

CULTUREWORD

IDENTITY WRITERS' GROUP

Overview & Code of Conduct

Identity Writers' Group is a workshop for Global Majority (black/ brown) writers. Currently, we are a rolling in-person workshop on Wednesday evenings at Manchester Poetry Library at 6.30-8.30pm. We also have a monthly novelist group which is by invitation and meets on Zoom.

1. Identity @ Manchester Poetry Library 6.30-8.30pm.

These sessions are for those who are wanting to bring their creative writing to the workshop in a safe space and get feedback. As part of our funding agreement with Arts Council England, we have to show how the workshop benefits writers by helping them improve their work. Therefore, we invite writers who attend this workshop to resubmit work every so often and show us the improvement.

The Identity in person workshop is facilitated by Ella Otomewo with occasional support from Radhaika Kapur and freelance facilitators.

2. Specialist Novelist Group. Last Wednesday of the month. To join this group, please send a sample of your novel in progress / prose fiction to nii@cultureword.org.uk

The Novelist Group sessions are facilitated by Cultureword CEO, Nii Ayikwei Parkes.

General Workshop Rules/Code of Conduct:

- Be ready to start on time and turn off mobile phones.
- The session starts at 6.30pm. We will allow a 10-minute window until 6.40pm. Please try to be prompt out of respect for the other participants.
- Help ensure that only one person speaks at a time.
- Trigger warning advisory - if your work includes sensitive material that may be triggering to others, please mention this ahead of reading.
- Submissions and discussions should be respectful of gender, race, class, disability, and sexual orientation. We have the right to remove content that promotes hate or is deemed inappropriate.
- We encourage you to give your feedback to other writers, although it is also acceptable to come and listen.
- Listen actively to others and their ideas and be receptive of feedback with an open spirit of learning and curiosity.
- Remain open minded: be flexible and respect differing opinions and viewpoints.

- Our workshops operate under 'safe space' principles. Participants should not target others – whether staff members, freelance facilitators or other group members – outside the group through email or other communication.
- Identity is open to adults over 18. Young people may explore other creative writing groups available in Manchester.