

Home Educated Young People's Creative Writing Course

Following the fantastic creative writing course in Yorkshire in 2009, Jan Fortune-Wood is offering a week's course for home-educated young people who love to write, create stories or poems and want to explore more. This is a fantastic opportunity for a small group of twelve home educated young people between the age of 12 and 16 (this is flexible and a guide only) to find inspiration and new directions for their writing.

Where?

In a beautiful Victorian manor house in Harlech, North Wales.

When?

From Saturday 6th to Thursday 11th November 2010. Arrivals can be any time on Saturday.

Tutor?

The course tutor is Jan Fortune-Wood, an experienced home educator who has taught creative writing for the Open College of Art, The Writer's House, the Arvon Foundation (tutoring both adults and teenagers), Women on Tour writing courses in Spain and freelance writing courses. Jan also do mentoring work as part of the co-operative, Triskele Writes. She is a qualified teacher and member of the National Association of Writers in Education and Academi's Writers on Tour scheme. Jan's books include five non-fiction books on home education; novels: *A Good Life*, *Dear Ceridwen* and *The Standing Ground* and poetry: *Particles of Life* and *Stale Bread and Miracles*, a prose poetry collection which she recently performed at a reading with poet laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. Jan is currently working on a poetry sequence exploring emotions through landscape and architecture of an abandoned slate mining village, *Tŷ Schrödinger* and a novel that ranges across three generations and two continents exploring issues of metamorphosis and identity, *I'm Still Here*.

During the week there will also be guest slots from local writers, a visit to Harlech castle and an afternoon making a video of some of the young people's writing to be uploaded to YouTube with the assistance of a local graduate student of writing who was also home educated.

Cost?

£320 per student, including all food, accommodation and tuition. Please send the full course fee or £100 deposit on booking and the balance of £220 by September 30th (the fee can be sent in instalments between now and September).

Booking?

You can use the form enclosed or download a form from www.home-education.org.uk. Places are limited and we need numbers quickly to secure the venue which became available at short notice.

Supervision?

In addition to the tutor (CRB checked and an experienced home educator) two experienced home educating parents with CRB checking will be helping to make sure the young people are safe.

For further details: email: jan@cinnamonpress.com

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Dates: November 6th – 11th 2010

Name (young person) _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ **Telephone** _____

Email _____

Name of parent _____

I enclose a deposit of £100/full course fee of £320 made payable to 'Cinnamon Press' (*delete as applicable. Please note the balance is payable by September 30th*) _____

Vegetarian/special dietary needs (*please state*) _____

Student: Male ___ Female ___ Age: _____

I have read and accept the terms and conditions of the course, including the in loco parentis material and forms _____

I am happy for my son/daughter to take part in the filming of a showcase of work from the week to be uploaded to social networking sites such as YouTube. _____

I am happy for my son/daughter to take part in helping to cook meals, including cutting up ingredients, using the stove under supervision _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Please return to: Jan Fortune-Wood, Tŷ Meirion, Glan yr afon, Tanygrisiau, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, LL41 3SU. **Thank you.**

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Terms and Conditions

Deposits

Bookings must be accompanied by a deposit of £100. The balance of your course fee is payable by the end of September and you should not wait to hear from us before paying this, though we will send a reminder email.

Cancellations

The deposit is not refundable. If a place is cancelled after September 30th the whole fee remains due unless we are able to find someone else to take your place. We will do our best to do this and if we succeed any fee paid above the deposit will be returned. If we cannot, we reserve the right to charge the full fee, which will remain due if unpaid.

If we cancel the course

If we have to cancel the course we will return all fees paid but we cannot pay travel or other costs. Please note that we do not provide cancellation insurance and advise those booking places to take out their own.

Loss

Cinnamon Press cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage or expense sustained by students as a result of an event or circumstance whether arising from natural cause, human agency or beyond its control otherwise. We advise those booking places to check their travel insurance.

Conduct and Ethos

The nature of the course relies on a level of mutual respect for others and their creative work and on working together for the week. We ask all participants to help prepare one evening meal during the week and help with washing up. We ask students to be thoughtful and respectful of each other. We are keen to nurture a supportive and friendly ethos and the course team will be available to talk about any issues that might arise and to help find resolutions. However, Cinnamon Press reserves the right to refuse a place and to exclude from a course any student who behaves in an abusive or disruptive manner or engages in any discriminatory conduct. No refund will be given if exclusion is made for these reasons.

'in loco parentis' forms

Under the Children Act 1989, course tutors and parents in charge have a duty of care towards students, which means we must behave as any reasonable parent would do in promoting the welfare and safety of children in our care. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 also requires educational courses to show a duty of care towards students' safety and well-being in so far as this is practicable.

During the course the safety and well being of the young people will be of highest priority. They will be requested to remain on site except for a visit to Harlech castle for a workshop. We are expecting a safe and happy week, but to ensure that we have the relevant information to help us carry out the duties please fill out the forms. We will not make any medical or other decisions unless it is impossible to contact you and a doctor advises that no delay is feasible. The forms will be entirely confidential and destroyed at the end of the course with no records kept.

Home Educated Young People's Creative Writing Course 'in loco parentis' forms

Personal Details

Name of young person _____

Date of Birth _____

Address

Home Telephone No _____

Emergency Contact Details

Name _____

Mobile or other telephone number(s) _____

Relationship to young person _____

Alternative contact if the above is unavailable:

Name _____

Mobile or other telephone number(s) _____

Relationship to young person _____

Name and address of GP

Mobile or other telephone number(s) _____

Relationship to young person _____

Address _____

Medical Conditions

Any medical fact/condition that we should be aware of? (*i.e. asthma, allergies or any medication that the young person is currently taking*)

Religious Belief

It is not compulsory to complete this section but may be of assistance in the event of an emergency. Please feel free to answer or leave blank or to use this section for any additional information which you think may be helpful.

Religion_____

Administration of Painkillers

Please let us know whether you are comfortable with the young person being given over the counter painkillers/medication such as paracetamol in the event of minor illness or pain such as headaches, period pain etc.

I_____being the parent /guardian of the above named hereby give/withold permission for the course organisers to give to my son/daughter paracetamol or Ibuprofen.

Signature_____ (consent by parent/guardian)

Full Name in Capitals_____

Date_____

Loco Parentis

I_____being the parent /guardian of the above named give permission for a member of the course team to give the necessary authority on my behalf for any medical or surgical treatment recommended by competent medical authorities in the event that I cannot be contacted and, in the doctor's medical opinion, any delay would be contrary to my son/daughter's well-being and interest.

Signature_____ (consent by parent/guardian)

Full Name in Capitals_____

Date_____