

Tyne & Esk
Writers



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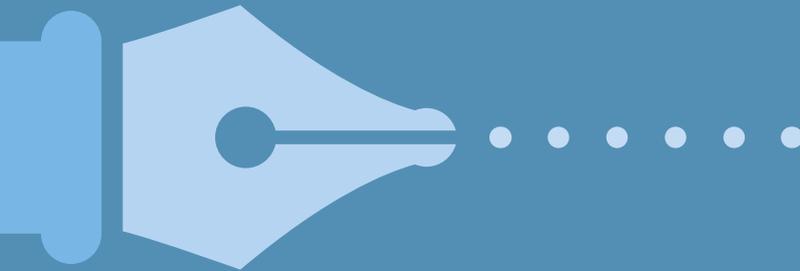
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Championing creative writing across
East Lothian and Midlothian

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About Us

Tyne and Esk Writers is an organisation that champions creative writing across Midlothian and East Lothian. We welcome writers of all ages and at all levels of experience in our writing groups. Our nine writers' groups have a total of around a hundred enthusiastic members.



What you get as a Tyne & Esk Writers member

- ✧ Attend as many of our groups as you wish
- ✧ Submit your work for consideration to the editor of *Scrivens*, our quarterly literary magazine.
- ✧ Receive online copy of *Scrivens* and read the work of other members. *Scrivens* also tells you about events that our members participate in, and competitions and prizes they have won
- ✧ Learn from our Creative Writing Fellow: a professional, published writer who works with Tyne & Esk members both in groups and on a one-to-one basis
- ✧ Attend FREE Tyne & Esk Writers workshops run by visiting professional writers, poets and industry professionals.
- ✧ Enter our annual Writer of the Year competition
- ✧ Access the services of the Scottish Poetry Library, as Tyne & Esk is a member

www.tyne-esk-writers.com

Come to a Tyne & Esk Writers meeting

Are you writing a novel?

Do you have a collection of short stories you have built up over the years?

Would you like to enter and win writing competitions?

Do you want professional writing advice on how to hone your writing skills?

Would you like to meet like-minded writers and hear about their successes?

Our writers meetings give everyone a chance to share their written work, chat about it and hear constructive criticism. All the groups devote at least part of their regular sessions to a "read around". Some groups work on short writing exercises. A prompt for writing for the next session is usually agreed upon.

You can rely on support and feedback from fellow members.



Can I come along to meet the people?

Before you join as a member you can just turn up and introduce yourself at a meeting. You don't need to decide right away if you want to commit to being a Tyne & Esk member.

Scrivens: written by our members for our members

Scrivens, edited by North Berwick writer Shirley Muir, is our quarterly literary magazine. It's packed with stories, poems, flash fiction and contributions from Tyne & Esk members. You can find writing advice from experts, you'll read about the successes of Tyne & Esk members in writing competitions and awards.

Scrivens publishes the work of all of our members, whether experienced published authors or beginners writing their first poems.

Members tell us about events they've attended, open mic evenings they're planning or book festivals on the horizon. *Scrivens* gives us all the chance to share our writing experiences and achievements.



Here is what our members say:

Creative writing is something I have always been passionate about. Being at university I don't always have the time I would like to write. Tyne & Esk has been important to my writing. We read our work to other group members for feedback – this really does bring my writing to life.

Sarah McLean



One of the aims of Tyne & Esk is to encourage and help everyone with their writing, whatever that may be – a short story or a poem or help to have it published or submitted to a competition. Even should you fail to be a best-selling writer at least you won't be short of friends. Could you ask for more?

William Graham



I joined North Berwick Writers in 2012 and the members are creative, amusing, helpful and experienced in writing. I have learned how to listen to stories, how to critique and how to write better short fiction myself. Tyne & Esk has changed my life.

Shirley Muir



When I retired I thought I would fill my time gardening and being a 'Lady who lunches'. Then I discovered my talent for writing, a hobby which can be pursued in winter!

I joined Dalkeith Writers in 2000. Encouragement and criticism are friendly from fellow writers. Best of all is the support from our Creative Writing Fellows, all of whom have been different in their style and approach.

Mary Johnston



Come to a writers' meeting

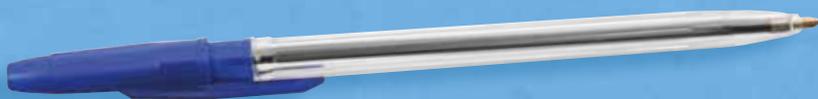
Our writing groups meet fortnightly in the following locations:

East Lothian

- ◆ **Haddington** (alternate Tuesdays, 7-9pm Haddington Town House)
- ◆ **Musselburgh** (alternate Tuesdays, 7-9pm The Brunton Hall)
- ◆ **North Berwick** (first and third Tuesdays of each month, 2-4pm, North Berwick Library)
- ◆ **Port Seton** (alternate Wednesdays, 7-9pm the Thorn Tree pub)
- ◆ **Dunbar** (alternate Thursdays, 7.30-9.30pm Dunbar Library)
- ◆ **Poetry Group** (monthly, first Tuesday of each month, 2-4pm Haddington Library)

Midlothian

- ◆ **Pathhead** (alternate Tuesdays, 7-9pm, Stair Arms Pub)
- ◆ **Dalkeith** (alternate Wednesdays, 7-9pm, Dalkeith Library)
- ◆ **Penicuik** (alternate Thursdays, 7-9pm, Penicuik Library)



You can be a member of
Tyne & Esk Writers for a
modest annual fee.
Student discount is 10%.



Where can I find out more?

Our web site is packed with news and information about activities and events, as well as copies of all the issues of our magazine, *Scrivens*.

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