

Reimagining Wordsworth

We invite you to a life-changing experience like no other in ‘the loveliest spot that man hath ever found’.



Nestled in the heart of the beautiful English Lake District sits Dove Cottage, the former home of poet William Wordsworth. It was whilst living here from 1799 to 1808 that Wordsworth composed the most important and best-loved of his poems, and his sister Dorothy wrote her now famous Grasmere Journal. Today, the Wordsworth Trust cares for Dove Cottage and the historic hamlet of Town End, as well as an internationally important collection of over 68,000 manuscripts, books, personal belongings and artworks relating to the Romantic era, with the Wordsworth family manuscripts at its heart.

“I’ve gained a new invigorated passion for my studies – a new appreciation for archives, preservation, creation and curation.”

In April 2020 we will be celebrating Wordsworth’s 250th birthday and the culmination of Reimagining Wordsworth, a £6.2 million project which hopes to inspire an even wider range of people to enjoy and find value in the Wordsworths’ writing and lives. This will be a very exciting year to visit Grasmere: we will be unveiling our expanded and modernised museum, new café, Learning Space, woodland spaces, a new sensory garden, and an authentically restored Dove Cottage.

Our immersive courses, now in their eighth year, are a once in a lifetime opportunity for students to experience the Reimagining Wordsworth project first hand. Students will

work directly with our original manuscripts, enjoy guided walks in the beautiful landscape that inspired Wordsworth’s greatest poetry, and spend the evening in Dove Cottage, reading poetry by candlelight and conversing around the fire. They will even have the chance to make their own notebooks from start to finish and write in them with a quill and oak gall ink, just as the Wordsworths did. Our courses are designed specifically for university students, and are carefully tailored and personalised to each group. Above all, they are stimulating and great fun!

Working with our collection will be at the heart of their experience. Students will have privileged access to our pre-eminent collection of manuscripts, rare books and fine art. With the guidance of our specialist curators, they will learn to handle these objects, gaining a new appreciation for the value of manuscripts and what can be learnt from them. Combining academic study with the experience of working with original historic items will provide students with the enquiring approach they need to find meanings beyond the words on the page. This experience will help them to discover what they can learn about the processes, people and lives behind the printed works.

If you would like to find out more about the incredible tailor-made courses we have to offer, visit our website at www.wordsworth.org.uk, or contact us directly at enquiries@wordsworth.org.uk or 015394 35544. We can help you plan every part of your visit from start to finish, and promise both you and your students a life-changing experience like no other!



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