

Call Out: Freelance Creative Writing Tutor (Over 55s Group)



Mondays, 11.30am – 1pm | artsdepot, North Finchley

**Freelance role | £52.50 per session (inc prep) | Term-time only | Ideal for someone
Barnet based**

Term runs: Monday 1 September – Monday 15 December 2025 (No session on: Monday 27 October for the Half Term break)

artsdepot is seeking a creative, compassionate, and inclusive **Creative Writing Tutor** to lead our long-standing Monday morning group, **Creative Circle**, for adults aged 55 and over.

Participants bring a wide range of life experiences, writing confidence, and support needs to the group, which offers space for creativity, connection, and personal expression.

We're looking for someone who can facilitate with warmth and confidence, deliver engaging and accessible writing activities, and respond flexibly to the evolving dynamic of the group.

About the Group

- Open to adults aged 55+
- Participants have a range of writing experience, confidence levels, and support needs
- Warm, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere
- Co-created structure shaped by participant interests
- Creativity, routine, and mutual support are at the heart of the experience
- The group enjoys exploring a wide range of writing styles and interests - including poetry, children's fiction, memoir, scripts, and short stories - and are keen to showcase their talents through public readings or open mic nights

The ideal tutor is comfortable working at the intersection of **community arts, creativity, and wellbeing**, and approaches facilitation with curiosity, sensitivity, and care.

Who We're Looking For

You'll be a great fit if you are:

- A confident, kind, and responsive group facilitator
- Experienced in working with older adults in community or arts settings
- Skilled in adapting material for a range of writing abilities
- Committed to inclusive creative practices
- Able to balance structured facilitation with participant-led direction
- Passionate about the role of creativity in wellbeing and connection

What a Typical Session Looks Like

11.30am – Welcome & Check-in

A gentle start to the session, where participants share how they're feeling, a moment from their week, or something they've written at home. It's a space to be heard and settle in.

11.45am – Main Writing Exercise

A structured yet flexible activity led by you, often based on a theme developed over several weeks. Prompts may include poetry, images, music, or prose. Activities should be adaptable for all ability levels.

12pm – Silent Writing (15 mins)

Dedicated quiet time for participants to write individually. You'll support the group in maintaining focus and tracking time.

12.15pm – Sharing & Supportive Feedback

Participants are invited (but never required) to read aloud. You'll guide kind and constructive responses, encouraging reflection and affirmation.

12.45pm – Optional Second Prompt & Wrap-Up

If time allows, you may offer a shorter follow-up prompt. Some sessions might focus more on discussion or continued writing — and that's welcome too.

To Apply

Please send the following to isabelle.hetherington@artsdepot.co.uk by **Friday 8 August 2025**:

- A short statement (max 500 words) OR a short video (up to 5 minutes) outlining your experience and approach to inclusive creative writing.
- Your CV

If you have any access needs or questions about the role, please don't hesitate to get in touch - we'd love to hear from you.

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