Creative Writing Exploring Dickens Free

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The course will take place at Eastgate House on the ground floor (kitchen room)

A free lunch is included, please notify of any dietary requirements.

Start Date:	21 November 2026
Start Time:	10:00
Lessons:	1
Weeks:	1
Hours:	6.00

Venue
Eastgate House
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

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What will I learn on this course?

Learners will:
1.Understand Dickens' themes, style, and context
2.Analyse characters and narrative voice
3.Produce original creative work inspired by Dickens
4.Engage critically with social issues in literature

Is this course suitable for me?

This course is only for learners aged 19+

Class will take place on the ground floor, but toilet facilities are upstairs
Lift may not be available to get to the first and second floors. Not all rooms are wheelchair -friendly due to narrow door frames https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200272/eastgate_house

Is there anything else I need to know about the course?

All materials and tools provided for this session

A free lunch is included, please notify of any dietary requirements (you may bring your own lunch if you wish)

Are there any additional costs?

No

What could I go on to do after this course?

The tutor will be able to advise you of relevant classes we offer.

Medway Adult Education works with many partners locally such as MidKent College, Medway School of Arts and the University of Kent; information about their courses can be found in our studios, café and on Moodle. Medway has an exciting and wide-range of events, exhibitions and activities to inspire and help you make further progress - please see the community noticeboards in the Rochester Centre and again on Moodle. Your tutor will be able to talk through your individual progression options.
If you wish to explore your learning, work or career options, you can speak to a fully trained careers advisor on 0800 100 900. https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk
If you need further advice, please telephone 01634 338400.

Attendance Policy

Single session-

This course takes place in one session, so please attend the full lesson.
If you book a place but can no longer attend, please let us know as soon as possible by calling 01634 338400. This will allow someone else to take your place.

Health and Safety

Health and Safety Disclaimer
By taking part in this course, you understand that it could carry some risk.
You agree that:
• Wear suitable clothing and footwear for Eastgate House (the house may be cool in temperate, have uneven floor surfaces)
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• Accessible toilet available at the Hub, Medway Adult Education
• Medway Adult Education is not responsible for personal injury or damage to personal property
• By attending the course, you confirm that you have read and understood this information