

Freelance Writing Facilitators
Ministry of Stories

Ministry of Stories is seeking talented Writing Facilitators to deliver our creative writing programmes in schools.

Ministry of Stories champions the writer in every child. Co-founded by author Nick Hornby in 2010, we help young people discover their confidence, imagination and potential through the power of their writing. We develop self-respect and communication skills through innovative writing programmes and one-to-one mentoring for children living in under-resourced communities, working in schools, and at our dedicated writing centre in east London. We empower young people to write brighter futures for themselves through the power of their ideas, creativity and imagination.

Our Schools Programme supports primary and secondary schools across Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington.

The Role:

As a Ministry of Stories Writing Facilitator you will work collaboratively with schools to deliver creative learning experiences that challenge and inspire children and young people, supporting them to produce high-quality creative writing.

You will be responsible for planning, delivering and evaluating workshops and projects that meet individual schools' needs. These may, for example, focus on a particular writing form, target group of students, or link to a particular school topic or curriculum area. Projects vary in duration, from one-off workshops to term-long projects. We also have a bank of existing workshops and projects that schools can book, and offer practical training sessions for teachers.

You will work closely with our Education Programme Manager who will support you with project planning and design, and through project visit/s. We offer a programme of paid training and professional development for our Writing Facilitators, as part of a wider package of benefits and support.

Please note that you will be joining a pool of Writing Facilitators and that project work will be assigned according to the skills and experience of the Writing Facilitator, and with links to their practice.

We are actively working towards creating a pool of Writing Facilitators that represent the communities we serve. We particularly welcome applications from people of colour, from working class backgrounds, and who are current or former residents in Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Islington.

Fees:

We have a set day/half day rate of £210 / £110, inclusive of planning and preparation. See here for a full breakdown of our Writing Facilitator Fees, Benefits and Support.

Person Specification:

You will:

- Have a minimum of 2 years' experience planning and delivering creative writing projects with children and young people, working with any writing form (poetry, fiction, speech writing, journalism etc).
- Be able to work effectively with teachers, other members of school staff and Ministry of Stories Volunteer Writing Mentors
- Be confident working in a school setting and managing groups of up to 30 children
- Have experience of planning and delivering engaging and inspiring participatory workshops and projects that produce high-quality writing
- Experience of taking work through to a final publication or performance
- Have or be willing to complete an enhanced DBS check, and provide two professional references

Next Steps:

To apply, please send us:

- a short expression of interest (no more than one side of A4) that outlines why you are interested in the role, and the skills and experience you bring
- a CV or professional biography
- a completed diversity monitoring form

If you would prefer to submit a short video rather than a written expression of interest, please contact us.

Please send Expressions of Interest to <u>rob@ministryofstories.org</u> by 9am on Tuesday 31st May.

We will invite shortlisted candidates to interview on Wednesday 8th June, am.



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