

# Emmy Clarke - writer, poet, creative

## **Website**

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## **Bio:**

Emmy Clarke is an autistic, queer writer and poet from Manchester, now living in Oswestry, Shropshire. As one of Contact Theatre's 2022 Future Fires, she is the founder of Changeling Annual. She is passionate about LGBT+ and neurodivergent representation in the arts.

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## Projects

### **Changeling Annual**

Founder of magazine for children aged 8+ featuring solely neurodivergent artists, poets and writers from around the world. In 2022, Emmy was invited to speak at Manchester Central Library for their International Day of Disabled Peoples celebrations.

In 2023, Changeling Annual had its debut publication funded by Contact Theatre, featuring the work of 30+ neurodivergent creatives. Changeling was also selected for a grant from the Science and Industry Museum to produce a themed mini magazine and workshop for children for their City Sparks Showcase. The second themed Mini Mag came out in June 2024, in aid of akt, the LGBT youth charity.

### **ART-effect Oswestry**

Artist-in-residence funded by UK Shared Prosperity Funding, working closely with Oswestry Town Museum and Town Archive, working towards a September exhibition via community workshops, research, and independent work around the theme of 'Queer Love Letters: Past, Present & Future'.

### **Dungeons & Drag Kings**

Social Media and Website Manager for Shropshire's premier drag performance troupe.

### **Oswestry Pride**

Founding committee member, responsible for social media, and event programme design.

## Work & Traineeships

2022

Worked as a Bookseller at Booka Bookshop, Oswestry

2023

Completed Administrator Traineeship at World Book Day (12 months, extended from 8 months)

2024

Working as Marketing and Communications Officer at Qube, Oswestry

# Publications

## 2016

### **"Brenna" (short story)**

Unburied Fables anthology

## 2017

### **"The Fox Mother" (short story)**

Women of the Wild anthology

## 2021

### **"Discovery" (poem)**

Brighter anthology, Outbox Theatre

### **"All My Joys" (prose, short film)**

collaboration with Contact Theatre, Archives+, and the Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People

### **"Discovery" (poem, short film)**

produced by Outbox Theatre, dir. Barry Fitzgerald

## 2022

### **"Taking Up Space" (documentary poetry installation)**

DIS:Play living museum of disabled people's history at Contact Theatre, in collaboration with Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People

### **"Home Is..." (zine contribution)**

Our Homes zine, a collab between Drawn Poorly, Short Supply and Contact Theatre

### **"Nesting Cosmos" (poem)**

Lucent Dreaming Issue 11

### **"Vampire Hunter Jess" (live event, short children's story)**

Sold out children's short story reading at Sale Library for Pride in Trafford  
Children's short story reading at Booka Bookshop, Oswestry

### **"Vampire Hunter Jess" (children's short story)**

Tales of the Bold, the Brave and the Beautiful anthology, Stories of Care

### **"The Beekeeper" (short story)**

Deep Overstock Issue 17

Deep Overstock fiction podcast

## 2022 (cont.)

### **"Vampire Hunter Jess" (children's short story)**

Tales of the Bold, the Brave and the Beautiful anthology, Stories of Care

### **"Same" (poem)**

VAINE Magazine Issue 6

### **"The Autumn Vixen" (children's short story)**

Little Thoughts Press Issue 4

### **"Fragments; Complete" (poem)**

Whatever's Left zine, Coin-Operated Press

## 2023

### **"Floorboard Fairies" (children's short story)**

Storytime Magazine Issue 101

### **"Later" (poem)**

in•spire – Poems with Breath in them collection, Fragmented Voices

### **"Charity Shop Poem" (poem)**

Another's Treasures zine, pippymakeszines

### **"The Beekeeper" (short story)**

Found Family zine, Coin-Operated Press

### **"Crush" (children's short story)**

Changeling Annual 2023

### **"i love the way" (poem)**

Relics of Unbearable Softness, Beyond the Veil Press

### **"The Path of Beauty" (poem)**

Eye Up Again, Bent Key Publishing

## 2024

### **"9-5" (short story)**

Shape Arts "Open All Hours" exhibition

### **"Eulogy" (poem)**

Wee Sparrow Poetry Press (upcoming)

# Other Publications & Articles

## 2022

"Emmy Clarke on Childhood, Autism and Taking Up Space", [contactmcr.com](http://contactmcr.com)  
"A Bookseller's Journey to Becoming a Published Children's Author", [bookabookshop.co.uk](http://bookabookshop.co.uk)  
"Introducing the next Future Fires cohort!", [contactmcr.com](http://contactmcr.com)  
"Our stories – sharing bold, brave and beautiful tales", Pen&Inc magazine  
"Interview: Emmy Clarke", [littlethoughtspress.wixsite.com](http://littlethoughtspress.wixsite.com)

## 2023

Various Changeling Annual interviews with contributors, [changelingannual.com](http://changelingannual.com)  
"Changeling Annual: meet the contributors", [contactmcr.com](http://contactmcr.com)  
"Changeling Annual is OUT NOW!", [contactmcr.com](http://contactmcr.com)  
"Helping to Uplift Others", [storiesofcare.co.uk](http://storiesofcare.co.uk)  
"Why I Write", [littlethoughtspress.wixsite.com](http://littlethoughtspress.wixsite.com)

# Awards & Honourable Mentions

## 2022

Write Mentor Children's Novel & Picture Book Award (Top 20%) – Fox & Mouse and the Worlds Inbetween

## 2023

Writing Magazine Chapter Book Award (shortlisted) – Fox & Mouse and the Worlds Inbetween  
Children's Literature Festival Book Award 'Young Reader' category (longlisted) – Tales of the Bold, the Brave and the Beautiful  
The Emma Press February sub. window (shortlisted) – Fox & Mouse and the Worlds Inbetween

# Development & Collectives

## 2021

Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People's Young Creatives  
Starling CIC Neurodiversity Champions creative collective

## 2022

BAFTA-Award Winner Sophie Willan's Stories of Care children's writing development programme  
Pop Up Projects' Rainbow Library children's writing development programme  
Contact Theatre's Future Fires project development/management scheme  
Lucent Dreaming Poetry Award judging panel  
Mentored by poet Fiona Inward Allen via Starling CIC  
Mentored by children's author Emma Pass via Mainspring Arts  
Mentored by children's author, performer and producer Oliver Sykes via Stories of Care  
Mentored by children's poet Jay Hulme via Pop Up Projects' Rainbow Library  
Mentored by children's illustrator David Roberts via Pop Up Projects' Rainbow Library

## 2023

Mentored by Lucy Oates, Senior Commissioning Editor at Penguin Random House (6 months)