

Pathways into Publishing with The Portico Library

Under the dome:

- **The Antiques Roadshow of Books comes to the Portico!**
Experts **Alice Measom** and **Jim Duff** are on hand to help.
See if your damaged book can be repaired. Ask questions to learn about careers in libraries and archives.
- **Chellie Carroll Book Illustrator** – come and draw! Writing tips, fun, chat, prints, cards and books for sale. Afternoon only.
- **Commonword**
Meet the team, sign-up to a writing workshop or join Cultureword's Queer Black Book Club, browse our latest poetry and fiction publications, pick up one of our exclusive £5 book bundles!
We run writing workshops, literary events, and the biennial National Black Writers Conference.
- **Mirror Me Write - Bookseller** Meet founder **Ayesha Ansari-Choudhury**, browse and buy books, ask Ayesha why and how she opened the business of a Manchester based, online indie bookseller specialising in representation and inclusion.
- **Young Identity** – Find out how to reach your potential by talking to us! Working with HOME, offering mentorships, writing, movement, dramaturgy and confidence. Check out all the opportunities we offer.
- **ZunTold Publishers** –If you want to be a book reviewer or blogger, come and talk **Elaine Bousfield** who is also looking for volunteers to show how the industry works. Want to be a writer? ZunTold loves to play a game called **'First Lines'** to find that compelling first line in a novel. Why not play? Find out more about Fiction as Therapy.
ZunTold's range of award-winning books will also be on sale.
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- **Drawing table** – sit and draw
- **Writing table** – sit and write with Ella Otomewo

Performances under the Dome:

- **11.45 Young Identity**
- **12.45 The Writing Squad**
- **1.45 Hallie Fletcher** – Hallie has free poetry anthologies to give away too!
- **2.45 Ella Otomewo** – A Writing Workshop

The Reading Room

* **11.30 – 12.10 – Why Children’s books? Why the North?** Children’s Books North – Picture Book Development Director, Hachette Children’s North, **Emma Layfield**, Editorial Director, Golden Egg Academy and Freelance Editor, **Tilda Johnson** and Freelance Children’s Book Publicist, **Liz Scott** chat about the varied routes into children’s publishing and the opportunities available for you to build your career. Be ready with your questions! Chaired by **Morayo Sodipo**.

* **12.30 – 1.10 – Is a career in publishing for you?** with **Debbie Williams**, MMU Publishing and founder of UCLan Publishing. Debbie will lead a workshop to help you find out if a career in publishing is right for you. Using her 25 years of experience in the book business, which includes her role as children’s book buyer at Head Office for Waterstones, Debbie will take you through the skills you need, the job options, and discuss how you get a foot on the industry ladder.

* **1.30 – 2.10 – No Compromise: 3 writers discuss self-belief, authenticity and finding your network** Talk to the writers with Commonword - script writer and poet, **Afshan d’Souza-Lodhi**, author, screenwriter and MMU lecturer, **Danielle Jawando**, and former corrosion engineer who now works in theatre and film, **Morayo Sodipo** (founder VAGUE digital/Within my Locket) Chaired by Commonword’s **Radhaika Kapur**.

* **2.30 – 3.10 – Book illustration from start to finish**

Artist **Chellie Carroll** reveals how she went from drawing on her bedroom walls to being a full-time illustrator. Chellie will take us through digitally building images and how the composition of images create story.

Chellie will also be found at the drawing table under the dome, so sit, draw, pick up tips and ask all you want to know about a career in book illustration.

* **3.30 – 4.10 – Why are Northern publishers essential?** The Northern Fiction Alliance – Award winning risk takers who love words. Publishers of fiction, short story, poetry, non-fiction, memoir and translation. Meet **Sarah Cleave** of **Comma Press**, (specialising in the short story and fiction in translation, devised to identify cutting-edge (often marginalised) voices from across the world. **Adam Lowe** of **Peepal Tree** (international writing from the Caribbean, its diasporas and the UK) and **Ellie Croston** of **Saraband** (outstanding fiction, absorbing nature writing, pressing environmental issues and compelling memoir)

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Thanks for coming!