

Lee Mackenzie

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Professional Profile

I am an internationally-published writer, Arts Council-funded artist, and literary editor with five years' teaching experience. I have received a range of funding awards, commissions and publications that are a testament to my competency in producing interesting work, engaging people creatively, and delivering tangible, quality outcomes within projects. I have experience in *writer-in-residence* positions, securing commissioned work as a result, and I have experience of facilitating creative workshops that encourage people to connect with their environment through writing and the creation of artworks. I have produced these workshops for a range of ages (5 to 95) in a variety of settings, and as a qualified teacher of English, I have a good knowledge of pedagogical trends. I often collaborate with other artists as a member of two locally-engaged artistic cooperatives.

Employment

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| Sep 2023 – ongoing | Project Manager at Forward Arts Foundation – London/Remote <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Coordinating partner activity, social media management, developing school networks for <i>National Poetry Day</i>.● Curation, proof-reading and administrative support for <i>Forward Prizes</i>. |
| Mar 2021 – Mar 2023 | Assistant Editor of Neon Books – Edinburgh, Scotland <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Submission selection, copywriting, editing content, proof-reading, administrative support, branding and social-media management. |
| Sep 2019 – July 2020 | Lee Mackenzie Writing Services - Aarhus, Denmark <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Copy-writing and proof-reading support for Danish businesses.● Creation and facilitation of poetry workshops exploring creative use of language in English poetry writing for non-native speakers. (1-1 and groups of 3-10 people) |
| Jan 2018 – Sep 2019 | Poet-in-Residence - Walthamstow Wetlands, Walthamstow <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Creation and facilitation of poetry writing curriculum.● Walking writing workshops, editorial support, one-to-one feedback. (Groups of 10-25 people) |
| Oct 2018 – July 2019 | Writer-in-Residence - Josephine Butler College, University of Durham <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Community engagement through workshops, performance, the creation of a poetry archive and mentoring.● Arts leadership through brand-creation, budgeting, planning of events, promotion and networking. (Engagement with 750 people) |
| May 2018 – Oct 2018 | Project Manager and Research Assistant - Imperial College London <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Administration, logistics and technical project management on a leading research project into land management techniques and <i>Rewilding</i> in the Scottish Highlands. (Led team of 4) |
| Dec 2014 – Dec 2017 | Workshop Lead and Facilitator - Ninestiles Community Summer School, Forest of Dean <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Led immersive creative writing workshops in an outdoor education setting for KS3 and KS4 students (group of 45) |
| Dec 2014 – Dec 2017 | Teacher of English - Ninestiles Academy School, Birmingham <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Teaching and Learning Responsibility (TLR) researching the school's online platform.● Took central role in administration and execution of Duke of Edinburgh.● Rated as an 'Outstanding' teacher within a school rated as 'Outstanding'. |

Commissions / Residencies / Funding Awards

Mar 2025	Time Statue Commission, Churches Conservation Trust: St. Swithin's Church: Seven Stops
Dec 2024	'Green Roots', Commission & Community Project, Multistory: Mapping the Green Corridor
Aug 2023	'Tap Into It', Residency, Commission & Community Project, Elan Links: Elan Valley Aqueduct
Aug 2022	'Eilean Shona Writing Retreat Scholarship', Shona Arts: Poetic Mapping of Eilean Shona
Apr 2022	'Summer of Creativity', Commission & Community Project, CBC: Netherton Creative Map
Mar 2022	'Outreach for Judith Alder', Workshops & Exhibition Support, RBSA Gallery: Vital Signs
Jan 2022	'Jean Harrison Project', Commission, Museum of North Craven Life: This is a good place
Dec 2021	'Winter Open Show', Exhibition, Artefact: You are the fresh breeze
Oct 2021	'Editorial Map', Commission, Neon Books: Issue 53 / The Cities Issue
Jun 2021	'The Ujamaa Project', Commission, Writerz & Scribez/The National Trust: You are the fresh breeze
Apr 2021	'Eccles Centre Visiting Fellowship, Funding Award, Eccles Centre, British Library: Poetic Mapping
Dec 2020	'Develop Your Creative Practice', Funding Award, Arts Council England: Poetry Maps
Oct 2019	'Athena Swan', Commission & Exhibition, Psychology Dept., Durham University: Jewels in the Dark
June 2019	'Durham Arts Festival', Commission & Exhibition, Durham: The Voice of Tan

Poetry Publications

Jan 2024	<i>Issue 21: poeta non grata</i> (ed. Hayriye Unal et al.) Buzdokuz Poetry Theory Criticism Magazine, Ankara, Turkey: Elan to Birmingham
Mar 2020	<i>The 2020 Rhysling Anthology</i> (ed. David C. Kopaska-Merkel), Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, Alabama, US: Nan-e
Nov 2019	<i>Issue 49</i> (ed. Krishan Coupland), Neon, Edinburgh: Nan-e
Sep 2019	<i>Issue 1</i> (eds. Suna Afshan et al.), Poetry Birmingham Literary Journal, Birmingham: The Tick
Aug 2019	<i>Summer 2019 Issue</i> (ed. Maria Isakova), Coast to Coast to Coast, Liverpool: Super Wolf Moon
Oct 2018	<i>20-20: Twenty poems... 2018</i> (ed. Janice Dempsey), Dempsey & Windle, Guildford: Teaching
Sep 2018	<i>By and for men and women... (Issue 104)</i> , Reflections Poetry, London: Skylark and the Heron
Aug 2018	<i>Online</i> (ed. Guy Armitage), Zealous, London: Detritus
July 2018	<i>Online</i> (ed. Joe Pickard), Pulp Poets Press, London: The Mortgage
May 2018	<i>Issue 94</i> (ed. Briony Bax), The New European, Norwich: Bury me...

Prizes / Nominations

Jan 2021	'2020 Café Writers Poetry Competition', Shortlisted (by Helen Ivory), Café Writers: Seeds
Nov 2020	'Winter Warmers', Highly Commended, Inn Crowd: Present
Feb 2020	'2020 Forward Prize for Best Single Poem', Nomination, Neon Books: Nan-e

Membership

July 2021 – ongoing	<i>Artefact Gallery</i> , Stirchley, Birmingham - Owner/Manager - Run poetry night, <i>Foreward</i> , and creative writing group, <i>Work in Progress</i> ; lead administration and accounting; install exhibitions and manage events.
Oct 2019 – July 2021	<i>Forest Poets Poetry Stanza</i> , Poetry Society, Walthamstow, London - feedback and edit other member's work.

References

Available on request.