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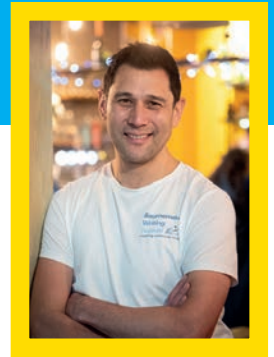
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Welcome



Welcome to the second Bournemouth Writing Festival!

It's been a fantastic year since our inaugural festival. Not only do we now have an established, annual event, but also the beginnings of a thriving, year-round writing community. Our Facebook group is buzzing with questions, advice and inspiration for writers, our Writers' Havens – free, informal, monthly writing groups in BCP Libraries – are proving very popular, and our regular networking events are always well attended.

People not only join to improve and progress their writing but also for the connection and community they get from like-minded writers. After all, writing is a lonely business.

The **Bournemouth Writing Festival** is no longer just about the 100+ talks, activities and events over one weekend. It's already grown to be much bigger than that.

I'm pleased that you are part of it. You can make a difference. Your words have power, but so do your actions. Be kind, be open and, above all, be supportive, because you never know what journey others are on.

I hope you enjoy this year's festival, and whatever happens – keep writing!

Dominic Wong



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Every Writer Needs An Editor

Editor Gary Dalkin will be at the Bournemouth Writing Festival all three days. See his talks with Brian Sibley (Radio 4's *The Lord of The Rings*) & Sophie Beal (Cadence Publishing). Read his article 'Organising Chaos' in *Writing Magazine*.



Say hello and have a chat, or get in touch to arrange to meet during the festival and discuss your editing needs without obligation.

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Talks & Workshops

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

TITLE	SPEAKER	TIMES	LOCATION
Creative Writing for Adults with Additional Needs	Tricuro Care	10am - 12pm 1pm - 3pm	The Old School House, Boscombe
Unearth Your Voice	Louisa Flynn	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Screenwriting Tricks for Novelists	Lucy V Hay	2pm - 3pm	Pavilion Dance
Writing for International Students	Bayswater Bournemouth	2:30pm - 4pm	Bayswater Bournemouth
Short Story in One Session!	E.L. Norry	3pm - 4pm	Pavilion Dance
A Bestselling Author's Journey from Novel to Publication	Helen Corner-Bryant & Alex Stone	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Writing to Change the World	Denise Baden	5pm - 6pm	Pavilion Dance



Friday Night Social

Join us at Flirt Cafe to meet and mingle with other festival attendees.

Friday 26th April, 7pm.
£10 entry includes your first drink

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Talks & Workshops

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

TITLE	SPEAKER	TIMES	LOCATION
The Role of an Agent	David Headley & Broo Doherty	10am - 11am	Pavilion Dance
Poetry for Beginners	Emilie Fiirgaard & Tom Masters	10am - 11am	The Avenue
Writing Reality	The Outsider's Project	10:30am - 11:30am	Pavilion Dance
Turn Self-publishing into a Full-time Career	Matt Shaw	11:30am - 12:30pm	Pavilion Dance
New Life for Old Poems	Anne Peterson	11:30am - 12:30pm	The Avenue
Writing with a Sense of Humour	Kathleen Whyman	12pm - 1pm	Pavilion Dance
Writing Your First Full-Length Novel	Valerie French	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Pavilion Dance
The Job Of A Blog God: Establishing Yourself As A Writer Online	Matt Miles	1pm - 2pm	The Avenue
Traditional vs Partnership vs Self-publishing: Which is best for you?	Alex Thompson	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Sniff for a Better Description	Liam R Findlay	1:45pm - 2:45pm	Pavilion Dance
Organising Chaos: Turn a Messy Draft into a Publishable Book	Sophie Beal & Gary Dalkin	2pm - 3pm	Pavilion Dance
Write Your Poetry Manifesto	Myriam San Marco	2:30pm to 3:30pm	The Avenue
Self-publishing vs Partnership Publishing: An Author's View	Chloe May, Steve Couch & Jude Hayland	3pm - 4pm	Pavilion Dance
Earn as you Write	Alice May	3:15pm-4:15pm	Pavilion Dance
Do you have the Write Time?	Rachel Woodward Carrick	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Pavilion Dance

Talks & Workshops

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

TITLE	SPEAKER	TIMES	LOCATION
A Rising Tide	Fay Roberts	4pm - 5pm	The Avenue
The Art of Adaptation & Other Fantastic Stories	Brian Sibley & Gary Dalkin	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Your Route to Overnight Success	Isabelle Knight	4:45pm - 5:45pm	Pavilion Dance
Mastermind your Way to the End	Tracy Baines	5pm - 6pm	Pavilion Dance



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An energetic, live music and spoken word improv extravaganza.



Saturday 27th April,
7:30pm
Pavilion Dance

£8.50 entry
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Talks & Workshops

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

TITLE	SPEAKER	TIMES	LOCATION
The Fundamentals of Writing Short Stories	Paul Draper	10am - 11am	Pavilion Dance
Writing a Synopsis	Samaira Wilson / SpellBound Books	10:10am - 11:10am	The Avenue
Know Your Place	Paula Harmon	10:30am - 11:30am	Pavilion Dance
7 Proven Steps to an Amazon Bestseller Launch	Linda Liebrand	11am - 12pm	Pavilion Dance
Agent Confidential: Navigating the Author/Agent relationship	Caroline Montgomery, Cathi Unsworth & Catherine Bruton	11:30am - 12:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Legalities of Writing	Luke English	11:30am - 12:30pm	The Avenue
Market Your Short Stories like a Human Dynamo	Alice Fowler	12pm - 1pm	Pavilion Dance
Decolonising Writing	Aanka Batta & Jasmine Isa Qureshi	12:30pm - 1:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Just one X (tweet) away from publication	Gail Aldwin	1pm - 2pm	The Avenue
Dig for the Gold in your Life Story	Beverley Glick	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Going Coastal! Writing, Drawing and Seaside Psychogeography	Tom Sykes & Louis Netter	2pm - 3pm	Pavilion Dance
Create a Cover that Sells	Briony Hartley	2:30pm - 3:30pm	The Avenue
Writing for the Community	Jane Skellett	3pm - 4pm	Pavilion Dance
How to Make a Living from Screenwriting	Danny Stack & Tim Clague	3:30pm - 4:30pm	Pavilion Dance
How to Plot a Novel	Sam Holland	3:45pm - 4:45pm	Pavilion Dance

Talks & Workshops

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

TITLE	SPEAKER	TIMES	LOCATION
Jump Around: Writing from Multiple Perspectives and Timelines	Andreina Cordani	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Pavilion Dance
Finding the Right Outline Structure for You	Sam Parks	5pm - 6pm	Pavilion Dance
Join the Flash (Fiction) Mob	Sally Curtis	5:15pm - 6:15pm	Pavilion Dance

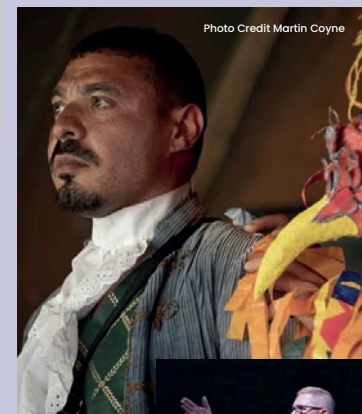


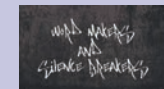
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Writing Home: Stories from the edges of print

Performance showcase celebrating the writing talent of local grassroots community art groups.



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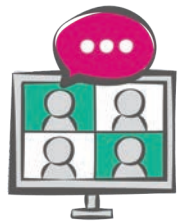
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Children's Activities & Workshops

For all children's activities, parents are free and do not need a ticket. For activities happening in The Avenue, head upstairs to the South Coast Makers Market and the room is towards the back next to the cafe.

Don't forget there are FREE poetry activities to do and explore in our poetry hub in The Avenue (Saturday only) and the Bandstand in the Lower Gardens, as well as free Writing on the Beach (Saturday only)

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

TITLE	SPEAKER	TIMES	LOCATION
Map Magic: Create Your Own Island of Adventure!	Alex English	10am to 11am	The Avenue
Found Poetry For Children and Young People	Chantelle Atkins	11:30am to 12:30pm	The Avenue
Incredible Creatures and Wonderful Worlds	Chantelle Atkins	1pm - 2pm	The Avenue
Wild Writing	Sophie Kirtley	2:30pm to 3:30pm	The Avenue
Goodies, Baddies and a Sprinkle of Magic	Lorna Child	4pm to 5pm	The Avenue

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL

TITLE	SPEAKER	TIMES	LOCATION
Word Wizards Beach Walk	Jane Labous	10:00am to 11:30am	Meet at Pavilion Dance



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Genre Breakfasts

Networking with like-minded authors

Free, informal meet-ups in local cafés with people writing in your genre.

RSVP on bournemouthwritingfestival.co.uk then arrive at 9am, buy a coffee or have breakfast to start the day off and get chatting. Then head off to the talks, workshops and other writing activities.

SATURDAY 09:00 - 10:00

TITLE	HOSTED BY	LOCATION
Playwriting/Screenwriting	Lyn O'Donnell	Leo Cafe, Inside Richmond Gardens Shopping Centre, Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1EP
Young Adults	Andreina Cordani	Picnic Park Deli in the Lower Gardens, Bournemouth
Speculative Fiction (Horror, Science Fiction, Fantasy)	Tamanna Dhuppad	Upstairs in Waterstones Cafe The Quadrant Arcade, 14-16 St Peter's Rd, Bournemouth BHI 2AH
Poetry	Abby G	Flirt Cafe, 21 The Triangle, Bournemouth BH2 5RG
Fantasy	Marie Price	South Coast Coffee, 24 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6EJ
Historical Fiction	Janet Hancock	Crema Cafe, 55 Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1DT
Crime Fiction	Tiffany Carrington	Cosy Club, 4 Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI

SUNDAY 09:00 - 10:00

TITLE	HOSTED BY	LOCATION
Creative Non-Fiction	Rachel Henson	Leo Cafe, Inside Richmond Gardens Shopping Centre, Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1EP
Children's Fiction	Erni Salleh	Crema Cafe, 55 Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1DT
Women's Fiction	Lesley Murphy	Cosy Club, 34 Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1LG
Horror	Callum McKelvie	South Coast Coffee, 24 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6EJ

Lunch & Dinner Meet-ups

Networking with like-minded authors

Meet and eat with other writers at meal times. Collaborate, connect or just have a chin-wag with other festival attendees whilst supporting Bournemouth's independent restaurants.

Please RSVP on bournemouthwritingfestival.co.uk so we can inform the restaurants. We are not taking pre-payments but if you RSVP please show up!

SATURDAY LUNCH 12:00 - 14:00

TITLE	HOSTED BY	LOCATION
Networking Lunch / Pizza	Sue Thomas	Vicolo Pizza, 4 Albert Rd, Bournemouth BHI (possibly no wheelchair accessible)
Networking Lunch / British	Lesley Murphy	Cosy Club, 34 Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1LG

SATURDAY DINNER 17:00 - 19:00

TITLE	HOSTED BY	LOCATION
Networking Dinner / Tapas & Burgers	Emma Page	Caters Tapas, 13 Gervis Pl, Bournemouth BHI 2AL
Networking Dinner / Pizza & Pasta	Steve Cox	Wildwood, 6 Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH2 6EE

SUNDAY LUNCH 12:00 - 14:00

TITLE	HOSTED BY	LOCATION
Networking Lunch / Mediterranean	Nat Fox	Crema Cafe, 55 Old Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1DT
Networking Lunch / Pizza	Sue Edser	Mamma Mia Pizza, 2-6 Post Office Rd, Bournemouth BHI 1BA

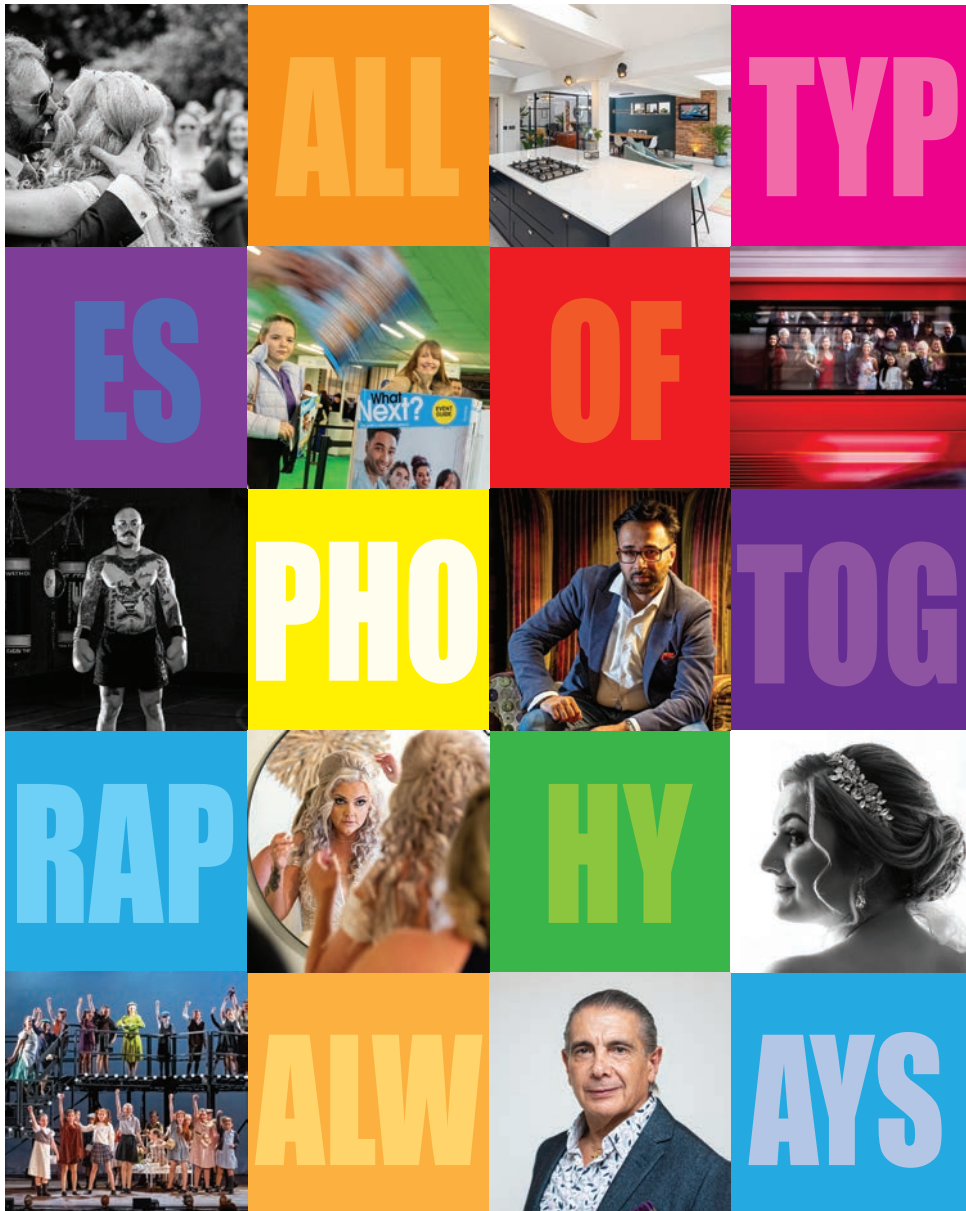
SUNDAY DINNER 17:00 - 19:00

TITLE	HOSTED BY	LOCATION
Networking Dinner / Pub	Lorna Child	Brass Haus, 8-9 Westover Rd, Bournemouth BHI 2BY

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Literary Walk of Bournemouth

Hattie Miles will be leading another literary walk of Bournemouth on **Sunday 28th April at 10:30am.**

Last year's walk sold out, so make sure you secure your spot. Limited spaces. Starts at the Pavilion Dance.

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Writing for International Students

Creative writing workshop for International Students and young people whose first language is not English.

At Bayswater Language School on **Friday 26th April at 2:30pm - 4:00pm**

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The Creative Path

Find out why a walk is an essential part of a writing routine on this short walk and write workshop with Emma Scattergood.

Meet at Pavilion Dance at **11am on Sunday 28th April**

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Plus, special guests:

Write Beyond Borders - Truck Art Poetry - 10:30am to 12pm

Yasmin Inkersole - Driftwood Words: Poetry Collage - 1pm to 2:30pm

Kaycee Hill - From Gardens to the Sea - 3:30pm to 5pm

Estelle Phillips - Bournemouth Community Poem - 10am to 5pm

Saturday 27th April at 10am to 5pm - Ground Floor, The Avenue Shopping Centre (towards the back of the centre)



Poetry Talks

Five inspirational talks on poetry

Saturday 27th April at The Avenue Shopping Centre

Emilie Fiirgaard and Tom Masters. Poetry for Beginners - Finding Your Poetic Voice. **10am**

Anne Peterson. New Life for Old Poems. **11:30am**

Matt Miles. The Job of a Blog God - Making Poetry Pay: How To Weave Well-Written Words Into A Worthy Wage. **1pm**

Myriam San Marco. Write your Poetry Manifesto. **2:30pm**

Fay Roberts. A Rising Tide. **4pm**

Tickets £8.50 (includes booking fee)

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Writing on the Beach

Let the wind seize your words and send them spinning out to sea from our writer's washing line strung across Bournemouth beach. Write your poems, dreams, hopes, stories, imaginings on sheets, pin them up and share them with the elements and beach walkers.

An informal, drop-in activity with Chris Aziz.

Saturday 27th April from 10:30am to 1pm.

Located by the Zipline landing post, to the East of Bournemouth Pier.



Typewriters & Poetry Machine

The Stanza Room; a qwerty type of magic



FREE entry to the Stanza Room and let the timeless tap of the typewriter transform your poetic imagination.

Mark Rutter and Judy Waite from the University of Winchester will be on-hand to guide anyone and everyone through the experience.

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April, 10am to 4pm. Located in the Bandstand in Lower Gardens.

The Poetry Project

Dotted around our poetry activities will be 50 inspirational quotes and poems from The Poetry Project.

The project is all about having positive, empowering, and motivational messages on display in public areas to promote well-being and raise awareness of mental health issues.



The Poetry Machine

FREE poems created in conversation with you!

Poet Beth Calverley will be joining us with her magical Poetry Machine in the Bandstand in the Lower Gardens.

Beth will ask you some gentle questions and weave your words into a typewritten poem to take away with you. Just follow the clatter of her vintage typewriter and look out for the machine's bright yellow umbrella, flagpole and bubble engine...

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Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th April between 10am and 4pm.



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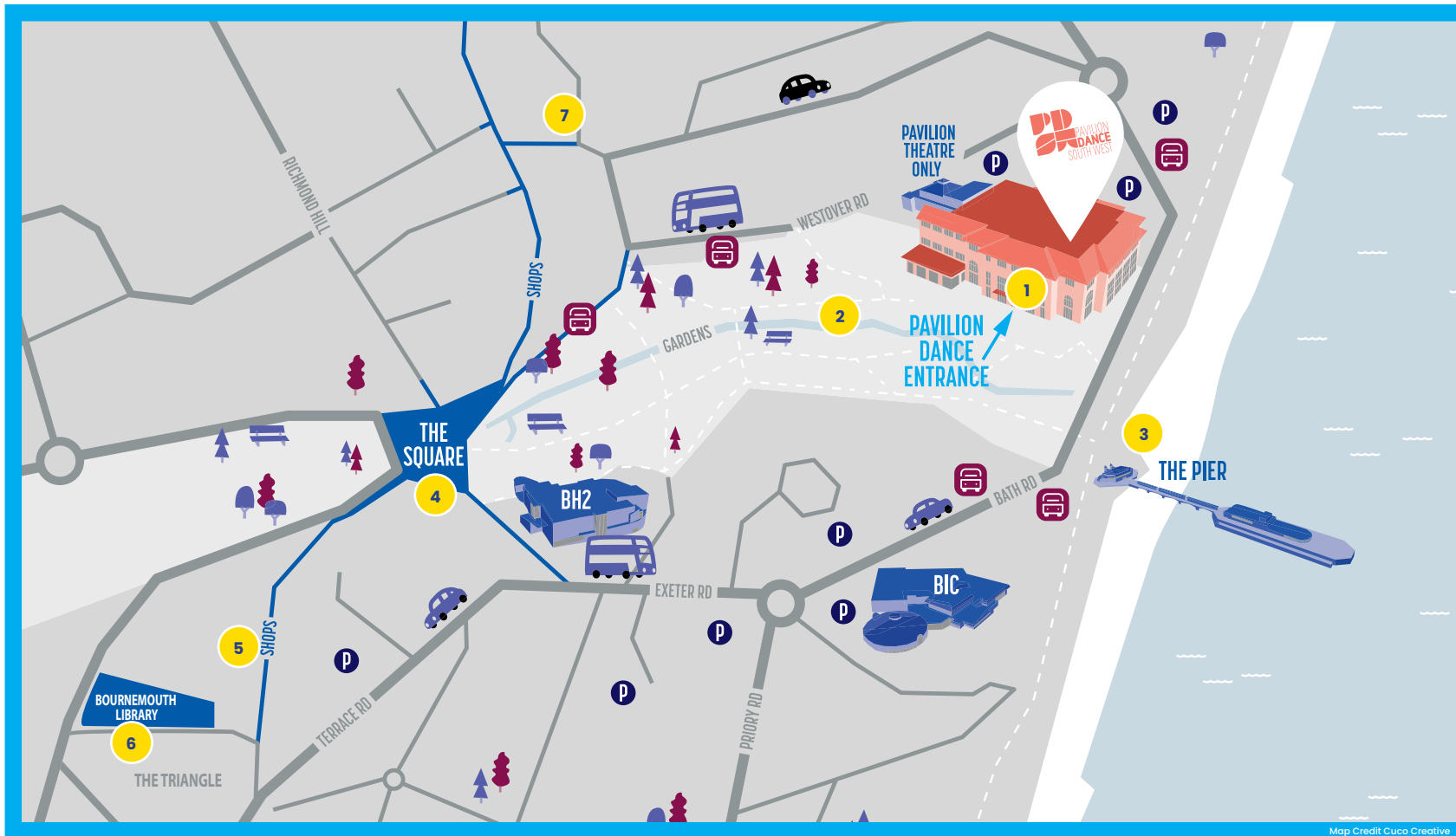
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Festival Map

Festival Venues



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- 1 Pavilion Dance** (main Festival hub) Overlooking Lower Gardens, Westover Road, Bournemouth BH1 2BU
- 2 Bandstand** Lower Gardens, Westover Road, Bournemouth BH1 2BU
- 3 Writing on the Beach** (Zipwire Landing) Undercliff Road, Bournemouth BH1 3NZ
- 4 Bobby's** (2nd Floor) The Square, Bourne Avenue, Bournemouth BH2 5LY

- 5 The Avenue** (Shopping Centre) Commercial Road, Bournemouth BH2 5RP
- 6 Flirt Cafe Bar** 21 The Triangle, Bournemouth BH2 5RG
- 7 Bayswater College Bournemouth** St Peters Quarter, Bournemouth BH1 2AD

1-2-1 sessions

All 1-2-1 sessions take place on the second floor of Bobby's, The Square.



PETER STRAUS – Managing Director of RCW Literary Agency. Peter was President of the Association of Authors' Agents from 2012 to 2014. He was awarded a CBE for his services to literature in 2016.

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Join Broo with David Headley in their talk "The Role of an Agent" at 10am on Saturday 27th April.



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Join David with Broo Doherty in their talk "The Role of an Agent" at 10am on Saturday 27th April.



EMMA SCATTERGOOD – Writer, lecturer, facilitator in creative writing and writing for wellbeing. Founder of The Bournemouth Writing Prize; Fresher Publishing; The Story Works; MA Creative Writing & Publishing at BU.

emmascattergood.com

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

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Join Emma on her beach walk "The Creative Path" at 11am on Sunday 28th April.

1-2-1 sessions

All 1-2-1 sessions take place on the second floor of Bobby's, The Square.

LINDA LIEBRAND – Book marketing specialist and self-publishing success coach.

Award-winning bi-lingual children's author.

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SATURDAY 27TH APRIL

Join Linda's talk "7 Proven Steps to an Amazon Bestseller Launch" at 11am Sunday 28th April.



Megan Carroll – Literary agent at Watson, Little.

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LAURA WILLIAMS – Literary Agent at Greene & Heaton.

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BRADFORD GYORI – Writer and lecturer.

Programme Leader of the MA in Creative Writing and Publishing at Bournemouth University.

Bradford's BU page:

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SUNDAY 28TH APRIL



Speakers

Writing professionals to help you improve and progress

We've curated an amazing line-up of speakers and hosts that will inspire you to write and understand what goes on behind-the-scenes of the writing world. Professional authors, TV and film screenwriters, journalists, editors, writing coaches and publicists will be giving advice and expertise to help you with your writing journey.

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BETH CALVERELY

Poet and performer.

Poet, performer, facilitator and founder of The Poetry Machine. Her writing delights in the weird and wonderful things we do when trying to belong.

Beth's Instagram: [poetrymachine](https://www.instagram.com/poetrymachine)

The Poetry Machine at the Bandstand - FREE 10am to 4pm



LORNA CHILD

Children's author and radio presenter.

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Self-publishing vs Partnership Publishing: An Author's View



SALLY CURTIS

Flash fiction writer.

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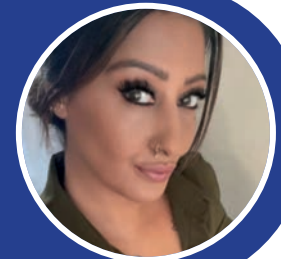
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