





'Chosen' – creative writing workshops for adopted young people.

- Are you Gen-Z?
- Are you aged 13-18?
- Are you adopted?
- Are you available on Saturday afternoons in November 2020?
- Are you interested in creative writing and want to see your work published?

If you answered yes to all of the above- we want to hear from you!

This exciting project is a collaboration between the Royal Society of Literature and two freelance poets, Janett Plummer and Charlotte Ansell, with support from PAC-UK.

We are offering four FREE two hour creative writing workshops at Lift in Islington on a weekly basis in November 2020.

When:

Dates: 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th November. Times: 1.30pm-3.30pm **Where:** LIFT in Islington Address: Lift, 45 White Lion Street, The Angel, London N1 9PW.





The Lift Building

The St Pancras room where the sessions will be.

Who:

Facilitators: Janett Plummer & Charlotte Ansell

We are both published poets with many years' experience working with Looked After and adopted young people and will do everything we can to help you feel comfortable, to support you to produce your best work and treat you with respect, sensitivity and compassion.

Participants: YOU!

What:

Each workshop will comprise engaging, interactive writing exercises, improving and editing techniques and sharing work. We will also work on practicing performance techniques for those that wish to and feel able to.

Themes will be generated by participants although some ice breakers, generic exercises and source material will be provided for inspiration. Themes may include but are not limited to: belonging, identity, being chosen, what it means to be adopted, navigating the world, links and disparities between generations, etc.

At the end of the workshops there will be a showcase event, and your writing will be published in a small pamphlet as well as showcased on a dedicated page on the PAC-UK website (don't worry- you can remain anonymous if you want to, or display your name proudly if you prefer!) Refreshments will be provided.

Experience and commitment required:

No experience necessary-just enthusiasm! You may already be a gifted writer or you may feel you can't write at all- either way we want to hear from you. We would prefer you to sign up or all four sessions if you can.

Other info:

Workshops will be provided in line with current government guidelines regarding social distancing, etc. to ensure your safety. Please go to <u>www.liftislington.org.uk</u> for more information about health and safety measures in place. In the event of another lockdown in London we will move the workshops online. We are asking applicants to state their preference for face to face or online workshops but cannot make promises at this stage. Online delivery would of course make the workshops accessible to those outside of London.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 31st OCTOBER.

We will also announce whether workshops will be face to face or online by this date.

If you would like to apply to be involved or you or your parents would like to know more, please contact us via:

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We look forward to hearing from you and seeing what you can do with your words!