



# NORWICH'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

## Norwich brings literature to its residents

Facing the Covid-19 pandemic, Norwich (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), a UNESCO Creative City of Literature, reaffirms its role in literary innovation by conducting a set of measures supporting its literature infrastructure whilst keeping an active connection with its inhabitants.

The *National Centre for Writing*, a cultural institution dedicated to creative writing based in Norwich, launched 'Bibliotherapy Programme' allowing local readers to explore literature during the period of confinement. Every week, a handpicked selection of books are made available on the Centre's [website](#). In addition, the initiative also provides a list of recommended independent bookstores across the country that provide online delivery services.

With the aim to spark career interest among the young generation and strengthen the skills of professional writers, the National Centre for Writing, also offers online courses, accessible to all through its website.

Titled 'Time to Write', a two-hour online course conducted by local poets or performers target teen writers aged 13 to 17. During these sessions, young participants are encouraged to use their imagination and spontaneous writing skills to express how they feel. This interactive format presents a great opportunity for teen writers to utilize creative writing for self-expression during their absence from the formal classroom curriculum.

The Centre has also developed, in collaboration with a local writer, number of free self-study courses titled '[Writers Toolkit Online](#)', to help budding writers improve their skill sets. The toolkit includes an interactive film and audio course on writing and productivity which people can access for free from anywhere in the world. In addition, the Centre also invites early stage writers to a free course on 'Knowing your publishing options' to better understand the current publishing landscape.

To explore the online courses provided by the National Centre for Writing, visit: <https://nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/online-writing-courses/>

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