

# Shakespeare quote video

Guidance to contributors

## Basic details

### Purpose

To encourage more people to get involved with Dr Kate Rumbold’s Shakespeare programme – which uses quotes from Shakespeare as springboards to get people telling personal stories.

### Deadline

Wednesday April 19th, 2023

Send videos to [kyle.turakhia@literacytrust.org.uk](mailto:kyle.turakhia@literacytrust.org.uk)

### Content

The video should explain:

* Your name and where you’re based
* What you do now – or a bit about yourself
* When and where you completed Kate’s Shakespeare workshops
* What you felt about the workshops – what did you like about them?
* The Shakespeare quote to which you feel a personal connection
  + Be sure to **read the quote in full, slowly**
  + If you can, also read out which play the quote is from (e.g. Hamlet).
* Why you feel a connection to that quote – for example:
  + Does it remind you of an experience or time in your life? (If so, tell the story)
  + Does it inspire you? If so, why?
  + Do you think it is good or bad advice? If so, why?
* A call out to new participants – why do you think Shakespeare quotes are powerful today?

If you are not sure which quote to pick, please see the bottom of this document for some options.

### Who should be filmed?

Anyone who has participated in Kate’s programme, or feels a connection to a particular Shakespeare quote.

### Video length

1-3 minutes

### Other assets

If you have any photos that help to tell your story (e.g. you at the place where the Shakespeare workshop was completed, you at a time of your life you are describing in the story) please send these to us with the video and we will edit them in.

## Style Guide

* Film yourself using a **landscape orientation** (see pictures below)! This will make the editing later on much easier.

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* Choose a quiet room/outside with a neutral background and good lightning (preferably natural daylight) to film
* Please speak more slowly than you would in normal conversation.
* Don’t worry about editing the video; e.g. by adding music. These details need to be added retrospectively to ensure uniformity.

## Quote suggestions

If you are not sure which Shakespeare quote to talk about, here are some of the main ones Kate uses in the programme.

* '...we know what we are, but not what we may be' (Hamlet, Act 4, Scene 5)
* 'This above all--to thine own self be true' (Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 3)
* Our destiny: 'not in our stars, but in ourselves' (Julius Caesar, Act 1, Scene 2)
* 'This above all--to thine own self be true' (Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 3)
* 'The course of true love never did run smooth' (A Midsummer Night's Dream, Act 1, Scene 1)
* 'Better three hours too soon than a minute too late' (The Merry Wives of Windsor, Act 2, Scene 2)
* 'Neither a borrower nor a lender be' (Hamlet, Act 1, Scene 3)