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Being a Writer
FESTIVAL

20th June - 21st July
PROGRAMME

WEEK ONE

Keynote

20th June 4-5pm BST

Nikesh Shukla: 'How to be a Writer'

Festival Orientation/ Q&A

21st June 11am and 3pm BST

Have questions about the festival? Come and join an informal orientation and chat with the TLC team

Cultivate a Creative Mindset

23rd June 7-8.30pm BST

Psychotherapist Dawn Estefan shares her insights into how to combat the inner critic and prepare the ground for creativity.

WEEK TWO

Confessions of a Debut Novelist

28th June 7-8.30pm BST

Chloe Timms (*The Seawomen*), Aneesa Marufu (*The Balloon Thief*), Saara El-Arifi (*The Final Strife*) and Laura Price (*Single Bald Female*) share their learnings from publishing their first books.

Publishing (Room) 101

30th June 7-8.30pm BST

What do publishers actually do? Katie Packer (Senior Commissioning Editor, *Headline*) hosts a panel of publishers from a range of departments to talk about their hopes for the future of publishing, and the things they'd put in the bin if they were in charge of the industry.

WEEK THREE

Joyful Environmentalism

5th July 7-8.30pm BST

Learn how to live (and write) more sustainably and consciously. In practical, manageable ways. With the joyful environmentalist herself, writer, broadcaster and public speaker Isabel Losada.

Creativity Incubator

7th July 7-8.30pm BST

An interactive, joyfully facilitated workshop to help you on your way to better creative habits. This session has been designed to accommodate for energy- and mobility-limiting conditions and is led by poet and creative facilitator Khairani Barokka.

WEEK FOUR

The Reading Nook

12th July 7-8.30pm BST

Hosted by Octavia Bright, guests share the work they do to promote reading culture, explore why it's important for writers, and share their most treasured reads. With Habiba Desai (Fox & Windmill) Joshua Seigal (Poet and Educator), and Gemma Jolly (Reading Agency).

TLC Pen Factor LIVE PITCH

14th July 7-8.30pm BST

TLC's 10th annual TLC Pen Factor Competition culminates in our special, and hugely popular, live pitch session. With industry judges Rhea Kurien, Jamie Cowen, and Rachel Yeoh.

WEEK FIVE

Masterclasses I & II

July 19th 11am-1pm BST

Dorothy Koomson on Character

July 19th 4pm-6pm BST

Vaseem Khan on Plot and Pace

Masterclasses II & III

July 21st 11am-1pm BST

Paul McVeigh on Place

July 21st 4pm-6pm BST

Monique Roffey on Voice



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and feeling well.

Hosted on Zoom, with recordings available to watch-back for a period of 30 days. All sessions captioned
with Live Transcripts available.

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