

Collective Poetry Writing Workshop by Jessica El Mal and Samra Mayanja for Furness Refugee Support							contact@elmalart.com
Time	Starter 10 mins	First Writing Exercise 15 mins	Second exercise 20 mins	Feedback	Break 20mins	Third exercise	Final piece
Title	Alphabet of Furness	Furness is...	Furness Blackout Poetry	Poetry feedback		Come to Furness and you'll find..	The art of stealing
Explanation	One at a time write something to do with barrow for each letter. Then each person puts a sticker on what they think is the most important/most barrow thing on there	Establish whether people want to refer to place as Barrow or Barrow-in-Furness. Then everyone finish the sentence barrow is... five minute free write, then read through and underline their favourite bits and feedback to the group. See if there's a rhythm to any of the sentences. One of us write up everyone's favourite sentences/phrases on separate pieces of paper.	Explain the process of black out poetry and different ways of doing it. Give everyone material on Barrow found on the internet and give to them to black out and make a poem.	everyone show/read out what they got		Have an envelope with nouns inside, each person take out a noun and free write 'Come to Barrow and you'll find..' for 5 minutes. Then 5 mins to underline favourite parts then feedback. One of us write everyone's favourite/best lines on pieces of paper again.	Put all the sentences in the middle of the table, look over everything and mix and match all the favourite lines to come up with something new.
Materials	Flip chart paper, board pens, blue tac, dot stickers	paper and pens, table set out to be circular	Plenty of print outs of Barrow internet pages. Black markers.		snacks and refreshments	envelope with nouns in from the screenshots	connectives on paper to help join up the things