



Poetry Workshops

The Cathedral Innovation Centre, St. Thomas's Street, Old Portsmouth, PO1 2HA

Saturday 8th October and Saturday 22nd October, 1.30 – 4pm

Growing Poems

Join poet **Denise Bennett** for a two part poetry workshop. Use your own personal history to inspire your work. Think of your life as a seed. What has nourished it? You will read and discuss poems by established poets and do writing exercises to generate material for your own poems. Please bring pen and paper.

Session one: Saturday 8th October 1.30 – 4pm

Use an ordinary phrase to start your writing; something you might say every day:

It's years since I ... What I wanted to tell you was ... I remember when ...

Session Two: Saturday 22nd October 1.30 – 4pm

A follow-up workshop on how to sharpen and improve your writing.

Denise Bennett has an MA in creative writing and has taught for Portsmouth College for 25 years. She also runs poetry workshops in community settings. Her work is widely published. She has two collections *Planting the Snow Queen* and *Parachute Silk* – Oversteps Books and a forthcoming pamphlet collection *Water Chits* – Indigo Dreams.

Cost: £18 both sessions / £10 session one only.

Booking: For further information or to book your place telephone 023 9248 0577 or email denisebennett@talk21.com. Prior booking is essential.