

INTRODUCTION TO NOVEL WRITING

Course Name	Start Date	End Date	Site	Total Fees
Introduction to Novel Writing	23/09/2025	18/11/2025	Online Delivery	93.10

01. Who is this course for?

This course is for anyone who is interested in learning how to outline, develop and write a novel or writing project. You will explore the various principles of structure, and discover which works best for you and finding your 'voice' also known as your writing style.

02. What will I learn?

You will be introduced to the key elements and concepts behind building your story. As well as exploring the characteristics of a captivating story and how to develop a storyline with a dynamic cast of characters within the Three Act Structure. As well as finding your 'voice' as a writer, developing powerful dialogue and building compelling characters.

03. How will I learn?

This course combines tutor-led activities with independent learner projects. You will learn in a variety of ways ranging discussions around the session's topic or theme, practical writing activities, class activities and group and tutor critiques and tutor feedback, both verbal and written. Please avoid taking holidays during the course. Missed lessons can affect funding for adult learning courses.

04. What will I need to bring?

A notebook and pen will enable you to make notes and participate in the class activities.

05. What skills or experience do I need?

This course has been created to introduce complete beginners to the principles and techniques of storytelling and novel writing. However as you will be creating and developing your story over the course, a willingness to participate in creative writing activities is important.

06. How will I be assessed?

The Learning for Wellbeing curriculum uses formative and summative assessment methods to evaluate learner progress. You will work towards completing learning targets set in class, as well as your own personal development targets. Targets are reviewed at the middle and end of the course. Informal discussions and critiques with the tutor and learners will take place throughout the course, both individually and in groups.

07. What could I do after this course?

We have a variety of creative writing courses Introduction to Screenwriting 24MT420B, 24MT420B Screenwriting

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08. How will I be supported in my learning?

We aim to support all learners to succeed. Our tutors will work with all learners to meet individual needs by using a range of resources and teaching methods. When you enrol on your course you will be asked if you have any additional learning needs or disabilities which may affect your learning. This might include physical disabilities, neurodivergent needs (e.g., Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, dyslexia, or dyspraxia, etc.), visual and auditory impairments, or a medical condition which might affect your learning. Your tutor will contact you prior to joining the course to discuss what support can be put in place. For some learners, this may mean organising extra time in exams or arranging for a Learning Support Assistant to support your learning in class. We also offer a wide range of assistive technology such as reader pens, screen readers, large print keyboards and screens, alongside in-class resources such as coloured overlays, large-print resources and more.

09. Is help available with course fees?

Many of our courses are FREE to all learners. For fee-paying courses, if you are in receipt of state benefits or have a low income (£27,976.16 before deductions) you could be entitled to enrol on your course for FREE, or at a 70% reduced fee cost. If your course is accredited (working towards a formal qualification) your course may be FREE if you earn under £25,750 before deductions. Some exclusions apply, eligibility for fee reduction is subject to change, and you may be required to provide evidence of earnings. If the amount you must pay for your course is over £50, we offer instalment plans which break down the cost of learning into a set number of easy monthly payments. If you need help with the wider costs of study, such as childcare, resources, travel, and transport costs, you may be eligible to have these costs reimbursed through our Discretionary Learner Support Fund. Visit us online for more details, and to download the online application form.

10. How do I choose the right course for me?

If you are unsure of your next steps, please contact us and one of our team will advise you about our courses or signpost you to other providers if necessary. Please call FREEphone 0800 988 0308 or email adult.learning@leics.gov.uk