

FOI: 22440841 Writeidea Festival 2020

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NO – because of Covid and likelihood of social distancing rules being in place in November we have decided not to run Writeidea this year.

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There isn't a budget for Write Idea which is staff run. In the past we have been successful in our application for Art Council England Grants for the Arts funding; this has been used mainly to pay for visiting artists and authors. Because of Covid ACE is not running this grants programme.

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No