



What is Script Essentials?

Script Essentials is a series of 6 writing masterclass sessions running weekly.

These sessions are aimed at deaf, disabled, and neurodivergent writers.

Webinars are free to access for anyone based in the UK and ROI.



When is Script Essentials?

The first session will be on Thursday 21st May 2026 (13:00-14:00).

The sessions will then run every Thursday for the following 5 weeks.

You can find a full schedule at the bottom of this document or on the Script Essentials Opportunity page.



Do I need to register for Script Essentials?

We're unable to take sign-ups in advance for Script Essentials, please join using the webinar link at the specified time.

The joining link can be found in the schedule at the bottom of this document.



How long are sessions?

Every Script Essentials session will last for an hour from 13:00-14:00.



How will the sessions run?

Every session will be held as a Zoom webinar.

Each session will be run by an industry professional and a member of the BBC Writers Team.



How do I join the sessions?

You can find the link to join in the schedule on the Script Essentials Opportunity page.

Our webinars are capped at 500 attendees so please join promptly.

If we hit capacity on the day, you will be able to catch up on recordings.



Will the sessions be recorded?

Yes every session will be recorded
And released after the session.



When and where will recordings be?

Recordings will be found on the Script Essentials Opportunity page in the schedule table.

Recordings will be made available three hours after each session finishes.



Do I need any specific experience to join?

Anyone can join these sessions provided you're interested in writing for TV.



Are the sessions accessible?

All sessions and recordings will have transcription and BSL interpreters.



Any further questions?

If you have any further questions about the Script Essentials webinars please contact us at:
bbcwriters@bbc.co.uk



BBC Writers Script Essentials 2026 Schedule

Time	Information	Link to Join
21 st May 2026 13:00-14:00	Writers Voice and Ideas for Screen Join writer and creator of Reunion (BBC One) William Mager and Gwen Gorst (Warp Films) as they talk about finding your voice as a writer and what makes an idea really work for screen.	Join the session by clicking here
28 th May 2026 13:00-14:00	Character Session What makes a great character for TV? Hear from writer Andrew Burrell about how to create compelling and complicated characters that audiences and readers want to follow.	Join the session by clicking here
3 rd June 2026 13:00-14:00	Story and Structure Session BBC Writers Development Executive Simon Nelson talks through how to crack story and structure for TV and screen writing.	Join the session by clicking here
11 th June 2026 13:00-14:00	How I Write and the Writing Life What does a day in the life of a writer look like? Get an insight into Nk'iru. Njoku and Benjamin Bee's writing process and how they deal deadlines and organise their days as neurodivergent writers. Hosted by Writers Access Group alumn Karen Featherstone.	Join the session by clicking here
18 th June 2026 13:00-14:00	What Makes a Great Spec Script? Hear from two of our BBC Writers reading team who will talk through what they look for when considering a script for one of our programmes and what industry professionals are looking for when they're reading new writing.	Join the session by clicking here
25 th June 2026 13:00-14:00	Finding a Writing Community Our panel of representatives from Graeae, DANC/Triple C and BFI Network discuss developing your creative network and where to find writing opportunities. This session will be hosted by BBC Writers' Michelle Matherson.	Join the session by clicking here