

The Writing Center

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Writers Guild Community Guidelines

Writers Guild is a place for creative writers in the DePaul community to share works-in-progress and talk about the process of writing. We welcome all creative work by writers of any experience level, from short stories and poetry to scripts and screenplays!

Sharing writing, especially writing that is creative in nature, can be a personal and vulnerable experience. Our goal is to foster an environment of respect and rich discussion among peers. Working together, facilitators and writers can collaboratively build this supportive community.

Below, you'll find some information about what to expect and how to successfully navigate this creative writing group.

A writing group IS...

- a community
- a collaborative conversation prioritizing peer-based feedback
- an opportunity to ask for feedback and ideas
- a space for support and encouragement
- a way to hold yourself accountable for your writing

- a place to feel comfortable asking questions
- a way to learn how to read and respond to others' work
- a place to experiment with writing safely
- responsive to the needs and interests of the writers who participate

A writing group IS NOT...

- passive
- a lecture
- a copy editing service
- a space for one-on-one tutoring
- a time to evaluate or criticize others' writing
- a writing class

Best Practices for Writers Guild Participants

- Share your work at any point of your writing process
- Offer feedback to other writers, both positive and constructive
- Focus on your process and goals rather than experience or skill level
- Honor the amount of time available to ensure all writers have an opportunity to share
- Consider how the language or content of your piece may affect others, and communicate with the facilitators if you have questions or concerns

We hope that you'll join us at Writers Guild to share your creative work! For more information, visit the [Writers Guild webpage](#), [sign up for our email list](#), or email us at writingcenter@depaul.edu.