touch or gesture? What creative choices do dancers and writers make when collaborating? How can reading or writing be enriched by movement? In this workshop I will share findings from a project involving these elements based on *Bite Sized*, a story in verse adapted for performance. The workshop includes a presentation and opportunities to write as well as move.

E6: a) Let in the Stars: publishing new poetry for children – Kaye Tew, Claudia Conerney, Mandy Coe

Are we in danger of disfranchising young readers and new writers from contemporary children's poetry? The majority of authors in schools are poets, but with such a limited infrastructure – as compared to the adult poetry world of prizes, magazines and open-floors – how can poets writing for children progress? This session will share the findings of the 2014 Manchester Poetry Prize (adults writing for children) and the resulting anthology *Let in the Stars*, containing poems from UK, Canada, the US, Uganda, Ireland and the UK. What subjects cropped up? What surprised the judges about the portfolios that were entered? Children's poetry in bookshops is now categorized under "Poetry and Joke Books". We need to seek practical ways to nurture and celebrate this amazing genre.

b) The birth pangs of a co-operative press – Nicky Harlow, David Chadwick, Ros Davis, Iris Feindt

Members of Manchester Co-operative Pandril Press will discuss the agony and the ecstasy of setting up a publishing company. Although they met and became friends at Manchester Metropolitan University on the Creative Writing MA course, the group members hail from a variety of backgrounds, each bringing different skills to the enterprise. They will talk about the process of selecting, editing and proofreading fiction; book design, finance, marketing, and the way in which publishing a book together can test and strengthen friendships as well as develop writers' understanding of the publishing industry.

18.30-19.30 Dinner

20.00-21.00 Evening Event:

A Reading and Talk by Deborah Moggach

To conclude our Saturday programme, we are delighted to welcome Deborah Moggach.

Deborah has written seventeen novels including *The Ex-Wives*, *Tulip Fever*, *These Foolish Things* and *Heartbreak Hotel*. She has adapted many of them as TV dramas and written several film scripts, including the BAFTA-nominated screenplay for *Pride and Prejudice*. She also adapted Nancy Mitford's *Love In A Cold Climate* for the BBC and won a Writers Guild Award for her adaptation of Anne Fine's *Goggle-eyes*.



These Foolish Things was made into the film, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. *Tulip Fever* has also just been filmed, produced by Harvey Weinstein and starring Judy Dench and Tom Hollander.

Deborah has also written two collections of short stories, *Smile* and *Changing Babies*, and a stage play, *Double-Take*, which was performed at Liverpool and Chichester.

In 2005 she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree by her Alma Mater, the University of Bristol.

She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, a former Chair of the Society of Authors, and is on the executive committee of PEN.

“Both my parents were writers – my father wrote naval history, biographies and children’s books; my mother wrote and illustrated children’s books. I had three sisters, and we grew up to the sound of typewriters tapping in the veranda, where our parents sat side by side, working. I wasn’t a particularly writerly child, however. I preferred playing with cars and animals. I didn’t like girly things and my hero was William Brown.”

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07.30-08.30 Breakfast

09.00-10.30 Choice of:

A7: a) The Story Architect – Mac Dunlop

This session explores story and structure by engaging the body and the imagination. A story needs to include all the basics of narrative. Learn Wordball where teamwork and talking is the object of the game. Meet the Story Architect who explains a vision for a new town centre, and gives each team a role to play. Enact a public meeting where team reps face questions from the public, then look at our emerging stories again to see where they might lead. This is about getting inside a story and developing the narrator's voice.

b) Wild writing: outdoors storytelling and creative writing in the field (literally!) – Jennie Bailey

How do you enable creative writing without ready access to pens and paper? And how can you tailor your sessions for all ages? Jennie discusses various ways of creating new work – or playing with old stories – when out and about. Using nature and the urban environment as inspiration, this interactive session uses props and that old favourite, the handout! Participants will leave with some hints and tips for activities to engage people old and young in writing, and also some ideas which could help their own writing practice.

B7: a) The Doctorate by Public (or Published) Works – Maggie Butt, Philip Gross, Paul Munden, Josie Barnard

If you are a published writer and also an academic, have you considered capitalizing on your oeuvre to gain a doctoral qualification? This panel examines and debates the benefits and challenges for the candidate who wants to use their existing published works as a route to a doctorate. It also considers the issues and pleasures for the supervisors and examiners of a PhD or DProf by Public Works. The panel consists of two experienced supervisors and two supervisees.

b) Help is at Hand: Peer-to-Peer Learning as a Support Mechanism for the Creative Writing PhD – Craig Batty, Tony McMahon

Since 2012, Creative Writing PhD candidates at RMIT University have been

engaged in a facilitated peer-to-peer learning group (HELP), initiated by one supervisor and supported by the School of Graduate Research to enhance the research training environment and the candidate experience. The group, which has 25 members and meets monthly, functions primarily as a writing workshop for both creative and exegetical components of the PhD. In this presentation, the facilitator and one member of HELP will outline some of the group's activities and achievements, including timely completions, conference presentations and publications. The presenters will provide guidance for those wishing to create similar groups.

C7: a) Involving Students in Real World Projects – Lucy English, Mimi Thebo

How can we teach our students the essential skills needed to find employment in the competitive arena of creative arts? In this session Reader in Creative Writing, Lucy English, and Senior Lecturer, Dr Mimi Thebo examine how they have involved their students in “real world” projects and how these projects have been part of the assessment process. The students in Creative Writing at Bath Spa University enjoy one of the UK's most forward thinking Creative Writing departments. Third year students are encouraged to develop and create individual projects which take them outside of the classroom and into the “real world”. These projects are often collaborative, innovative and far reaching in terms of the students' creative development and employability. In this session Lucy and Mimi will ask you to re-evaluate your own assessment criteria and how these can be expanded to include events and projects in the “real world”.

b) Getting your Students into Print – Claire Hamilton

This workshop is about encouraging students to enter the world of self-publishing by producing a book of combined short stories. It shows how to choose subject-matter, inspire research, and ensure a high standard of writing from every student. It also looks at raising money, overseeing design, lay-out, back-cover blurb, and handling launches. It shows how to achieve commercial success through using marketing and media opportunities such as radio broadcasts and press releases, and includes some short practical exercises. This is excellent preparation for students who must be prepared for these tasks even if their work is accepted by professional publishers.

D7: Forming poetry – Angela France

This workshop will explore the benefits of teaching received forms to student poets at an early stage. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to try

a range of exercises in writing received forms and discuss the effect of writing in form on students' work.

E7: a) Exploring Writing Habits and Approaches – Rachel Connor, Rebecca Evans, Nicky Harlow

Can writers improve their writing productivity through building regular writing habits? Can pre-writing strategies help produce first and subsequent drafts? Do writers' writing and drafting habits change naturally over time? This paper will look at original research from creative writing students and data gathered from writers taking part in a writing habits test during 2014 to examine the extent to which student and professional writers' practice can benefit from strategic input.

b) Overcoming the terror of the blank page and the “clueless” classroom – Andrea Mason, Francis Gilbert

This workshop offers two components. Part One explores how creative writers can overcome the “terror of the blank page”. Participants will consider why they write, and be offered exercises and strategies to get writing, including building a community of writers. Part Two will look at how these strategies can be applied when teaching creative writing: it will examine ways in which writers can encourage students to write in more effective, productive ways, whilst giving their students a great deal of freedom. This workshop is suitable for writer/teachers who want to develop their own writing practice as well as hone their pedagogical skills.

10.30-11.00 Tea/Coffee

11.00-12.15 Choice of:

A8: a) Duckboards over wet ground – Emily Capstick

Interpreting and responding creatively to the centenary of the First World War and other sensitive histories (with the Imperial War Museum North, Museum of London and Isle of Man Museums), has been the focus of much of Emily's recent work. Drawing on her experiences of facilitating groups for adults and children aged 9-16 (including teenagers with special educational needs and children from families seeking asylum), this practical workshop will introduce creative writing activities which can be used to explore complex histories sensitively and to inspire and enable artistic responses.

b) If a Picture Speaks – Lucy Lepchani

In the classroom, how might we level the field for slower writers to work with equal input to their more capable peers? How might this same group work effectively and more equally together to develop a collective play or other body of work? This session will provide an insightful how-to, using methods from Augusto Boal's Image Theatre, adapted to suit writers at Key Stage 2 and above. Participants will practise some exercises suitable for use in the classroom. There will also be a short Q & A session.

B8: Creative Approaches to Change and Renewal – Steve May, Patty McNair, Bambo Soyinka

In our lives as teachers, researchers, practitioners and, goddammit, people, we are constantly faced with change. Is your natural temptation to try to minimize change, and carry on as before? Or are you the kind of person who looks for glorious possibilities in every turd-filled swamp? Come join us in a variety of swamps of your own making, and let's see if the tanker needs turning or a torpedo.

C8: Science, Poetry and Creative Writing – Jonathan Taylor, Simon Perril, Lisa Mansell

"Mysteries do not lose their poetry when solved. Quite the contrary; the solution often turns out more beautiful than the puzzle." (Richard Dawkins, *Unweaving the Rainbow*) In March 2014, the journal *Interdisciplinary Science Reviews* (vol. 39:1) featured three articles by the contributors to this panel. In very different ways, the articles all intermingle creative, reflective, academic and critical writing, in explorations of the borderlands between science and poetry. Through creative and reflective practice, that is, the articles explore the themes, analogies, structures, histories and metaphors of different scientific discourses. This panel showcases the articles, hoping to demonstrate some of the possibilities for hybrids of reflective, critical, poetic and, indeed, scientific writing. For this reason, the panel will include both poetry readings and contextual reflection on that poetry.

D8: The Village of Your Novel – Rebecca Smith, Carole Burns, Judith Heneghan

There's something particularly interesting and satisfying about the scale and dynamics of a village, whether it's Winesburg, Ohio, or a tower block in Kiev. Almost 200 years since the publication of *Emma*, thinking about the village of a novel can help writers manage a cast of characters, build tension and

create a sense of place. Drawing on a diverse range of works, we'll look at ways of creating villages (inner-city or rural) and demonstrate methods of leading readers into convincing worlds, whatever the genre and style. Presentations will be followed by discussion and diverse exercises to try and take away.

E8: The power of letters and manuscripts to inspire creative writing – Esther Rutter

Whether your students are seven, seventeen or seventy, using manuscripts is a great way to help them engage with literature and also inspire their own writing. In the first part of this workshop the Wordsworth Trust's education staff use letters written to and from the Wordsworth family, including their children, to show how original manuscripts can inspire primary pupils; in the second part of the workshop staff show how manuscripts of poems including "The Prelude" can help GCSE and A Level students respond creatively to set texts; and in the third part staff will show a variety of possibilities for using both manuscripts and works of art in a cross-curricular setting with students of all ages.

b) Finding inspiration in the archives – Emma Filtness, Katie Flanagan

Emma Filtness, Creative Writing Tutor, and Katie Flanagan, Special Collections Librarian (currently at Brunel University), will discuss their ongoing work together in which they encourage writers to find inspiration in the archives. They will talk you through their approach, from introducing items from the eclectic collections and guiding writers, both amateur and seasoned, through the process, to the final products and forms of dissemination. Examples of interesting items from the collection will be shown, as well as the finished creative pieces they inspired with comments on the creative process from previous workshop participants, as case studies. You will then give it a go yourself.

12.15-13.00 Plenary Session

Conclusions and NAWE AGM – Paul Munden, Liz Cashdan

NAWE's Director and Chair will take stock of what emerges from the conference and enable delegates to raise in public any issues discussed in less formal gatherings throughout the weekend. The session will include the formal business of the NAWE Annual General Meeting.

13.00 Close of Conference

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Emily Capstick is an award-winning scriptwriter (with over 30 commissioned scripts) and published children's author with a teaching qualification in adult and higher education. "Emily's fun session was inspiring and informative. Her warmth, passion and sensitivity for working with children is profound." (Jo Dowding, Guernsey Museum)

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Iris Feindt has written a children's novel, numerous short stories and, most recently, co-edited *Animal Stew*, an anthology of short stories for children

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Ed Hogan was born in 1980. His novels include *Blackmoor* and *The Hunger Trace*, both set in Derbyshire. He was shortlisted for the *Sunday Times* Young Writer of the Year award, and won the Desmond Elliott Prize. His next novel is based in Brighton, where he lives with his family.

Andrea Holland's collection of poems, *Broadcasting* (Gatehouse Press, 2013) was the winner of the 2012 Norfolk Commission for Poetry. Her first collection, *Borrowed*, was published by Smith/Doorstop in 2007. She has also collaborated with visual artists on a number of commissioned projects. She teaches creative writing and literature at UEA.

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Programme Overview

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Friday 14 November

12pm Network Meetings: 1 Writers in Schools (Forest); 2 Higher Education (Orchard)

1pm Lunch

2pm Welcome & Opening Plenary: Talk by Javier Sagarna and Mariana Torres (Forest)

2.30pm 1	The Digital Writer; Digital Platforms	Where Truth Lies; Guest starring	“Psycho-corps”; The Artful Journal	Lines workshop	Writing & Becoming; Writing for your life
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4pm Tea/Coffee Break

4.30pm 2	The Write Book; The Story Republic	Artful Approaches; Making “heads throb heartlike”	Al-Anfal in Women’s Words; Pamoja Tunakataa	Flash fiction workshop	Japanese Wisdom; Poetry Improvisation
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6pm Poetry by Heart (Forest)

6.30pm Dinner

8pm Evening Event: A Reading by Roger McGough (Forest)

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Saturday 15 November

7.30am	Breakfast
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9am	Plenary Session: NAWE Director's Report (Forest)			
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9.30am	Film in a day workshop	Creative Assessment	Setting the novel	Notebook poems; Giving a reading	Creative Translation; Multilingual Writing; Intercultural bonds
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11am	Tea/Coffee Break			
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11.30am	The Creative Writing A Level	Celebrating Mother Tongues	Research in Poetry; Verbatim writing	Collaborative Life Writing workshop	Writing with British Service veterans; WW1 in Poetry & Film
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1pm	Lunch			
2pm	THE NAWE Debate (Forest)			
3pm				
5	Teachers as writers	Screenwriting studies; Writing for short films	The Act of Looking; Writing & holograms	Please refer to posters for session replacement
				Keeping going; Community practice; A playwright's journey
4.30pm	Tea/Coffee Break			
5pm				
6	Poetry in the Classroom	The Creative Writing MOOC	"Narratology of otherness"; Folk song stories	Writing and Dance workshop
				Publishing new poetry for children; A co-operative Press
6pm	Bar			
6.30pm	Dinner			
8pm	Evening Event: A Reading by Deborah Moggach (Forest)			

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Sunday 16 November

7.30am	Breakfast				
9am	The story architect; Wild writing	Doctorates by published works; Peer learning and the PhD	Real world projects; Getting students into print	Forming Poetry workshop	Writing habits; Overcoming the blank page
10.30am	Tea/Coffee				
11am	Duckboards over wet ground; If a picture speaks	Creative approaches to change and renewal	Science, Poetry & Creative Writing	The Village of Your Novel	Using letters & manuscripts; Inspiration in archives
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12.15pm Plenary Session: Conclusions & NAWE AGM (Forest)

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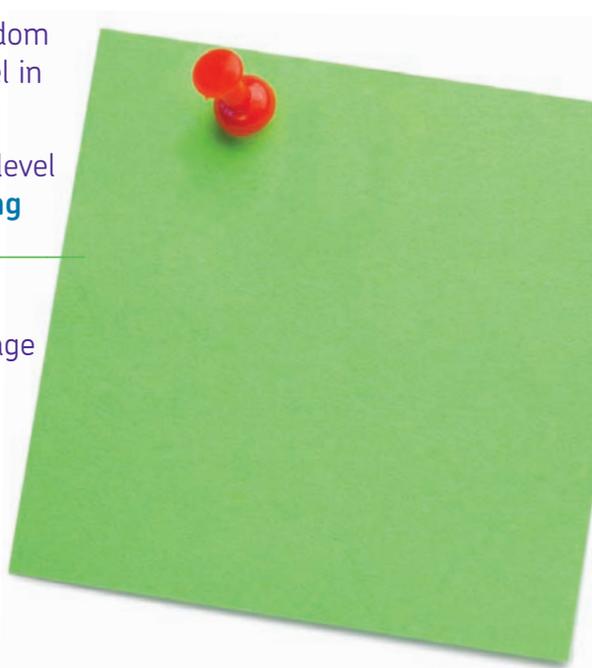
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