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Finally, **Zahidur Rahman** shares his journey through cities across the world before settling in Norwich as a consultant in acute and emergency medicine.

Listen to the story of **Makhduma Akhter**, a busy care support worker and mum of three, and her memories of first meeting her husband Zahidur at a family function in Khulna.

Cross the footbridge over Grapes Hill and make your final stop at the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, the Roman Catholic cathedral of Norwich.

Unthank Rd, Norwich NR2 2PA

The Cathedral of St John the Baptist

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Scan to listen to location 6

Hear the story of **Jewel Khan**, a lifelong businessman and contented Norwich resident with fond memories of sunsets and banquets in Bangladesh.

Meet **Rahnuma Sultana**, a teaching assistant and mother who moved to Norwich in 2013 and believes 'except for my native country, there is nowhere closest to my heart'.

Wander through town, taking in the cobbled streets and diverse mix of buildings, until you reach the impressive glass facade of the Forum, home to Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library.

The Forum, Millennium Plain, Norwich NR2 1AW

Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library

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Scan to listen to location 5

Next, listen to the 'true fairytale' of **Ashish K Kundu**, whose passion for science, medicine and writing led him to settle in this city as an A&E doctor.

Hear the story of **Mahbubar Rahman** — a multi-talented freelance writer and life in Norwich outside of religion.

Head down King St, long associated with fishing and riverside industries, and pay a visit to a historic gem of our city, Dragon Hall, home to the National Centre for Writing.

Dragon Hall, 115-123 King St, Norwich NR1 1QE

National Centre for Writing

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Scan to listen to location 4

Then, **Shiblee Sayed** shares memories of childhood in Bangladesh, of working in a Taliban-dominated area of Afghanistan, and of bringing his parents to England for the first time.

Listen to **Giyash Miah**, a talented award-winning Tamarrind Fine Indian chef who began his career in the 90s washing dishes and now owns the Dining in Bløifeld Heath.

Leave the Cathedral Close and make your next stop outside the East Anglian Bangladesh! Mosque & Community Centre on Rose Lane, a welcoming and inclusive space for the Bangladeshi community.

70-72 Rose Ln, Norwich NR1 1PT

East Anglian Bangladesh! Mosque & Community Centre

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Scan to listen to location 3

Discover how the Bengali community in Norwich has changed over time through the eyes of **Shefa Begum**, who is from one of the earliest Bengali families to settle in the city.

Meet **Nifa Karim-Uddin**, a pharmacist, and her husband **Moyen**, a GP, who speak fondly of Norfolk as a 'huge melting pot' of cultures and histories.

Pass under Eppingham Gate and enter the spectacular grounds of Norwich Cathedral, a historic treasure which began life as an 11th century Benedictine monastery.

65 The Close, Norwich NR1 4DH

Norwich Cathedral

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Scan to listen to location 2

Then meet **Khairul and Shireen Anam**, a married couple of 42 years, who pioneered the Pohela Baisakh programme in our city.

Here, **Wali Ullah** tells the story of his ambitious and tenacious journey from Dhaka to Norwich, where he co-owns Spice Valley, an award-winning Indian restaurant.

Continue your walk down Magdalen St, home to an eclectic mix of charity and antique shops, independent businesses, and a central spot for some of the city's finest restaurants.

5 Magdalen St, Norwich NR3 1LE

Spice Valley

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Start your journey at Norwich Central Mosque, a vibrant and welcoming community hub that was once the site of the King Edward VII pub.

Discover how **Shahid Akther's** love of the sea and experience as a ship captain brought him across the ocean to Norwich.

Next, listen to **Straful Islam**, who left a rural life in Bangladesh to support his brother's business. Together they own the popular Indian restaurant Ali Tandoori.

63 Aylsham Rd, Norwich NR3 2HF

Norwich Central Mosque and Islamic Community Centre

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Explore the lives of Bengali and Sylheti-speaking communities living and working in the Cathedral and King St Quarters of Norwich.

Follow the walking trail and scan the QR code at each marked location to hear a first-hand account of the lives of residents: their memories of migration, of growing up as second and third-generation Bengalis, and of how Norwich has changed over time.

There are 14 excerpts in total for you to enjoy – the full audio and transcripts of each are available on the National Centre for Writing website and from the Norfolk Record Office.

Explore more at nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/sftq

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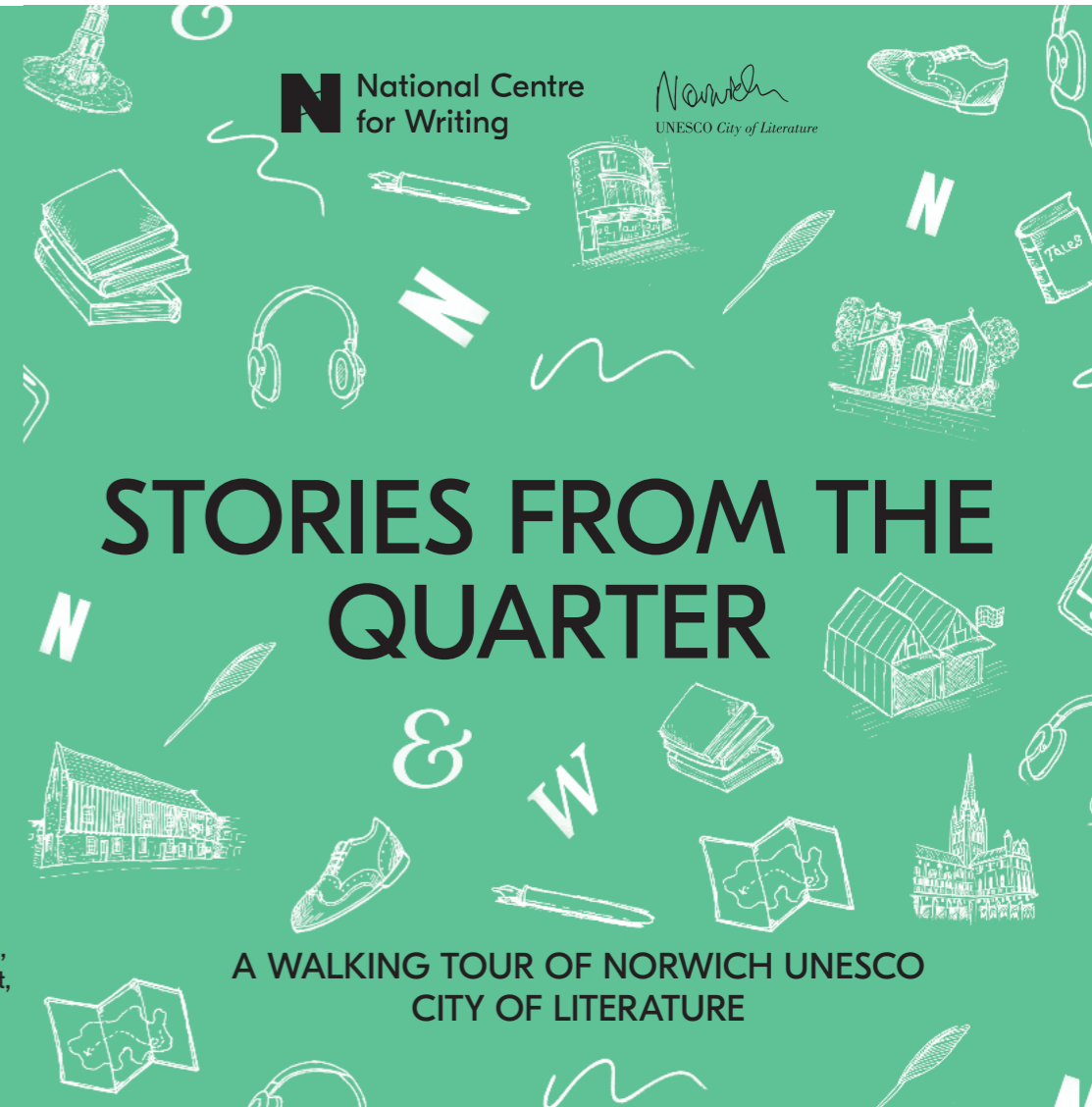
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A WALKING TOUR OF NORWICH UNESCO CITY OF LITERATURE



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on Aylsham Road

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 9. Tombland Books
 10. St Julian's Church
 11. Rouen Road book bench
 12. Bookbugs and Dragon Tales
 13. Norwich Market
 14. Upper St Giles book bench
15. Bus Station
 16. Train Station