

Creative Literacies Hub

The Hub for Parents, Carers and Children

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Would you like to learn creative and engaging ways of developing your child's literacy skills at home?

Do you want to support and encourage your child to read for pleasure, but are not sure how?

Would you like to write creatively with your child, developing ideas, creating amazing characters and exploring different points of view?

If so, sign up to the FREE Creative Literacies Hub today!

What's it all about?

Led by David Scott and Jane Collins, Senior Lecturers and experienced English teachers, as well as Tom Dobson, Professor of Education, and Abi Curtis, Professor of Creative Writing, the Creative Literacies Hub welcomes parents, carers, and their children, who would like to learn effective ways of approaching reading and creative writing. We have two free programmes you can attend: Supporting Reading at Home, and Creative Writing Together.

Why is this important?

- Children who read for pleasure achieve more highly in school than children who don't.
- Parents and carers supporting their children's reading and writing is key to developing children's lifelong literacy skills, ensuring they do well in school and work.
- Engaging in reading and creative writing together can strengthen relationships, provide positive role models and help ensure positive wellbeing at home.



What does it involve?

The Creative Literacies Hub is a safe and welcoming environment for parents, carers and their children to engage in reading and writing activities. Our programmes are delivered on Tuesdays from 3.30pm to 5pm and last for 6 weeks. You may enroll for 1 or both workshops.



Supporting Reading at Home

Who?

Parents, Carers and Children aged 5-11.

What?

The first 2 workshops are for parents and carers only, although you are welcome to bring your child. In these workshops, we will show you ways of supporting your child to read a wide range of texts. Your child will join you for the remaining 4 sessions where you will read together.

Access

Both programmes are completely free to access.

Creative Writing Together

Who?

Parents, Carers and Children aged 7 to 14.

What?

For all 6 workshops you and your child will engage in creative writing sessions together. Through the workshops, you and your child will imagine settings, characters, and plots, writing from different points of view within your story-world. Your creative writing pieces will feature in an anthology, published by York St John University.

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What else does it involve?

In partnership with Dr Paige Davis of Leeds University, we would like to capture your experiences by researching into the benefits of creative literacies so that other families might benefit too. Before signing up, our research will be explained fully to you - you can withdraw from the research at any time up until the end of the programme.

How do I sign up?

If you are interested in the Creative Literacies Hub, you can self-refer by completing our online self-referral form, which is available on our website www.yorksj.ac.uk/ysjcc (or use the QR code). You can find the referral form in the 'Children and Young People' page, accessed via our main page underneath the header 'Groups and programmes'.

When completing the form please ensure you state the age of your child, and which programme/s you would like to enrol in - you may sign up to both if you wish.



Just Giving

Your donation makes a great difference! It supports us to cover the costs of providing free services such as our community language school, bereavement group and café's, student suicide support group, and drop-ins. As our income grows, so too does our team of co-ordinators, assessors, supervisors, counsellors, coaches, and group facilitators. Anything that you are able to donate can help support the work we do and the services that we offer to our community.



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