

# Friday 10th April

10:00	12:00	Urban Gardens	Young Carers	Free	Bradford Gyori
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# Wednesday 22nd April

14:00	15:30	We Are Humans - Boscombe	Creative Writing for Homeless / Financial Difficulties	Free	Alice Flynn
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# Friday 24th April

10:00	12:00	Bournemouth Gateway	Creative Writing for Adults with Additional Needs	Free	Kevin Bales
13:00	15:00	Bournemouth Gateway	Creative Writing for Adults with Additional Needs	Free	Kevin Bales

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12:30	13:30	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	How Authors Win Attention on Instagram	£10	Nicola Washington
14:00	15:00	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	How to Pitch Your Novel to Literary Agents with Curtis Brown Creative	£10	Abby Parsons & Helena Maybery
15:30	16:30	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Reach Success with your Powerful Author Brand	£10	Isabelle Knight
17:00	18:00	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Be the Author They Find First: Get Found Everywhere and Sell More Books	£10	Stu Grant

14:00	16:30	Pavilion Dance	Headshot Photography Studio	£45	Solid Imagery
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19:00	21:00	Friday Night Social	Networking Event - includes first drink	£15	Urban Gardens
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# Saturday 25th April

09:00	10:00	Various cafes	Genre Breakfasts	Free	Check website for details
10:00	11:00	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Writing to Influence: how to get your message across	£10	Jessica Toale
10:00	11:00	Palace Court Theatre	Changing the Narrative on the Climate	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH £10	Ri Baroche
10:00	11:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	Write Memoir: Tell your story - 90-minute workshop	£15	Joelle Tamraz
10:30	11:30	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	Taming Trauma: Fiction or Non-Fiction?	£10	Mark Blackburn & Victoria L Humphreys
10:30	13:00	Beach by the Pier	Writing on the Beach	Free	Christine Aziz
11:45	12:45	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Writing Across Borders: Capturing Humanity with Local Nuance	£10	Vitor Vicente
11:45	12:45	Palace Court Theatre	Write to Thrill: Panel Talk	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH £10	Lucy Clarke & Heidi Perks
12:00	13:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	Stop your plot deflating like a sad balloon - 90-minute workshop	£15	Helen Comerford
12:00	14:00	The Stables	Informal Networking Lunch Pizza (drop-in)	Free	Elanor McBay
12:00	14:00	Cosy Club	Informal Networking Lunch Gastropub (drop-in)	Free	Sam Fraser
12:15	13:15	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	Fund Your Novel with a National Lottery Project Grant	£10	Sarah Frideswide
13:30	14:30	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	FML. How to start your memoir, creative writing and the self.	£10	Christopher Hogg
14:00	15:00	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	What can I (legally) write in my book?	£10	Luke English
14:00	15:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	How to write unlikeable characters & make them irresistible - <b>SOLD OUT</b>	£15	Francesco Sarti
14:00	15:30	Meet Pavilion Dance	Poetry En Plein Air - 90-minute Poetry Walk of Bournemouth	£15	Ellora Sutton
15:15	16:15	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Organising Chaos - Turn a Messy Draft into a Publishable Novel	£10	Gary Dalkin & Sophie Beal
15:15	16:15	Palace Court Theatre	Comedy Monologues With Heart	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH £10	James Cole
15:45	16:45	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	Immersive World-Building	£10	Francesca Tyer
16:00	17:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	Creating Conflict - and why that makes for great storytelling - 90-minute workshop	£15	Adrienne Dines
17:00	19:00	The Botanist	Informal Networking Dinner British (drop-in)	Free	Lesley Murphy
17:00	19:00	Vicolo	Informal Networking Dinner Pizza (drop-in)	Free	Alison Nuorto
19:30	21:30	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Live band improvisation & Writing Competition Winner's Celebration <b>BU</b> Bournemouth University	£15	Tongue Fu, Johnny Fluffypunk & Vanessa Kisuule

10:00	18:00	Horseshoe Common	Poetry Marquee - activities and performances throughout the day	Free	Winchester Poetry Festival & Kim West
10:00	12:00	Russell-Cotes Museum	Chill Out Zone - Beginners Drop-in Session	Free	Jane Skellett & Hengistbury Head Writers
10:00	16:30	Marsham Court Hotel	1-2-1 Agent Sessions - <b>SOLD OUT</b>	£70	Ella Shindler, Clare Wallace, Hattie Grunewald, Helena Maybery & Ciara McEllin
11:00	12:30	Russell-Cotes Museum	Get Your Submission Pack Sorted Masterclass - <b>SOLD OUT</b>	£150	Saskia Leach
11:00	16:30	Pavilion Dance	Headshot Photography Studio	£45	Solid Imagery
14:00	15:30	Russell-Cotes Museum	How to Write Commercial Fiction - 90 minute Masterclass + Afternoon Tea	£150	Rachel McLean
14:00	16:00	Russell-Cotes Museum	Chill Out Zone - The Space Between Lines: Silence & Space in Poetry	Free	C.W. Blackburn

## For Children

10:00	17:00	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Children's Activities and Drop-in Sessions throughout the day	Free	Artfulscribe & The Story Works
10:00	11:00	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	The Science of Imagination - Write Like a Botanist!	£10	Erni Salleh
11:45	12:45	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Once Upon a Holiday!	£10	Lorna Child
13:30	14:30	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Scary Stories Inspired by Shelley	£10	Chantelle Atkins
16:00	17:00	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Crafting Characters and Telling BIG Stories!	£10	Rohan Gotobed

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# Sunday 26th April

09:00	10:00	Various cafes	Genre Breakfasts	Free	Check website for details
10:00	11:00	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Authors' Tips for Tackling Tough Times	£10	Lisa Sell
10:00	11:00	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Creating a Strong Protagonist Panel - chaired by Kathleen Whyman	£10*	Hilra Gondim Viha, Sharon Brisley-Moore, Chris Powell & James A Lyons
10:00	11:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	Write Your Next Life Chapter - 90-minute workshop	£15	Beverley Glick
10:00	11:00	Palace Court Theatre	Telling Stories Through Games	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH £10	Mike Garley
10:30	11:30	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	To Agent or Not to Agent	£10	Hannah Kingsley & Alice G May
10:30	12:00	Pavilion Dance Foyer	Literary Walk of Bournemouth	£15	Hattie Miles
11:30	12:30	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Getting to Grips with Historical Fiction Panel - chaired by Gary Dalkin	£10*	Louise Morrish, Janet Hancock, Derek Birks & Steve Cox
11:45	12:45	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Writing A Story No One Has Heard	£10	Precious Oyekanmi
11:45	12:45	Palace Court Theatre	Adapting Your Own Work Into TV/Film Scripts	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH £10	Danny Stack & Tim Clague
12:00	13:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	Going Up! Drafting an elevator pitch that works - 90-minute workshop	£15	Steve Couch
12:00	14:00	Wagamama	Informal Networking Lunch Noodles (drop-in)	Free	Jane Midgley
12:00	14:00	Mamma Mia	Informal Networking Lunch Pizza (drop-in)	Free	Louise Pack
12:15	13:15	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	The Writer's Obstacle Course	£10	Ellie Hawkes
13:00	14:00	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Getting your words out into the world Panel - chaired by Kathleen Whyman	£10*	Ann Tipper, Sacha Hughes, M.A. Hunter & Jo Chinn
13:30	14:30	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	Seven Simple Snags and Five Red Flags	£10	Ali Sparkes
13:30	14:30	Palace Court Theatre	Writing diverse characters	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH £10	Ashley Hickson-Lovence, Claire Linney, Dean Atta & James Cole
14:00	15:00	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	Pick Apart a Picture Book	£10	Kate Abernethy
14:00	15:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	Writing Through Play: Sparking Creativity, Truth & Joy - 90-minute workshop	£15	Faye Brann
14:00	15:30	Meet Pavilion Dance	Sea Cipher: The Interactive Adventure around the Lower Gardens	£15	Bradford & Jackson Gyori
14:30	15:30	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	Honing in on your Genre Panel - chaired by Gary Dalkin	£10*	Helen Idris Jones, Dario Spendido, T.H. Carrington & Patrick Larsimont
15:15	16:15	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	7 Myths of Independent Publishing (and how to bust them)	£10	DJ Bowman-Smith
15:15	16:15	Palace Court Theatre	Being a Children's Author Warts 'n' All	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH £10	Claire Linney
15:45	16:45	Pavilion Dance - Seafront	Juggling Pen Names & Publishers	£10	Lauren North & Nikki Moore
16:00	17:30	Pavilion Dance - Garden	Writing Menopause: A Call to the Water - 90-minute workshop	£15	Kristin Burniston
16:00	17:00	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	From Beginning to End - An Author's Journey - chaired by Kathleen Whyman	£10*	T.C. Emerys, Ebony Ali, Ross Turner & Jean G-Owen
17:00	19:00	Braus Haus	Informal Networking Dinner Pub (drop-in)	Free	Lorna Child
19:30	21:30	Pavilion Dance - Ocean	The Write Move - poetry, dance and music showcase	ARTS UNIVERSITY BOURNEMOUTH PWYC	Ashley Hickson-Lovence, Dean Atta & James Cole

9:30	17:30	Patch (1st Floor Bobbys)	The Writers' Hive	Free	
10:00	18:00	Horseshoe Common	Poetry Marquee - activities and performances throughout the day	Free	Winchester Poetry Festival & Kim West
10:00	12:00	Russell-Cotes Museum	Drop-in sessions for people with Dementia - with Prama	Free	Tricuro Cares
10:00	16:30	Marsham Court Hotel	1-2-1 Agent Session and Writing Surgery - <b>SOLD OUT</b>	£70/£35	John Baker, Liza DeBlock, Kiya Evans & Judith Heneghan
11:00	16:30	Pavilion Dance	Headshot Photography Studio	£45	Solid Imagery
14:00	16:00	Russell-Cotes Museum	Chill Out Zone - Poetry Prompts & Tour of Museum	Free	Abby G Poetree

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