



People of the North East are being asked to write, record, tweet or film how they feel about this region - the place they call home - as part of Dear Angel, a new literary artwork being created by writer and digital artist, Stevie Ronnie. Stevie wants to encourage you to think about the theme 'home' and share personal memories of the region, everyday experiences now and hopes for the future by writing letters addressed to The Angel of the North.

This ideas pack is one of three sets of suggested activities and exercises designed to creatively explore the idea of writing letters. The activities in this ideas pack are presented for individuals but could easily be adapted for groups of all ages. For more information, resources and ideas visit the Dear Angel website at: <http://dearangel.org>

Ideas Pack 1: Home

Introduction

We use the word *home* almost every day but it can mean a variety of different things to different people. Why not write a letter to the Angel describing what it means to you?

Activities

Activity 1: Memories of Home

- Draw a map of the first home you can remember.
- Note five memories on the map. Try to think of one memory for each of your senses (sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell) and to note down each memory with as much detail as you can.
- Now write a letter to the Angel of the North that incorporates all of the memories you have marked on your map of home.

Activity 2: The Perfect Home

- Make a list of your five favourite places in the North East.
- Make a list of your five favourite things.
- Make a list of your five favourite people.
- Make a list of your five favourite words or phrases.
- Now choose one element from each of your lists and use them in a letter to the Angel that describes your perfect home.



Further Suggestions

Condense your letter into 140 characters and tweet it at @_dearangel

Use your mobile phone or digital camera to make a short video letter using your writing as a starting point.

Draw a comic strip or make a digital comic that tells the story of your letter.

Use your computer or mobile phone to record yourself reading your letter. You could even work with your friends or classmates to put the audio recordings of your letters onto a CD or into a digital audio file.

Post your letter onto the Dear Angel facebook page.

Try to draw or paint a picture that responds to the ideas in your letter.

Make a photo-letter with old photographs. You could even put text and images together online via facebook or a blog post.

Links to digital tools, resources and example letters can be found online at <http://dearangel.org>

Sending in Your Letter

By mail to: Dear Angel, Studio 5D, 36 Lime Street, Ouseburn, Newcastle, NE1 2PQ

By email to: letters@dearangel.org

On twitter at: @_dearangel

On facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/dearangelofthenorth>

Audio and video letters can be dropboxed to: stevie@stevieronnie.com

All letters received by 20th May will be incorporated into an artist book that will be shown at Globe Gallery, Newcastle throughout Festival of the North East in June 2013. The book will then move to Holy Island en-route to Durham where it will be shown as part of the Lindisfarne Gospels Cultural Programme.