

Writing RESIDENCIES IN DORSET

For Midlands based working class and/or
LGBTQIA+ writers aged 18+



Kit de Waal

The residencies supporter is best selling author Kit de Waal, twice winner of The Bridport Prize and our honorary patron.

“Every writer knows the feeling of squeezing your writing into an impossible space or having to break off from your writing to do the ordinary chores and

responsibilities of life. Dedicated time and space is a writer’s dream, no interruptions and no other calls on your attention. That’s when you do your best work.”

www.kitdewaal.com



Thomas Hardy Country

The writers will work from two different sites. Firstly at Dorset Museum in Dorchester with its Hardy Gallery and over four million artefacts. Then at Bridport’s Lyric Theatre which dates back to 1746 and has been a chapel, temperance hall, cinema and dance

school. Both are inspirational locations with the stunning Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site only a short journey away.

www.dorsetmuseum.org

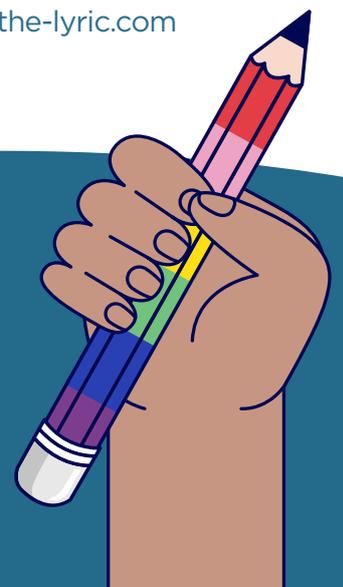
www.visit-dorset.com

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For emerging writers who live, work or study in The Midlands



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About the two residencies

Arrive Dorset Sunday 17 March 2024 leave Friday 22 March 2024.

Dates: Stay at The King's Arms, Dorchester Sunday & Monday 17 & 18 March 2024 then relocate to The Bridge House Hotel, Bridport 19/20/21 March 2024. Residency ends Friday 22 March 2024.

Accommodation

The writers will stay at The King's Arms, Dorchester, only a short walk from the museum, where Hardy met and entertained friends.

The Bridge House Hotel is in the heart of Bridport with easy access to all the town has to offer from the arts to coffee culture. Bridport Museum tells the history of the town's famous rope making industry.



www.bridgehousebridport.co.uk



www.the kings arms dorchester.com

The writers will receive

- 5 day residency at Dorset Museum, Dorchester (2 days) and The Lyric Theatre, Bridport (3 days)
- £500 residency fee
- £150 travel assistance
- £15 per day expenses
- Extra assistance expenses available if required
- 5 nights hotel accommodation
- Opportunity to take part in an event with local writers at Bridport Arts Centre on Wednesday 20 March
- Feedback on up to 3,000 words of prose from Irene Baldoni literary agent at Georgina Capel Associates
- Free entry to the Bridport Prize international writing competition

How to apply

Writers must submit 1,000 words of creative prose fiction, for example, the opening of a novel or part of a short story (not narrative poetry, essays or journalism) AND 200 words about **How I would spend my residency time.**

Apply on our website www.bridportprize.org.uk

We look forward to reading your words.

Who can apply?

- Under-represented working class and / or LGBTQIA+ writers
- Unpublished writers & self published authors
- Published writers of individual stories or novel extracts

Please do NOT apply if you:

- Are a newly published writer
- Have a literary agent
- Have published a book length work such as a novel or short story collection

Application deadline

13th November 2023

Shortlisted writers contacted

13th December 2023

Successful writers contacted

15th January 2024



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