

Zoe Antoniades

Local Author



Leading Workshops
Teaching Creative Writing
Providing Story Telling Sessions and Performances
Presenting at Writers' Events and Festivals

How Zoe Connects with Hounslow

- Lived in Chiswick & Isleworth in the 1980s & 1990s and has lived in the Osterley & Spring Grove ward since 2003
- Taught in Hounslow Schools including Marlborough Primary School and Heston Primary and has become a friend of many more local schools, as an author providing workshops and talks with: Belmont, Hounslow Town, Smallberry Green, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Spring Grove and Worplesdon
- Given talks at Osterley Library
- Presented at festivals and events including The Chiswick Book Festival and at the Steam Museum for the Creative Mile (Brentford's Art Trail)

How Zoe's Books Connect with Hounslow

- Zoe writes collaboratively with children in Hounslow and had published four anthologies of their short stories in the *Invincible Voices* series
- **Cally & Jimmy** live and go to school in West London – they even take the 267 bus which features in the illustrations
- One of the stories in the **Cally & Jimmy** series, 'Tracktastic Twins' is set around sports day and has references to an athlete inspired by Mo Farah and has connections to the new Brentford Community Stadium



Diversity in Zoe's Life and Work

- Zoe is of Greek Cypriot heritage which is celebrated through the stories of **Cally & Jimmy**, especially with one of their integral characters, their Yiayia. The books also show how second and third generation Cypriots live amongst a culturally and richly diverse West London community
- There is a neurodivergent central character in Jimmy who has ADHD. His challenges and the way in which he rises above them are celebrated as well as his many strengths and talents

Please visit www.zoeantoniades.com for more information about Zoe and her work

If you would like to work together with Zoe as part of your Hounslow community event or with your Summer of Culture activity please do get in touch:

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