

FORWORDS 42, Fri 10 Feb 2006

Spoken word, poetry, live literature events in the Sheffield area for the coming month. For information on forwords, listings and subscriptions, visit <http://access.lowtech.org/forwords/>. See below for News, Groups, and Listings.

NEWS

Julian Jordan's brilliant website, Write Out Loud (www.writeoutloud.net), has been launched. They're aiming to provide listings for open mics (and other poetry events) from all over the country, and they're not doing too badly so far either. This is a very useful resource for anyone wanting to see what is going on elsewhere, or to bring their work to a wider audience.

GROUPS

Looking out for groups? Try...

1. Abbeydale Writers' Workshop. Every Wednesday 7-9pm at Topley United Reformed Church, Topley Brook Road, Sheffield. There's a wide range of talent and age range: a few committed novelists, some poets, a great comedy writer, and people who do travel writing and memoirs. We need more people doing all kinds of creative writing! For more information, visit www.abbeydale-writers.co.uk or call the WEA on 0114 2423609.

2. Speak Up! Wednesday 22 February, 6.45pm at Scotia Works, Leadmill Road, Sheffield. Would you like to be better at public speaking, debate, story-telling...? You're not alone! Come and join this mutual learning group. That's a group made up of people with a range of experience, from none to radio presenter! What we'll have in common is a commitment to supporting each other get better, sharing what we know and learning what we don't... For more information, visit the website (<http://www.alacsy.org.uk/images/voice4webjpg.jpg>), or contact Dan on 07968 997861 or dan@aktivix.org.

LISTINGS

Tuesday 14 February

-Spoken Word Antics

8.30pm, upstairs at the Red Deer on Pitt St, Sheffield. Turn off West St. onto Mappin St., and Pitt St. is the second on the left. £1 donations.

The usual, extraordinary open mic, plus a reading from Dave Maass, winner of a Pulp.net Douglas Coupland Short Story Award (<http://www.pulp.net/about/1000/coupland-award.html>). Look out for stories, poetry, urban fairytales, beautiful lies, the ugly truth. A friendly, informal atmosphere. If you'd like to perform just let us know when you arrive. For more info email [<antics@lowtech.org>](mailto:antics@lowtech.org), phone 0114 258 7270, or visit the website: <http://access.lowtech.org/antics>.

Tuesday 31 January

-CreatO'vate!

8pm at the Showroom Cinema, Paternoster Row, Sheffield (free).

A monthly event promoting equality and diversity of performance by showcasing work from under-represented individuals alongside established performers — a mosaic of performing arts and spoken word, including poetry, comedy, song, and more. If you would like to perform or find out more about creatO'vate, email rebecca_virgo@hotmail.com.

Tuesday 7 March

-Sticky Bun Writers' Club

7.30pm at FOB cafe, Church Street, near Sheffield Cathedral tram stop (free).

Danuta Reah (as Carla Banks) on the novel 'Forest of Souls'. For more info, call 0114 2366 225 or email [<ednjenny.king@btinternet.com>](mailto:ednjenny.king@btinternet.com).