

# NORTH WEST LITERARY ARTS

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## SUPPORTERS TABLE

Thank you to Sharon, Katherine, Kevin, Lancaster University-Grad College, Lancaster University Department of English Literature and Creative Writing, New Writing North, Waterstones, and Printroom Café & Bar for helping us continue creating engaging, live literature events, writer development opportunities, podcasts and publications!

## THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW

Last month's theme for Stories at the Storey was "disruption." People shared stories about paths, religious and otherwise, that didn't lead where they expected. There were stories about family and geography, stories about beginnings and endings, and stories about people and places. Each of the stories brought us closer together. We followed the event with an announcement, Stories at the Storey is almost four years old!

### *What did we learn?*

These past four years have been a rewarding experience. We have made some wonderful friendships, heard touching stories, made memories, and been reminded month after month of the power of stories to build community. Thank you to everyone who has shared a

story, listened to one, or supported us in any number of ways from financially to emotionally; we are better people for it.

## HOW ARE WE CELEBRATING?

We are celebrating four years of true stories by publishing our first anthology. And you get to help us shape it. Over the years we have heard creative nonfiction essays, poetry, and short stories. We want the anthology to capture the atmosphere of the pieces that moved us to laugh, cry, think, connect, believe, remember, and forget. The anthology will be an audio book. We will be applying for funding to create an engaging collection of pieces that explore some favorite themes from the last four years. Once we have secured funding, we will create a call for true stories loosely interpreting the theme. As members of the North West Literary Arts community, you'll have the first opportunity to respond to the call. We will provide editorial support. These will be paid opportunities to publish your work. Once we've narrowed down the themes, we'll be asking you to vote on the themes we should include and how many pieces to include. You'll be invited to the launch. We hope you submit something for the anthology.

## WHAT'S NEW?

Yvonne has recently launched online creative nonfiction writing classes. The classes aim to help writers develop skills and techniques as well as confidence in writing, publishing, and/or performing creative nonfiction. The sessions are £25 a week. For more information or to sign up, email us at

[northwestliteraryarts@gmail.com](mailto:northwestliteraryarts@gmail.com)

## Co-Host July's Stories at the Storey with me

Naomi will be on vacation during this month's Stories at the Storey. We'll miss her and will tell a story in her honor. In the meantime, if you would like to help me host this month's event, let me know. What do you have to do? Mainly help me make sure people have a good time, share a piece for the conclusion, enjoy yourself, and remind me to remind people that the event is a pay what you decide event. As a thank you, I will buy you a drink. Interested? Email Yvonne at [northwestliteraryarts@gmail.com](mailto:northwestliteraryarts@gmail.com) or DM me us on Twitter at @StoriesatStorey.

## Stories at the Storey July Theme

This month's Stories at the Storey theme is "betrayal" loosely interpreted. Last month we asked the audience for themes, someone recommended betrayal. We loved it! Things aren't always as they seem. Sometimes people, experiences, cars, opportunities, gravity, lets us down or seems to turn against us. We're looking for stories of betrayal (loosely interpreted). Betrayals of the heart, the mind, the body, you choose.

If you'd like to sign up for a 3-5 minute true story open mic slot or share your story on our website, email us at [storiesatthestorey@gmail.com](mailto:storiesatthestorey@gmail.com). If you'd like to share it via Twitter or Instagram, DM us there.

## Tips and Prompts

After Stories at the Storey we're going to ask some of the readers to share tips on writing and/or performing and sharing their work. We will post some of them in the newsletter and some online as either text or audio. If you'd like to share your Stories at the Storey tips, let me know.

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### *Building Community, One Story at a Time*

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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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