

# FIRST STORY

10 years of changing lives through writing

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### Chief Executive

**Salary:** c. £55k

**Location:** London, N7

**The creative-writing charity, First Story, is seeking to appoint a new Chief Executive in early 2019.**

**First Story** brings talented, professional writers into secondary schools serving low-income communities, to work with teachers and students to foster creativity and communication skills. Established ten years ago, the charity has expanded significantly in the last five years and now works in 70 schools, across the country, supporting over 2,000 young writers in secondary schools. It also organises festivals and publications of young writers' work and has developed National Writing Day, now in its third year, which reaches a nation-wide audience. In partnership with the BBC, the charity also runs the BBC Young Writers' Award, which shines a light on the creative achievement of young people and highlights the power of creative writing.

The Chief Executive will therefore join the charity at an exciting time, with responsibility for implementing the strategy over the next three years that will broaden and deepen the work of First Story. Working with the board, they will work to realise the potential of First Story while ensuring that the organisation is well run and meets the expectations of its many stakeholders. They will lead and manage the dispersed staff, provide effective financial management and act as an Ambassador to First Story, inspiring support for the impact of what the charity does.

In the new Chief Executive, the board seeks candidates who are strongly committed to the mission, vision and values of the charity and able to articulate that commitment to diverse audiences. A senior manager with experience of leading or being part of the leadership team of a charity, cultural organisation or other body, you will be able to demonstrate experience of people and resource management. You will be an inspiring leader, able to articulate the mission of the charity and to motivate staff to give of their best. An excellent communicator, you will have fund-raising experience, understand the principles of governance and will be enthusiastic about taking the charity on the next stage of its journey. You do not need to have prior experience of working in schools or in creative writing, but you do need to be a powerful advocate for the work of the charity, keen to improve the outcomes for more disadvantaged young people.

For more information, please request an application pack from Joanna Kill of **Liz Amos Associates** at [joanna.kill@lizamosassociates.com](mailto:joanna.kill@lizamosassociates.com) or on +44 (0)20 3004 4701.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (by close of business)**