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SUPPORTERS TABLE

Thank you to Sharon, Katherine, Kevin, Waterstones King Street, Lancaster University-Grad College, New Writing North, and The Print Room at The Storey for helping us continue creating engaging, live literature events, writer development opportunities, podcasts and publications!

THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

Last month we celebrated the power of stories to build community with an evening of true and false stories. It was another amazing night full of wonder, honesty, and compassion. It was also a night of firsts. Shortly after the call went out, I received an email asking if we could read a piece anonymously. Of course, I said yes. While Stories at the Storey is a platform for people to share their true stories, we want people to share them in the format that makes them comfortable. So, if you or someone you know would like to share a story through pictures, song, poetry, drawings, interpretive dance, or personal essay, we will make it work.

Likewise, if someone wants to share a story for the blog, newsletter, Twitter, or Facebook Page, we will graciously accept. This month

Stories at the Storey is silent. Instead of sharing stories, we'll be sharing information. Please see below for information about the Arts Council event. We hope to see you in June for Stories at the Storey. Can't wait until June? Me either! Let's write! Pick a theme from any past Stories at the Storey and write a brief piece loosely interpreting the theme. Please feel free to share the piece with us via email: storiesatthestorey@gmail.com, or on Facebook, Twitter or Patreon.

At Stories at the Storey there's always room for one more.

WHAT'S NEW?

We have some exciting upcoming events and you're invited!

Funding and Developing Your Creative Writing, Practice, and/or Project: May 31, 4-8 PM (location to be confirmed). Join us for a free event to discuss funding, developing, and delivering creative writing and other arts projects. This discussion aims to provide information on funding opportunities as well as providing an opportunity to network and collaborate with individuals and organizations. The event is for practitioners, writers, creators, etc... in literature, dance, music. We will also discuss crowd funding, collaborating, the Arts Council's role as developers, match funding, and strategies to support one another to create sustainable arts. We will be joined by Alison Boyle from the Arts Council. Alison is also offering individual 10 minute one-to-one sessions to discuss Arts Council proposals and your project. If you are interested in an appointment, please contact Yvonne at northwestliteraryarts@gmail.com. Other guests to be confirmed. Please order your free ticket(s) via [Eventbrite](#).

How can this event be useful to you? We are organizing a collaborating/networking session that evening so that writers and other creative practitioners have the opportunity to consider projects, explore potential

collaborations, and develop relationships. If you are interested in this free event or have a suggestion about ways we can make the event more relevant, please get in touch.

Event Schedule: 4-5 PM Panel discussion with Alison Boyle, Arts Council Literature Development Officer

5-8 PM: Networking

5-8 PM: One-to-One appointments with Alison Boyle

London Book Launch: Join us on May 29th for an evening of words with Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi and Naomi Kruger. Jennifer will be reading from *Kintu* and from her forthcoming short story collection. Naomi will be reading from her debut novel, *May*. The readings will be followed by an engaging discussion chaired by Yvonne Battle-Felton, refreshments, and opportunities to have books signed and chat. Sponsored by Lancaster University Department of English Literature and Creative Writing, the event is free. Free tickets available via [Eventbrite](#). Please share widely.

Tips and Prompts

Many writers suffer from or with writers' block. While it can feel like you're stuck, here are some tips that may help you break through the block.

1. Listen to music: Music can help trigger memories, emotions, thoughts, and overall creativity.
2. Put Pen to Paper and Draw: Instead of putting your idea into words, try putting it into pictures.
3. Write somewhere new: Changing your location may help you see your writing/idea in a new light.
4. Write something new: Switching genres, themes, pace may help get your creative coffee perking.
5. Write out loud: Tell the story you want to write as if you were talking to a character or reader. Hearing the piece out loud may help you put the words on paper (or screen).

Have any tips on how to get through writers' block? We'd love to hear them.

Building Community, One Story at a Time

Have news to share? Let us know and we will share it either via Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, or email.

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Want our help with a project? Get in touch.

Thanks for reading,
Yvonne and Naomi, North West Literary Arts

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