Women Writing for (a) Change® Programs



For 30 years, WWf(a)C has provided a safe, non-competitive environment for individuals to develop their writing skills, cultivate their creativity, and strengthen their voices. Our writers, whether first-timers or the more experienced, find community, connection, and meaningful conversation within our circles. We encourage writing as a process of self-discovery and self-expression —a celebration of the individual voice. Our classes provide a unique setting in which honoring each other's words and

learning to give and receive constructive feedback enrich participants'

FREE Core Class Samplers (via Zoom)

FREE Samplers are designed to introduce new participants to the practices used in WWf(a)C Core Classes before committing to the course:

Thursday, May 13, 10-11:30am – Elizabeth Mannion (Open to Women)

Wednesday, Jun 2, 7-8:30pm – Diane Debevec (Open to Women and Non-Binary Adults)

Wednesday, Jun 2, 7-8:30pm – Laurie Lambert (Open to All Genders)

While Samplers are FREE, registration is required.

Core Classes

In our **core classes**, facilitators offer writing prompts and resources, and encourage participants to choose and develop their own subject matter. Classes allow for personal writing time, sharing in large and small groups, guidance in giving and receiving useful, positive feedback, and opportunities to read aloud to an audience.

Summer Term – 8-Week Classes - \$249 (via Zoom) Tuesdays, Jun 8-Jul 27, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider (Open to Women)

Wednesdays, Jun 9-Jul 28, 7-9:30pm – Diane Debevec (Open to Women and Non-Binary Adults)

Wednesdays, Jun 9-Jul 28, 7-9:30pm – Laurie Lambert (Open to All Genders)

Thursdays, Jun 3-Jul 22, 10am-12:30pm – Elizabeth Mannion (Open to Women)

FREE Summer Camp Sampler (Virtual)

Join our virtual sampler to learn about our Summer Camps! Meet some of our facilitators and find out how we create a supportive community of young writers in our interactive weeklong summer camps!

Saturday, June 3, 7-8pm – Ally Bonhaus Open to Young Women, Non-Binary, and Trans Youth in Grades 4-9 and Parents Registration required

Summer Camps – Registration Now Open!

Strengthen Your Authentic Voice this summer! We are offering both Virtual AND In-Person Camps this year!

VIRTUAL Grades 4-6 – June 7-11, 9:30 – 11:30am - \$100 Theme: Claiming Now, Imagining Futures Facilitators: Helen Ambuel & Hannah Simon Goldman

VIRTUAL Grades 7-9 – June 21-25, 10am – 3pm - \$225 Theme: We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For Facilitators: Hannah Simon Goldman & Maddie Henke

<u>VIRTUAL Grades 10-12 – June 14-18, 10am – 3pm - \$225</u> Theme: Gathering Our Stories from the Inside Out Facilitators: Maura O'Dea & Pam Temple

IN-PERSON Grades 4-6 - July 12-16, 9am - 1pm - \$195 Theme: Tell About It: Writing the Stories of Your Life Facilitators: Ally Bonhaus & Bess Lindeman

IN-PERSON Grades 7-9 – July 5-9, 10am – 4pm - \$270 Theme: Finding My Path: I Am Not Afraid Facilitators: Ally Bonhaus & Maura O'Dea

IN-PERSON Grades 10-12 - June 28 - July 2 10am - 4pm - \$270

Theme: Write it! Read it! Speak it! Slam it! Facilitators: MoPoetry Phillips & Pam Temple

Virtual camp for Grades 4-6 is open to ALL GENDERS. All other Virtual and In-Person Camps are open to young women, non-binary, and trans youth of all genders.

<u>Virtual Summer Camps</u>, via Zoom, have appropriately modified schedules and activities that maintain the focus on creativity and community-building.

COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR IN-PERSON CAMPS: Our in-person camps will adhere to the most up-to-date safety protocols and recommendations as provided by the State of Ohio. This includes reducing the maximum number of participants per camp.

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Specialty Classes

Our specialty classes offer theme-based opportunities for writers and those wishing to explore other forms of creativity in addition to writing. Specialty Classes incorporate WWf(a)C circle practices into each session. Some classes are for all genders.

Visioning Your Best Life: A Mid-Year Reflection \$35 (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Carol Walkner, June 12, 10am-12:30pm

This envisioning workshop will help participants gain clarity, focus on their truest desires, manifest the life they want, and turn intentions into reality. In the past year, many have had to pivot more than once to navigate changes in jobs, relationships, lifestyles, and long-term plans. This mid-year check-in workshop will help you assess where you are in your vision for 2021. Open to All Genders 16+.

Craft of Writing Classes

These classes provide participants the opportunity to further hone their writing voice through instructions and exercises on craft designed to strengthen the power of story within their work. Whether writing memoir, creative non-fiction, or fiction, participants will benefit from these focused classes. Poets and essayists also find our Craft of Writing classes instrumental in shaping their work.

Deep Craft: Shaping Scenes Summer Intensive \$295 (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Karen Novak with Guest Artist Tina Neyer June 24-28, twice daily: 9-11:30am and again 7-9pm

This third run of the Deep Craft series is designed for summer schedules! Dive further into the art of scene craft in a 5-day series that gives you the full experience of an 8-week class. This intensive, will focus on the finer points of craft: Scene Activity and Character Response, Scene Openings, Big Scenes, and Self-Evaluation for Writers. Morning sessions will be dedicated to craft instruction and small group feedback, evening sessions will focus on in-depth, full-group feedback for submitted manuscript pages. Open to All Genders 21+.

Reading Into Writing* - \$149 (via Zoom)

Facilitator: Karen Novak, Jul 11 - Aug 29, 2-4:30pm (*Formerly Reading Our Way to Stronger Writing)

Do you want to improve your writing fast? Read. In this 8-week series, we will study the short stories of Latin American women writers and discuss how the writers accomplish the real and magic worlds they create on the page. In looking at a selection of stories, we will talk about what makes the short story different from other narrative, the rise and writing of Magic Realism. Open to Women 16+.

YFLA 2021 – Young Feminist Leadership Academy

Facilitators: Jaye Elizabeth Elijah & Liv Linn

Throughout the course of YFLA, participants will hone practical and creative skills for facilitating at WWf(a)C as well as explore feminist history, projects, and theory in a cohort of young leaders. This 10-week intensive is designed to both prepare young people for leadership at WWf(a)C as well as offer the opportunity to define themselves as leaders in their schools, communities, and future professional lives. Please visit our website, womenwriting.org, for detailed information and application process.

Community Programs and Events

Offered by WWf(a)C partner organizations, and friends of WWf(a)C

Stay tuned for upcoming events!

Check out our website: womenwriting.org and follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/WWFAC for information about our programs, writing prompts, inspiration, discussions, and much more!

Our mission is to nurture and celebrate the individual voice by facilitating supportive writing circles and by encouraging people to craft more conscious lives through the art of writing and the practices of community. For more information about our programs or our organization, visit womenwriting.org or call 513-272-1171