**Writing Happiness: Writing Back Joyfully**

**Application Form**
(Word version)

This is the Word application form for 'Writing Happiness: Writing Back Joyfully', a creative writing series for D/deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent writers in collaboration with Spread the Word and supported by Arts Council England.
The project will be led by Rachel Lewis and Elspeth Wilson with guest facilitation from Christy Ku and Jamie Hale.

You can also apply via our Google Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf1d_OHjShPMMcN3yTVIStVtX1yUbXj-ypd6PdTe5kJ_zGLhA/viewform>

If you prefer to apply with this Word document or via an audio / video file, please answer all the questions in this form via typing and saving your answers into this document, or recording an audio or video file responding to all the questions, and email it to writinghappinessproject@gmail.com by Thursday 30 September, 5pm.
For larger files, please use a [WeTransfer](https://wetransfer.com/) link.

This course will provide you with new tools and techniques to develop your writing practice and a supportive writing community. The course will culminate in a paid performance opportunity and publication in a digital anthology.

Please see here for full details of the course: [www.spreadtheword.org.uk/writing-happiness](http://www.spreadtheword.org.uk/writing-happiness)

1. **Name:**
2. **Email Address**:
3. **Phone Number**:
4. **Are you based in the UK? This opportunity is open to writers in the UK.**
**Yes**
5. **The dates of the workshops are 6.30pm – 8.30pm (UK time) on 1st November, 8th November, 15th November, 22nd November and 29th November. There will also be a showcase event at 6.30pm on Monday December 6th which will be open to the public. Can you confirm that you are free for these times?**

Yes/ No (delete as appropriate)

1. **Do you consider yourself to be D/deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent? (This includes having a long-term mental health condition/mental health problems or a long-term or chronic illness.)**

Yes / No / Other (delete as appropriate)

1. **Please tell us in 250 words or less why you would like to be part of the workshop series.**
2. **Please tell us in 250 words or less a bit about you and your writing. This can include things like a bit about who you are, why you write and what you enjoy writing as well as anything else you'd like to include about you and your writing. You can also mention publications or awards if you want but don't worry if you don't have them as no experience is necessary.**
3. **Please upload a short sample of your writing. This can either be up to 500 words of prose or two poems (maximum 4 pages). Any and all genres are welcome.**
4. **Have you ever been on a writing course or development programme before? No experience is necessary! This question is being asked to make sure that some participants are those who have not had the opportunity to participate in a writing programme before.**

Yes / No (delete as appropriate)

1. **If you answered yes to the above question about whether you've ever been on a writing course before please give details.**
2. **All workshops and the showcase will be BSL interpreted. Please indicate whether this would be useful for you.**

Yes / No

1. **What would make this course easier for you to attend? Are there any access requirements you would like to let us know about? This will not affect the outcome of your application in any way. The information will be used to understand how to try and best meet the access needs of all participants if you are successful.**
2. **Is there anything else you'd like to add? You can use this space however you wish or to add any other comments but you don't have to :)!**

Thank you for completing this application. Please email it to writinghappinessproject@gmail.com by Thursday 30 September, 5pm.