**Research Assistant: Multilingual and Multidialectal Creative Writing in Schools**

Dates: ASAP to 31 August 2025

Hours: 14 hours/2 days per week arranged flexibly

We seek a PhD student to assist with the research of Karina Lickorish Quinn into the impact of creative writing in schools being taught in ways that include and celebrate children’s home languages and dialects. In England, one fifth of school-aged children speak a language other than English at home. Most English children speak a dialect of English other than the so-called ‘Standard English’ dialect. However for the most part children’s many languages and dialects are not welcome in the literacy classroom. Working on this research, you will help to gather data on the benefits of creative writing as a means of including children’s full linguistic repertoires in their literacy learning and will help to upskill teachers in how to teach in linguistically inclusive ways.

The Research Assistant will assist with:

* Assisting with planning research projects and workshops to take place in primary and secondary schools;
* Assisting with the creation of teaching resources for teachers and schools;
* Assisting with managing the project website and social media;
* Liaising with schools and teachers to organise and plan research projects;
* Visiting schools across England to run writing workshops (travel expenses will be reimbursed);
* Gathering data in schools which may include photocopying student writing for analysis, administering digital surveys, conducting group interviews with children, young people, teachers and/or parents;
* Transcribing and managing data gathered during the research project.

This role will provide excellent experience for candidates contemplating a career in academic research or in school teaching or community arts. The role is especially suitable for those with experience in running creative writing workshops in the community and/or school teaching and working with children. A DBS check will be required.

**How to apply:**

Applicants should send a brief CV (no more than 2 pages), detailing relevant experience and a 300-500 word statement detailing why they are interested in the role and what they would hope to gain from working as Research Assistant, to [karina.lickorishquinn@rhul.ac.uk](mailto:karina.lickorishquinn@rhul.ac.uk). This is a rolling application and a candidate will be appointed as soon as a suitable application is received.