

Bringing words to life

 **escape**
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See definitions in:

- All
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noun

- 1. a form of temporary distraction from real life or problems
"they found an escape in the Literature Festival's online events"

Similar:

- get away
- breakout
- bolt for freedom

verb

- 1. break free from confinement or control
"Huddersfield finally escaped from lockdown restrictions in 2021"

Similar:

- Get away
- break out
- break free

- 2. to lose yourself in something
"she escaped into a book"



COULD THIS BE YOU?

Volunteers needed for the next Huddersfield Literature Festival



We value representation on our volunteer team and welcome applications from all backgrounds, in particular those from traditionally under-represented groups.

If you are +18 and interested in volunteering in any of the following roles, please get in touch via: festivalmanager@huddlitfest.org.uk

- Helping to plan Festival events
- Setting up venues for events
- Checking audience tickets
- Assisting authors at book signings
- Handing out evaluation forms
- Helping with children's/family activities

HLF 2021
HUDDERSFIELD
LITERATURE
FESTIVAL
18-28 MARCH

All volunteers will receive full training, including Covid-safety training. HLF holds Safer Events accreditation and Kirklees Volunteering Quality accreditation.

Welcome to HLF2021



This year's theme is 'Escape' – and we'd love you to join us for a much-needed escape from the everyday!

Our March Festival will feature an exciting programme of online talks, performances and creative writing workshops to enjoy from the comfort of your home.

On 23 March we will be commemorating the anniversary of the first lockdown by lighting up the LBT courtyard with a special Lockdown Lantern Installation. And on 28 March, we will launch an outdoor Book Trail across Huddersfield.

Later in the spring/summer, we'll be bringing you a fantastic programme of indoor and outdoor events, from a talk by the Queen of Crime Val McDermid, to the Stafflex Treasure Hunt. HLF is now accredited as a Safer Events organiser and we look forward to running these events as soon as it's safe to do so.

Arts and culture have provided a lifeline for many in these challenging times and we can't wait to see you all again – whether online or in person.

Michelle Hodgson, Festival Director

All events listed in March are **online** and **free** - unless otherwise stated

See back of brochure for outdoor and indoor events, 'Coming soon'
Under 16s should be accompanied by an adult at indoor HLF events.

Sign up to our mailing list and be among the first to hear about our forthcoming events. Visit www.huddlitfest.org.uk and fill in the box on the home page.

Pre-Festival event

Thu 4 & Thu 11 March, 7pm

Online, £20 for two workshops

Workshop: Writing Text for Music with Helen Mort

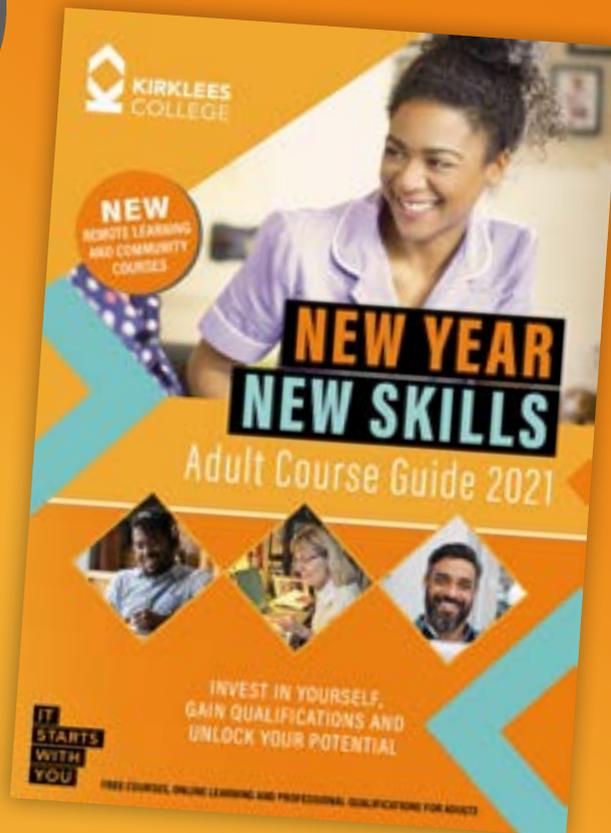
Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival presents two workshops with poet and fiction writer Helen Mort. Learn techniques for creating words for music and prompts to inspire new writing.



c Emma Ledwith

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YOU**

Online events

Early bird offer available wherever you see this symbol:  **EARLY BIRD**

Thu 18 March, 12noon; Tues 23 March, 1pm; &
Sunday 28 March, 3pm

Online, free

Short films:

Dark Horse Theatre #OutBreakOut

The premieres of #OutBreakOut: a series of three Dark Horse Theatre short films specially commissioned for the Festival: www.darkhorsetheatre.co.uk



Thu 18 March, 1pm

Online, £15

Workshop: Capturing a First Draft with Monique Roffey

The Costa Novel Award-winning author takes you through research, plotting, character and all the elements you need to create the first draft of a novel.



Thu 18 March, 5pm

Online, free

Cooking with Ching He Huang

The International Emmy-nominated TV chef and cookery author demonstrates a dish from her latest book: **Asian Green**.



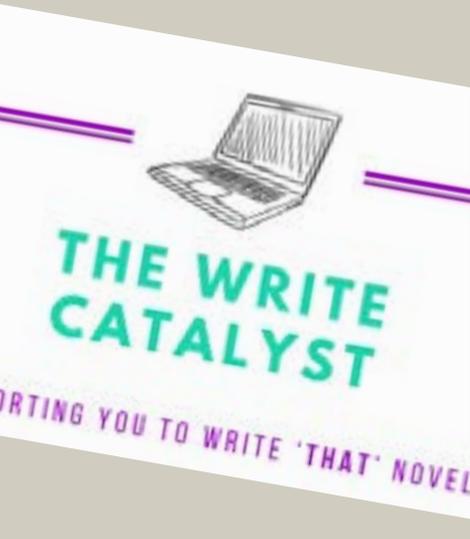
Thu 18 March, 7pm

Online, £5

Sylvia Plath, with Heather Clark & Dave Haslam

Heather Clark discusses her new book, **Red Comet: The short life and blazing art of Sylvia Plath**, with Dave Haslam, author of **My Second Home: Sylvia Plath in Paris, 1956**.





Sat 20 March, 11am **♥ EARLY BIRD**
 Online, £10
Workshop: How to Maximise Your Writing Potential with Cat Lumb
 Explore how to find the time and motivation to write, as well as discovering tips and techniques for banishing creative self-doubts.

Sat 20 March, 3pm
 Online, free
Circling the County
 Join Huddersfield Authors Circle for poetry and prose performance.

Sun 21 March, 3pm
 Online, free
Georgina Wilson-Powell: Is It Really Green?
 The author of *Is It Really Green?* and founder of sustainable lifestyle magazine Pebble answers your questions on everyday green-living issues.

Tue 23 March, 1pm
 Online, free
Lockdown Poems + Open Mic
 Kei Miller, Michelle Scally Clarke and Chérie Taylor Battiste perform work about resilience on the first lockdown anniversary; includes Q&A. In association with Renaissance One. Plus the premiere of the second Dark Horse Theatre #OutBreakOut film. Followed at 2pm by a Talking Zebras Open Mic session.

Tue 23 March (eve) – Mon 5 April
 Lawrence Batley Theatre Courtyard, free
Lockdown Lantern Installation at the LBT
 To commemorate the anniversary of the first lockdown, we have commissioned a stunning light installation for the LBT courtyard.

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Wed 24 March, 7pm
 Online, free
Johny Pitts: Afropean
 The award-winning writer, photographer and broadcast journalist talks about his book *Afropean: Notes from Black Europe* in this University of Huddersfield event.

Wed 24 March, 7pm **♥ EARLY BIRD**
 Online, £15
Workshop: Overcoming Writer's Block with Paul Burston & Karen McLeod
 Techniques to move past the fear, get writing and combat negative inner voices, with bestselling author Paul Burston and writer/cabaret comic Karen McLeod.

Thu 25 March, 1pm **♥ EARLY BIRD**
 Online, £15
Workshop: Fiery Flash Fiction with Meg Pokrass
 The author of five flash fiction collections and many anthologised stories offers advice on all the elements of flash fiction and where to get your stories published. Come prepared to write up a storm!

Thu 25 March, 7pm
 Online, free
Polari
 Our popular LGBTQ+ literary salon Polari returns, with host Paul Burston, plus Kate Davies and Amrou Al-Kadhi.

"Polari is a unique mix of voices that provokes the strongest responses from its audience – love, laughter, tears but most of all, thought" **Val McDermid**



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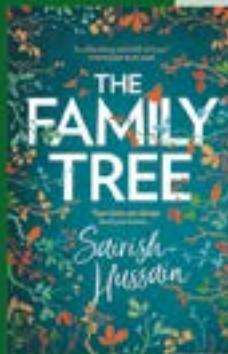
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Fri 26 March, 7pm

Online, free

Bernadette Russell: How to Be Hopeful

An expert on the benefits of hope and kindness, Bernadette Russell reveals how hope can be nurtured by us all, even in uncertain times.



c Gerald Kyd

Sat 27 March, 1pm

Online, free

Saima Mir: The Khan

The award-winning journalist (BBC, Guardian) talks about her gritty debut thriller **The Khan**, set among the British Pakistani community in a northern city.



c Anna Crossley

Sat 27 March, 2.30pm

♥ **EARLY BIRD**

Online, £15

Workshop: Writing Poetry with Kei Miller

A fantastic opportunity to take part in a small group workshop with the Forward Prize-winning poet, essayist and novelist. In association with Renaissance One.

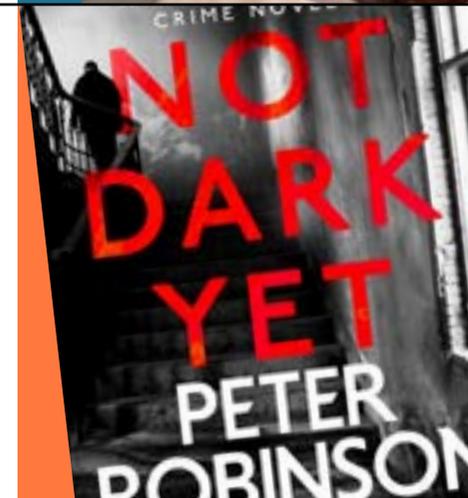


Sat 27 March, 7pm

Online, £5

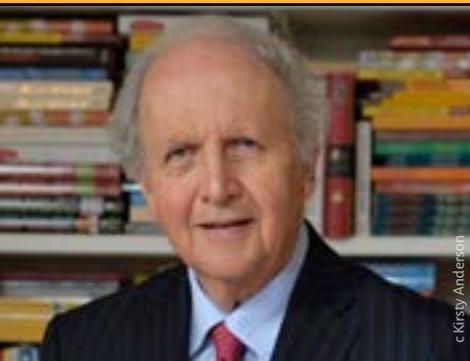
Peter Robinson: DI Banks

The Yorkshire-born author talks about his career as a bestselling crime writer, including his latest novel, **Not Dark Yet**, the 27th title in the DI Alan Banks series.





Sun 28 March
 Various sites across Huddersfield, free
Outdoor: Book Trail launch
 Take part in one of the many Book Trails running across Huddersfield districts. Visit the competition page on our website to join in or start a trail in your area.



Sun 28 March, 4pm **EARLY BIRD**
 Online, £10
Alexander McCall Smith In Conversation
 The popular author talks about his bestselling **No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency** series, his latest comic novel **Your Inner Hedgehog** and poetry collection **In a Time of Distance**.

Coming soon...

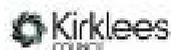
Our Spring/Summer programme (dates to be announced later in the spring)



Stafflex Treasure Hunt – meet the exotic “Rubious Harmonious” singing puppet birds and enjoy a fun treasure hunt with Frolicked Outdoor Theatre.

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Story Walks – join our eco-themed Story Walks for adults and children, in partnership with Kirklees Libraries.



Amanda Owen & Gentleman Jack – ticket holders for these events postponed from 2020 (Marsden & Holmfirth) will be alerted about a new date as soon as it is safe to run them.

Gentleman Jack sponsored by



Coming soon...

Val McDermid in Conversation - The number one bestseller and unrivalled Queen of Crime discusses her long career and her latest breath-taking thriller **Still Life**.

RC Bridgestock - the husband-and-wife writing team and storyline consultants on TV drama **Happy Valley** talk about their new Huddersfield-set crime fiction series.

Being Mr Wickham - Adrian Lukis, Mr Wickham in the 1995 TV adaptation of **Pride and Prejudice**, brings Jane Austen's rakish villain to life in a one-man show.

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Creative Voices - songs and performance poetry inspired by work created by participants of a special HLF/Words in Mind project of online creative workshops.

Celebrating Toni Morrison - Yvonne Battle-Felton, Paul Mendez and Anita Franklin discuss the life and work of the Pulitzer and Nobel Prize-winning writer.

Have Poems Will Travel with Rose Condo - bring a blanket and an indoor picnic and join award-winning poet Rose Condo for a poetic getaway.

Rumi: The Alchemy of Love - a magical performance of the 13th-century poet's work, curated by MACFest.



The Lightless Sky: An Afghan Refugee Boy's Journey of Escape to A New Life in Britain - author/activist Gulwali Passarlay shares his story of resilience.

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Framing Nature: conservation and culture - author and wildlife conservationist Laurence Rose explores the cultural underpinning of our relationship with nature.

Sign up to our newsletter or visit www.huddlitfest.org.uk for event date announcements.

Booking and other info

All online events must be booked in advance through our website:
www.huddlitfest.org.uk

ZOOM:

Our online events will take place on [Zoom](#), which is free to use. We will offer a free Zoom software training session in March for those who haven't used it before, and also provide a downloadable guide on our website.

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For your protection and that of our staff and volunteers, we now hold **Safer Events Accreditation** and our stewards have received additional Covid Safety training. Please familiarise yourself with the latest government guidelines before attending our live events later in the year, and follow instructions from our stewards on the day.



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