

THE WINDOWS PROJECT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

In the year to April 2023, The Windows Project ran a total of 125 writer and artist sessions in the local authority areas of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral.

103 were **community workshops**,

16 sessions were held in **schools and educational venues**,

6 events: the Matt Simpson Memorial Readings, held in partnership with Liverpool Hope University with guests Kayo Chingonyi and Sean Hewitt; a book launch with Eleanor Rees and Emily Portman in Sudley Walled garden; 'remembering dave' event at The Black-E, celebrating the life and achievement of Dave Calder; an event celebrating The Waste Land at Open Eye Gallery
In addition, there were 20 **Virtual Writing Advice Desk consultations**.

An estimated total of 3,888 participants.

26% of the work was specifically with people with additional needs.

20% of the work was specifically with communities of the Global Majority.

INFORMATION and ADVICE

WP continued to respond to individual requests for advice, information and practical criticism by e-mail and telephone.

The Windows Project **Small Press Library** of independent literary journals and magazines is housed in The Picton Room, Liverpool Central Library.

The Windows Project website www.windowsproject.co.uk contains details on writers, publications and events.

Average visits - 1,866

Unique visitors - 1,600

Page views - 3,400

Geography - 71.4% visits from the UK, 16.7% from the USA, 11.9% from other countries

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Halton

Palacefields, Runcorn; Halton Brook Community Centre;
Holy Spirit, Halton Brook; Warrington Road Centre, Widnes

Knowsley

Arncliffe Community Centre, Halewood; Halewood Tuesday Club;
Halewood Leisure Centre; New Hutte Neighbourhood Centre, Halewood;
Halewood Youth in Community Centre ('The Boyzee'); Moving Senses,
Whiston.

Liverpool

The ACE Place; Acronym Community Empowerment; The Black-E;
Croxteth Federation; Cycle of Life; Garston Adventure Playground;
Greenhouse Project, Lodge Lane; Kensington Fields Community Association;
Liverpool Central Library; Merseyside Domestic Violence Services;
M.P.A.C. Play Days: Princes Park, Rice Lane City Farm, Garston Park;
Methodist Youth Centre; New Derry Social Club; Nugent Care, Edge Lane;
SMARTYS, Mab Lane; Speke Adventure Playground; The Vibe;
Walton Youth Project;
Chinese New Year Storytelling: Great George Square.

Sefton

Litherland Y&C Centre

Wirral

Lady Lever Gallery
Wirral Mencap, Bloom Building, Birkenhead; Happy Times Activities, Moreton

Other

National Poetry Library, Royal Festival Hall, London

EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Wirral

West Kirby Residential School.

Other Educational Bookings

Tile Cross Academy, Birmingham

St. George British School, Barcelona

Leaways School, Hackney

National Literacy Trust

Bradford (online)

Birmingham: Heathfield Primary

Plymouth: Stuart Road Primary, Pilgrim Primary, Pennycross Primary

Preston: Fishwick Primary, St Matthews Primary, Deepdale Primary

Salford: St. Joseph's Primary

Speke: St. Ambrose Primary, New Mersy Retail Park

WRITERS, ARTISTS & WORKERS 2022/23

Maria Isakova Bennett, Olivia Bennett, Aaliyah Braithwaite, Dave Calder, Alison Down, Patrick Graham, John Hughes, Judy Mazonowicz, Michelle Sakim, Bene Sebuyange, Aditi Shah, Emma Sutcliffe, Levi Tafari, Dave Ward, Curtis Watt.

Student Placements and Volunteers

Katie Byrne, Hannah Merchant, Bea Worrell

Equal Opportunities Monitoring

18 writers, artists, placements and volunteers, of whom

12 were women (67%)

6 were men (33%)

7 were Global Majority (39%)

6 had additional needs (33%).

Guest Writers/Artists

Kayo Chingonyi, Sean Hewitt, Emily Portman, Eleanor Rees

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Also, a Santander Bursary for continuing development of student placements.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

WP is a member of **COoL** (Creative Organisations of Liverpool) and Liverpool Literacy Cycle.

PUBLICATIONS

WP continues publication of **Smoke** magazine of new poetry and artwork, as well as booklets of poetry from workshops.