

The Writers' Block

Created especially to cultivate writing confidence and stamina in children in Cornwall.
Courses & training that support school strategies for raising attainment & aspiration.

The Writers' Block is a place of curiosity and ingenuity created by writers, teachers, theatre makers and artists. It is designed to encourage and inspire writers of all abilities, from reluctant young writers to those more able.

Led by professional writers and educators, pupils learn techniques to enable them to start writing when they think

they have no ideas, use free writing as a tool for unblocking, gain inspiration from things around them and begin to edit, refine and redraft work. This new toolkit imparts confidence which stays with them in all areas of work. Once young people realise they have a story to tell, they will make the effort to tell it in the best possible way.



"Within a matter of weeks, students who lacked motivation or did not believe in their own abilities were inspired and excited about writing and are now willing to take risks and to share their writing"

"Before I gave up, now I don't"

Participant

Laura Hocking, English teacher

IT WORKS!

78% of participants said their enjoyment of writing was at a high level (up from 12% at start of course)

70% of participants rated their confidence when writing as high (up from 13%)

69% rated their skills in writing as high (up from 11%)

COSTS

6 week course inc one day teacher CPD and 5 x 2 hr sessions for up to 15 pupils **£1100** (less than £15 per pupil per session)

One day immersion workshop **£350** or half day **£225** for up to 15 pupils

Or a combination of the above to suit your schools' needs

TALK TO US... Joint MAT, cluster & pupil premium groups welcome. We can tailor content to your needs, including writing at greater depth and reluctant writers.

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Pop Up Writers' Block

Bring the essence of The Writers' Block into your school!

Building on the success of our creative writing hub in Pool, we bring you a travelling resource complete with writer to lead creative writing workshops in your school. Our aim is to support pupils to achieve their potential in literacy, unlock their imaginations and give them new strategies for writing.

We know that transport will always be an issue in Cornwall, so for those schools who can't travel to our unique centre in Pool, we have commissioned artists to fabricate a *Pop Up Writers' Block* which can be brought into school and so alleviate the transport costs. It cannot do everything that the fixed space can, but it will bring an essence of ingenuity and discovery, and the notion that when you cross the threshold, you **are** a writer ...



What can we offer?

- One-off sessions or part of a half term series (if the latter we would urge schools to make the initial session in The Writers' Block in Pool)
- All sessions led by an experienced writer/educator
- Focus can be on a range of abilities: reluctant writers, writing at greater depth, writing for a purpose, talented writers in KS2, 3, 4, 5

Requirements

- Max 15 pupils per workshop
- An empty room – or desks moved to the side (room must be available for 1 hour prior to workshop time)
- Assistance to bring in the kit and take down at the end

Cost

2 hour workshop	£300	
2 x 2hr workshops	£450	(this could be to 2 different groups of 15 pupils in the day)
6 week programme	£1400	(one day teacher CPD, 5 x 2 hour sessions for pupils)

All the above can be mixed and matched as required, including visits to the actual Writers' Block in Pool and sessions at your school.

Further information and bookings

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