



Fellfoot Fables:

Community Introduction

Welcome to the Fellfoot Fables project – I'm Katie Hale, a poet and novelist from the Eden Valley. The North Pennines AONB Partnership, through the Fellfoot Forward scheme, set up this project to offer you and others the chance to share your work, so we can better understand how people are connecting with the landscape during the time of the Covid-19 pandemic, but also to give you an opportunity to really connect with and write about where you live.

The project consists of a series of prompts, to encourage you to write a poem (or a piece of creative prose) about the landscape around your home.

You'll find the prompts on the 'Fellfoot Fables Community' web page. The prompts are given through a series of videos and written instructions. These were initially created for Key Stage 2 pupils, but we believe that everybody should have an opportunity to connect with and write about where they live. Obviously, there might be one or two things in the videos that you feel are aimed at someone younger than you, but the prompts themselves are ones I would use in workshops with adults just as much as in workshops with children, so hopefully you'll find that they spark some creativity in you as well.

For children, we've broken this into 4 stages or 'workshops': gathering material, writing, editing and sharing. Feel free to break the project up in the same way, or to do this all in one session if you'd rather.

Obviously, ignore the bits about Arts Award Discover – this is something we're offering for Key Stage 2 pupils. But please do stick to the bits about following government guidelines when it comes to social distancing.

Once you've written your piece, with your agreement, we would like to share some submissions online, through social media channels and hopefully on local radio as well.

We would love the whole family to have a go. We have a web page and a Facebook group for the wider community to share Fellfoot Fables submissions or you can email





me with your work. We will be running events when we can, so we can celebrate Fellfoot Fables together.

I hope you enjoy the experience of connecting with the landscape around you and channelling that connection into words. Please do share your work on the community Facebook group (search 'Fellfoot'), and fill out the feedback form, which you'll find on our webpage.

I look forward to reading some of your writing.

