



# write around<sup>®</sup>

— PORTLAND —

"Creativity and innovation are core to our business. Write Around Portland's workshop gave our employees a great way to generate new ideas, get inspired, and connect with each other."

--Pamela Fiehn  
Senior Creative Director, AHA



## Our workshops offer great workplace benefits:

### Staff Retreats & Team building

Empower your team to connect! By writing and sharing together, staff build camaraderie, improve their communication skills, and hone their individual creativity.

### Work-Life Integration

Give your staff an opportunity to write as part of their self-care. Once a month, a quarter, or a year, allow us to facilitate a workshop to support their well-being.

### Stories from the Field

Encourage your staff to share their stories or those of their clients or co-workers, with the goal of promoting the impact of your mission and programs.

### Creative Brainstorming

Engage your team and inspire new ideas. Here, staff replenish their creative energy while exploring new writing styles and connecting through the written word.

*We can also adapt our curriculum and the duration of workshops to meet your needs. Let us know what you'd like and we'll see what we can do!*

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why Write Around Portland?

We hold creative writing workshops for **adults and youth** in hospitals, schools, homeless shelters, senior centers, prisons, low-income housing, treatment facilities and social service agencies. By partnering with us, you help support the important work we do in communities where access to writing is limited and barriers are high. **Your workshop fee helps bring writing** to participants all across the Portland Metro area.

## Why Writing?

We've found that the same successful writing curriculum we bring to the community is valuable to business and nonprofit teams as well. Writing helps people **connect, create and transform**. For businesses and nonprofits, the benefit is a more engaged and inspired group of employees.

## What is included in a workshop?

- A skilled workshop facilitator who has undergone intensive training and a criminal background check and will receive Write Around staff supervision
- Adapted curricula and other accommodations to meet the needs of your staff
- Materials, including paper, pens, ideas to continue writing and personalized postcards

## What does it cost?

These fees include all meetings involved with workshop planning, as well as set-up and support before, during and after the workshop session.

Workshop type	Base Rate	Each additional hour	Each additional 18 participants	Nonprofit rate
2 hours Up to 18 participants	\$1000	\$250	\$1000	Sliding scale based on need. Contact us for more information.
2 hours Up to 36 participants	\$2000	\$500		
All day Up to 18 participants	\$2500	\$250		
All day Up to 36 participants	\$5000	\$500		

*"The only problem with a program like Write Around Portland is **knowing how good it is**, how necessary it is, and how unfortunate it is that it doesn't exist in every city and town in the country."*

*- Dave Eggers, Author & Founder of 826 Valencia*

We have held workshops for teams at AHA, PGE, Home Forward, Easter Seals, Metropolitan Family Services, Oregon Labor Candidate School, and many others.