

## PRESS RELEASE – 11 February 2020

### Worcester Cathedral's first Poet in Residence is having an Awesome Adventure this half term.

In conjunction with the Cathedral's Education department, Poet in Residence Amanda Bonnick will be running a family poetry workshop on Friday 21 February 2020, as part of the Love Worcester Heritage Festival. This free event, *Awesome Adventures* poetry workshop, is for families with children aged 7 - 13 years to take a journey of creativity, imagination and literary fun. Those inspired you can also join in the *Awesome Adventures* Competition and win a chance to read their poem at an event in the Summer.

Amanda's residency started in Advent at the beginning of the liturgical year. Amanda said " I am hugely excited at the challenge, hoping to respond creatively to the wonderful space, with its busy communities within. I am happy to be doing this in association with Black Pear Press and a book will be forthcoming at the end of the residency."

Amanda is a Worcester writer and is also a producer, director and actor with Melting Pot Theatre Company. She has co-hosted the Word and Sound open mic event and has performed at Parole Parlata, SpeakEasy, Licensed to Rhyme, and Storchley Speaks spoken word events. She published her poetry pamphlet 'Pick Your Own' with Worcester's Black Pear Press in April of this year and her work has appeared in anthologies 'Voices of 1919' (by Mike Alma), 'Ripples' by Jackie Summer, and several small presses. She is also writing her third novel in a Children's fiction series.

Canon Georgina Byrne said "The Cathedral has been a source of inspiration for artists, musicians and writers over the centuries, and we are looking forward to seeing what emerges from Amanda's time with us – in her own work, and in what she encourages in others."

More details about Awesome Adventures, the Love Worcester Heritage Festival and events at the Cathedral are available at [www.worcestercathedral.org.uk](http://www.worcestercathedral.org.uk)  
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