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UEA and Writers' Centre Norwich Launch new International Creative Writing Programme.

Leading lights in the literary landscape of Norwich, England's first and only UNESCO City of Literature, Writers' Centre Norwich and the UEA have teamed up to offer their literary expertise to creative writers as they launch the **UEA-WCN Creative Writing Programme.**

Renowned worldwide for the quality of its creative writing department, the University of East Anglia has many award-winning writers amongst its alumni, all of whom received that crucial start through UEA's creative writing courses. Now writers anywhere in the globe can benefit from the UEA's world-renowned expertise, and can give their creative writing a real chance to progress with the UEA-WCN International Writing Programme.

The courses, offering both beginner and intermediate levels of entry, and running for 10, 12 or 24 weeks depending on level, give writers the opportunity to gain access to a university level course, written and taught exclusively by the expert writer-tutors Anjali Joseph, Helen Ivory and Ian Nettleton, simply by logging on to their computer.

Online courses have continued to rise in popularity in recent years, and allow people to fit study around increasingly busy and unpredictable schedules. In a busy world, online study helps people to make the most of their time, and to ensure that they don't miss out on studying just because of incompatibilities in geography or timetabling.

But for those closer to home, and more comfortable with face-to-face learning, WCN and the UEA are offering courses held at the Writers' Centre Norwich's Cathedral quarter offices.

Chris Gribble, Chief Executive of Writers' Centre Norwich says:

"This suite of international courses means that talented writers from around the world can join us in Norwich, Unesco City of Literature to make the most of the University of East Anglia's renowned Creative Writing offer. We're delighted to be partnering with UEA on this project; it's an exciting opportunity for writers, and one that we're sure will soon be benefitting readers too!"

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Editor's Notes

Writers' Centre Norwich

Writers' Centre Norwich is the literature development agency for the East and last year led the successful bid to have Norwich nominated as England's first UNESCO City of Literature, one of only six in the world. WCN supports emerging and established writers and seeks to explore the artistic and social power of creative writing through pioneering and collaborative projects with writers, readers, schools, libraries and cultural partners. Its programme includes mentoring, workshops, conferences, live literature events and talks by internationally acclaimed writers. Speakers at the WCN Worlds Literature Festival, which takes place in June, have in recent years included JM Coetzee, Michael Ondaatje and Jeanette Winterson. In 2016, WCN will open a new writing centre in the heart of Norwich enabling it to extend its activities with writers and audiences.

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