

Do you want to contribute to Creative Tourist?

Are you an art writer, a brilliant blogger, someone who knows about the underground art and culture of the place they live? Are you a travel writer or blogger? Or are you producing great photographs, audio and video that you'd like to see shared with our readership?

We are looking for contributors to write about art and exhibitions, museums, theatre, architecture, music, cinema, writing, outdoors stuff, food & drink, shopping, and festivals and events. We are looking for ace photographers, as well as people who make great videos and audio work. We like to cover the off-beat and unknown as well as the mainstream – the only criteria on inclusion being: would someone from outside my home town travel to see/experience this (it's all about the creative tourist for us; people like you who like to travel to experience the best art and culture on offer).

We cover Manchester, Liverpool, Cumbria and the Lake District, and are also interested in events across the North West, as well as Wakefield, Leeds and Sheffield. We will cover events elsewhere.

Creative Tourist is a great place to get your work noticed. We don't pay for content but do offer development and some commercial opportunities – see below. Those who have contributed in the past include national and international columnists, critics, art writers and authors, BBC DJs, artists and novelists, and many of our younger writers have gone on to careers in writing, digital media and galleries (with two of our contributors securing long-term paid positions with us).

Come and see us! We run a contributors meeting on the last Tuesday of every month at Common, the Northern Quarter, Manchester (6pm). Everyone welcome – just drop in. We are also in Liverpool on the last Wednesday of every month; drop us a line at info@creativetourist.com if you fancy a coffee. Next Manchester meetings: Tues 25 Sep (6pm), Tues 6 Nov (6pm), Tues 27 Nov (6pm), Tues 18 Dec (6pm), all at Common. Next Liverpool meetings: Wed 26 Sep, Wed 7 Nov, Thu 29 Nov, Wed 19 Dec.

More information about CT is below, or download our contributor guidelines. **Questions, ideas or pitches? Please do get in touch now at info@creativetourist.com – we'd love to hear from you.**

What is Creative Tourist?

creativetourist.com is an arts and travel magazine that began life in Manchester and is now expanding across the North. We are always on the look-out for great writers and contributors; for people as passionate about art and culture and the places they live as we are. We believe that the locations we cover are hotbeds of culture and creativity, and that by publishing 'insider guides' to them, we can share the love – and get creative tourists travelling to new cities to try out the cultural goodness

on offer elsewhere. We also run the Blog North Network with our friends The Culture Vulture and Open Stories, run a communications agency and stage our own events.

We publish work here on Creative Tourist, as well as via Facebook, Twitter and our other social media sites; we occasionally publish content with publishing partners such as the Big Issue in the North, The Double Negative, Axis, Northern Quarter Stories, Visit Manchester and others.

What we offer our contributors: we don't charge our readers to access our site, so we create other development opportunities for our writers. Everyone who writes for us gets: a listing in our new [contributors directory](#) (available on the new website, launching Oct 2012); a full-page [author profile](#), with links back to your own blogs/sites both on your author page and in each post we publish; a new [platform for your work](#), targeted at a highly discerning readership; regular editorial meet-ups and [editorial mentoring](#); [specialist training](#), such as in SEO; opportunities for [commercial writing](#) (as and when opportunities arise); membership of the [Blog North Network](#).

Who are we? Kate Feld, Susie Stubbs and Hayley Flynn run the editorial side of the site, with other CT-ers working on digital, web, design and communications. Come and see us: we are in Manchester and Liverpool regularly so email us for a meeting, or come to one of our contributor meetings.

Editorial ethos: We are independent, authentic and know our stuff, and so do our contributors. We embrace the inner geek, and produce content that is engaging and interesting (no art-speak, please) but doesn't dumb down. Our content has personality and flair; our opinion is informed by professional experience; our writing has wit and intelligence. We have a thing for accuracy, too, and all of our work is original. We are also very proud to be Northern, and to highlight both the good and the not-so-good about the places we call home.

What we can't feature: in general, we can't feature content that has appeared or been published previously elsewhere; we can't publish marketing copy or features produced by PR agencies or by promoters about their own events. By submitting work for publication on creativetourist.com you agree to abide by our content standards. [[link to terms of use page](#)]

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