CREATIVE WRITING
Creative Writing: Poetry – the end of the line?
Charlie Bell MA
Study Day
Saturday 18 November
Course code: 17TON301
Course fee: £50

In this full day workshop we will consider several linked questions: What exactly is the difference between poetry and prose? What factors determine line length?; and what factors determine when a line should be ‘broken’? In a largely practical day we will examine, debate and experiment with these questions.

Poetry can be made or sabotaged by poor line endings. This workshop aims to help answer the three questions posed in the course summary above which will inform the content of the workshop.

We will look at several pieces of prose and poems with the aim of shedding some light on what makes the differences between them. This will lead to a study of writing where the line endings are critical to the rhythm and meaning of a poem.

There will be discussion and exercises done in pairs and in the whole group and there will also be plenty of opportunity to write and share some original pieces of work which focus on the theme.

Additional information
Bring along a poem to share (yours or someone else’s) where the line breaks seem problematical to you. (Please bring 4 copies to share plus one for yourself).

- Suitable for practising and aspiring poets who feel unsure about the subject or who wish to push their boundaries
- There will be a smaller than usual groups to allow time to share work and discuss ideas
- This course allows you to spend time exploring a subject for interest, among like-minded people, without formal assessment
- You will be encouraged to write poems and share them in class for feedback based on the topic
Intended learning outcomes

At the end of the workshop you will have:

- examined some of the issues around how poems can be structured on the page.
- worked in pairs and with the group to explore themes and techniques.
- written and shared some original poems with the group.

About the tutor

Charlie Bell has an MA in Language, the Arts and Education (majoring in writing autobiography) and is an experienced tutor and writer having produced published works for Hodder & Stoughton, Regent Academy and local history presses. He works as a freelance for adult education and on various community projects. Professionally he is a member of the Society of Authors, New Writing South, the National Association of Writers in Education (NAWE), and Lapidus, the organisation for writing and wellbeing. He believes that all can write who wish to write and that being fulfilled by creative activities is an end in itself. Writing is affirming and therapeutic. Charlie has a website www.writing-hut.com
Short Course Programme
General information, terms & conditions

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