

States of Independence Programme 2026

Please note, while we do our best to keep to the timings published here, changes are sometimes unavoidable.

10am: Bookstalls open	
11am – 11.45am	Talk by DMU Alumni Kimberly Redway: A Writer’s Journey: Being an Indie Publisher and a Harper Collins Children’s author <i>Hugh Aston 0.10</i>
12 – 1pm LUNCH Are you interested in studying Creative at any level: UG/PG/PhD? Drop in with DMU’s Creative Writing tutors on the Mezzanine.	
1pm - 1.40pm - Keynote: Carol Leeming – Talk and Performance <i>Hugh Aston 0.10</i>	
2pm – 2.45pm	DMU Creative Writing Showcase Current and Alumni DMU Creative Writers share a variety of work in different forms and genres, including final-year students launching their publications. <i>Hugh Aston 0.10</i>
3pm – 3.45pm	Open Mic Host DMU Alumni Abi Willock welcomes your contributions in poetry or short prose. Sign up on the day with Abi. <i>Hugh Aston 0.10</i>

Plus ...

- For younger book lovers: book cover trail and colouring activity
- The Coffee House in the Hugh Aston building is open for refreshments from **10am - 3pm**