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**Skills**

Copy Editing, Copywriting, Blogging, Research, Workshop Facilitation, Teaching, Performance, Presentation, Event Hosting, Event Planning, Review Writing, Storytelling, Creative Writing, Poetry, SEO, Interviewing, Music, Film-making, Origami, Crafts

**Creative Projects/Event Organisation**

2003 **Communal Construction** – Creator/editor of online writing project

2010 **The Reclamation Project** – Editor/producer of poetry pamphlet

2011 **Blackpool Arts Centre** – Creator/moderator of online arts group (ongoing)

2012 **Unconventional Attitudes** – Writer/performer/organiser/promoter of storytelling performance

2012 **Darling Buds** – Event organiser/performer at poetry and literature event in celebration of women at the New Continental, Preston

2012 **Tales of Love and Loss** – Event organiser for storytelling at Blackpool Library

2013 **Pelts to Petticoats** – Workshop facilitator and writer for historical poetry anthology

2013 **On the Shoulders of Giants** – Event organiser for fringe event at Blackpool Wordpool Festival

2013 **1,000 Poets for Change** – Event organiser/performer of poetry event

2013 **Ice Cream & Dream Night** –Event organiser/compere at poetry and art event in collaboration with Grundy Art Gallery and Arts for Health

2013 **Poor** – Project Leader/writer for illustrated poetry publication (ongoing)

**Performer/Guest Artist**

**Poet**

2010 **Domina** – Performance of a poem written for Earth Day

2011 **Insatiable Sea** – Speaker/Performer on theme of Equality and Diversity for conference at Blackpool & Fylde College

2011-2013 **LDGP** – Compere at monthly poetry nights for Lancashire Dead Good Poets

2011 **Diversions –** Guest editor for poetry and short story mini-anthologies

2012 **Brewery Arts Centre** – Guest poet

2012 **Sanctuary** – Guest poet at Lancaster Library

2013 **Montgomery High School Literature Festival** – Guest Speaker and Judge for students’ creative projects

2013 **Grand Words One Act Play Competition** – Final Judge

**Actor**

2012 **Going Solo** – Actor in two short plays by David Riley at Wordpool Literature Festival

2012 **Haunted Blackpool** – Performer of short story by David Riley for installation as part of Blackpool Illuminations

2013 **How to Write a One Act Play** – Actor in short play, *One Last Time,* by David Riley at Wordpool Literature Festival

2013 **Freud Symposium** – Actor in excerpt of play, *Memories, Dreams, Reflections,* by David Riley

**Storyteller**

2012 **Ariadne/Thetis** - Dock of the Bay Festival at Glasson Dock

2012 **Aphrodite/Circe –** Dreamfired Story Nights at Brigsteer, Kendal

2012 **Aphrodite** – Brewery Arts Centre at Kendal

2012 **Unconventional Attitudes** – Three days at Buxton Fringe Festival

2012 **Unconventional Attitudes** – Blackpool Wordpool Festival

2013 **Alfresco Festival** – Stories for children at Blackpool Cricket Club

2013 **Soldier/Anansi** –Dock of the Bay Festival at Glasson Dock

**Singer**

2009-2013 **Myfi** – Singer/Songwriter performances in Blackpool and Lancaster

**Workshop Facilitator**

2011 **Novel Writing Workshop** for Blackpool Wordpool Festival

2012 **Arts for Health** – Three poetry workshops on senses and emotions

2013 **DGP Workshops** – Monthly poetry workshops on a range of themes at Central Library

2013 **Up for Arts** – Live poetry workshop on Radio Lancashire

2013 **LGBTea** – Poetry workshop for LGBT History Month event at Blackpool Town Hall

2013 **Arts for Health** – Ten poetry workshops over five weeks inspired by Kelly Richardson’s *Twilight Avenger*

2013 **Montgomery High School** – Two poetry workshops for young people aged 11 to 14

2013 **Origami** – Craft for children aged 3+ at Wordpool Family Fun Day

2013 **Origami** – Craft for children aged 3+ at Blackpool International Festival

2013 **Lion Mask Workshop** – Craft for children aged 3+ at Stanley Park

2013 **Arts for Health** – Four poetry workshops over two weeks in collaboration with artist, Jo Berry inspired by Zoe Beloff’s *Dreamland* exhibition

**Publications**

**Poetry**

 ‘Elephant in the Womb’in *Breadcrumb Scabs Magazine* (2010)

‘Good Cause Is’ in Disingenuous Twaddle (2010)

‘Soundcloud’ poetry and music improvised collaboration (2010)

‘Not small but distant’ and ‘Seven carrots for the elephant’ in *The Reclamation Project* (2010)

‘Insatiable Sea’ in *Wordpool Paper* (2012)

‘Smoke’ video publication of poetry performance (2012)

‘The Burglar’s Oath’ in *Poetry24* (2012)

‘Cedar Cub’ in *Vine Leaves Literary Journal* (2012)

'Blackpool Tower', 'Black(spiritual retreat)pool' and 'Eighteen Eighty Nine' in *A Poet’s Guide to Blackpool* (2012)

‘What I have learned about kissing’ in *How to Write Erotic Fiction* (2013)

‘Iffy’ in *Defenestration* (2013)

‘The Mermaid’s Opinion on Fried Liver’in *Pelts to Petticoats* (2013)

‘Mrs Tucker’ and ‘Wonderland’ in *Featherlit* (2013)

‘The Problem of All Those Bodies’ – poetry collection (2013)

**Fiction**

‘The Oldest Confession’ in *Behind the Front* (2010)

 ‘The Colonel’ – fantasy/humour novel (2011)

‘Hell for Leather’ in *Slave Girls: Erotic Tales of Submission* (2014)

**Non-fiction**

Book Reviews for Curledup.com (2002)

Reviews and Interviews for Lancashire Writing Hub (2011-2012)

70+ articles for altblackpool (2012-2013)

120+ blog posts for Blackpool Dead Good Poets’ Blog (2011-2013)

**Awards/Achievements**

2001 **Burning Man Festival, USA** – Short poem featured in exhibition dedicated to Neil Gaiman’s Sandman graphic novels

2008 **National Novel Writing Contest** – Completion of a novel in 30 days

2009 **National Songwriting Competition** – Semi-finalist for Ice Cream

2010 **Winner of Creative Edge** poetry competition

2010, 2011, 2012 **Award for Academic Excellence** – Blackpool and Fylde College

2011 **Winner of Lancaster Spotlight Slam** as part of Litfest with poem: One Two

2012 **Winner: Radio Wave Website of the Year** – for the Blackpool Dead Good Poets’ Blog

2012 **Guest Editor for Lancashire Writing Hub**

2012 **Winner: Spoken Word Award** at Buxton Fringe Festival for Unconventional Attitudes

2012 **Nomination: New Writing Award** at Buxton Fringe Festival for Unconventional Attitudes

2013 **Nomination: Radio Wave Website of the Year** – for altblackpool and Blackpool Dead Good Poets’ Blog

**Groups**

**Lancashire Dead Good Poets** – Blackpool-based poetry group

**Monkeyrack** – Lancaster-based writing collective

**Aunty Social** – Blackpool-based community arts collective

**North West Poets** – Lancashire-based poetry collective

**Volunteering**

2011-2013 **Lancashire Dead Good Poets** – Steering Committee

2012 **Beyond the Border Storytelling Festival** – Artist liaison over five days

2012-2013 **Altblackpool** – Editor and copywriter

2012 **Lancashire Writing Hub** – Guest Editor

2013 **Under the Town** – Steward at young people’s festival in the Winter Gardens

2013 **Wordpool Literature Festival** – Steering Committee