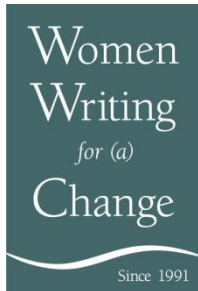


Women Writing for (a) Change® Programs

Winter &
Spring 2020
Updated 2/10/2020



For over 28 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' lives.

FREE Core Class Samplers

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

Wednesday (All Gender), February 26, 7-8:30pm – Laurie Lambert

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8pm – Sally Schneider

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.

Spring Term – 10-Week Classes – \$309

Tuesdays, Mar 17-May 19, 10am-12:30pm – Sally Schneider

Tuesdays, Mar 17-May 19, 6:30-9pm – Sally Schneider

Open to Women

Spring Term – 10-Week All Gender Class – \$309

Wednesdays, Mar 11-May 13, 7-9:30pm – Laurie Lambert

Open to All Genders

YFLA 2020 – Young Feminist Leadership

Academy

Facilitators: Liv Linn and Lisa Rocklin

The YFLA course helps young women and trans youth develop into strong leaders and doers through a combination of writing, reflections, and discussion, as well as group and individual projects. The four-month course is designed to support and inspire young people to reach for their full potential as feminist leaders in today's society. Please visit our website, womenwriting.org, for detailed information and application process.

Summer Camps – Registration Now Open!

Strengthen Your Authentic Voice this summer! Tuition for Summer Camps is \$275 (full-day) and \$155 (half-day and YA 18-22). Our camps are open to young women, girls, and trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth.

Grades 4-6 (Half-Day) – June 15-19, 9am-1pm

Theme: Our Wild and Precious Lives

Facilitators: Janie Baer and Hannah Simon Goldman

Grades 7-9 (Early July Offering) – July 6-10, 9am-4pm

Grades 7-9 (Late July Offering) – July 20-24, 9am-4pm

Theme: Right Here Now

Facilitator: Lisa Prantl

Grades 10-12 – June 22-26, 9am-4pm

Theme: “A Thousand Paper Cranes”: Cultivating Compassion

Facilitator: Lisa Rocklin

Young Adults 18-22 (4-day) – June 29-July 2, 10am-3pm

Theme: Everyday Feminism

Facilitators: Pam Temple and Christine Wilson

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.

SoulCollage® Saturday Workshop: Leap - \$55

Facilitator: Amy Sullivan, Feb 29, 12-5pm

On this Leap Day, we will consider how we might feel lighter, take a risk, or let go of what's weighing us down. Incorporating WWf(a)C circle traditions, this workshop will introduce participants to the SoulCollage® creative process and practice. Learn how to work with images and your own intuition to create collages of deep personal reflection and write about the experience. All materials included. No previous experience required. Open to Women and Trans and Gender Non-Conforming Participants 16+

Stronger Together: A Writing Circle for Chronic Conditions - \$245

Facilitators: Janie Baer and Karen Novak

Mar 1 & 15, Apr 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, 2-5pm

Are you traveling in the company of chronic illness or pain? Join us as we, in community, explore various forms of writing as a means of sharing our stories. In this six-session class, we will try our hands at everything from fiction to poetry to memoir as we give voice to the challenges and unexpected gifts of living with a chronic condition. Open to Women 18+

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Let's Be Perfectly Queer - \$149

Facilitators: *Hannah Simon Goldman and Janie Baer*

Mar 10-Apr 14, 7-9:30pm

We will continue our exploration of our own writing within the broader context of queer literature. We will read queer literary icons of our past, as well as engage with contemporary queer writers. Open to All Genders 18+.

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.

The Art of An Op-Ed - \$35

Facilitator: *Annette Januzzi Wick and Guest Artist Bonnie Jean Feldkamp, Mar 7, 1:30-4pm*

What are the types of opinion pieces? How do I handle arguments from both sides, while expressing myself with facts and well-defined viewpoints? Learn about opinion pieces in general, and how to tie personal experience to current events to write powerful op-eds. Participants will be exposed to writing samples of op-ed pieces before and after publication and craft an op-ed piece of their own. Laptops encouraged. Open to All Genders 18+

Craft of Story Development: Spring Series 2020 - \$45 per class or \$150 for the 4-session pass

Facilitator: *Karen Novak with Guest Artist Tina Neyer*

Feb 22, Mar 21, Apr 18, May 16, 9am-12:30pm

This series delves into the components of story development, whether memoir, non-fiction or fiction. Topics include The Five Elements of a Compelling Story, Characterization, Scene Construction, and Seeing is Believing. Open to All Genders 18+

2020 Winter Writing Retreat

Finding Meaning As We Find Our Way

February 16-20, 2020 - \$525

Facilitators: *Diane Debevec and Karen Novak*

As we move through the years, navigating our way by personal stars, a sense of meaning becomes more and more essential. Join us as we use Women Writing for (a) Change practices to explore methods for discovering what gives us meaning as individuals. At this retreat you will get lots of time to rest, write, read, and dream. Enjoy accommodations at the lovely Transfiguration Spirituality Center. Take this time with us to focus on who you are now and who you see yourself becoming. Open to Women

Classes for Youth

Open to young women, girls, teens, and trans and gender nonconforming (TGNC) youth in grades 4-12. Classes and camps use the art of writing and other arts to enhance self-esteem and build skills in creative self-expression. Programs are designed to help strengthen participants' authentic voices, develop their ability to speak out through writing and direct interaction, and deepen their belief in their own creative intelligence.

Teen Spring Class: Everyday Feminism - \$149

Facilitators: *Pam Temple and Christine Wilson,*

Feb 23 and Mar 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 1:30-4pm

Explore feminist history, mythology, art, relationship dynamics, writing, and politics, while pinpointing your place in the ongoing movement. No matter your gender you can learn about and fight for the rights of women. Through writing, engaging activities, exploration, and art, we will uncover the truth about being women on this planet and in this country, as well as discovering our own truth. Open to Young Women and Trans and Gender Nonconforming (TGNC) Youth in Grades 8-11

Community Programs and Events

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

V-DAY 2020 – Tickets now available!

Our 8th annual V-Day event will be held February 21 and 22, 7pm each evening (doors at 6:30 pm). Support our community members as they share poems, stories, rants and memories to celebrate our sexuality and enjoin us to fight harassment, abuse, and gender-based violence. Each evening will present a different series of readers and content. Join us for one or both of these remarkable performances! Tickets \$20 each night. All genders 18+ welcome. Held at WWf(a)C.

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

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!