

## Ancient Objects – New Writing

4 Artists

4 Objects

4 Locations

4 Unique Stories

*Ancient Objects - New Writing* will bring together four artists/writers from refugee backgrounds to develop new writing in response to objects housed in the Manchester Museum collection. This work along with the selected object will then be displayed in Manchester Libraries as part of Journeys Festival 4-14 October, 2018.

Selected participants will take part in 5, half day, creative writing workshops, beginning in May running through till July, to develop new work led by a writing mentor and supported by museum staff. The writing can be any style; storytelling, poetry, drama, short fiction etc. During Journeys Festival International, writers will present their work publicly at events along side the selected object in Manchester libraries and Manchester Museum with support from Museum and Festival staff.

**We are looking for** Artists and/or writers from Refugee backgrounds that work with text and words in any form with some experience of any kind in publishing or performing their own work.

To apply please write a short statement (1 side of A4) about yourself and your writing experience. Please include an example of your previous writing.

The fee for delivering this work is a flat fee of £700 inclusive of travel and expenses, on a freelance basis.

The Deadline for Submissions is: **12 Noon, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The first session at the Museum is: **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

If you require further information, have any questions or would like help writing your application, please don't hesitate to contact Dan Williamson [dan@artreach.biz](mailto:dan@artreach.biz) or 0161 2734090

**Journeys Festival International** celebrates the creative talents of exceptional refugee and asylum seekers artists, sharing the refugee experience through great art and culture. The Festival presents a broad range of creative activity including music, dance, poetry, spoken word, theatre, performance, visual arts and heritage projects.

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**Manchester Museum** is a proud part of The University of Manchester. The Museum displays works of archaeology, anthropology and natural history and provides access to about 4.5 million items from every continent. It is the UK's largest university museum and serves both as a major visitor attraction and as a resource for academic research and teaching. It has around 500,000 visitors each year.

[www.museum.manchester.ac.uk](http://www.museum.manchester.ac.uk)