



Creative Writing Bootcamp

Sharing Wisdoms across cultures
through stories



Welcome to the **Creative Writing Boot
Camp: Sharing Wisdom Across Cultures
through Stories.**

We are thrilled to have you join us on this journey of storytelling, creativity, and cultural preservation!

Project Description

Creative Writing Boot Camp: Sharing Wisdom Across Cultures through Stories is a world wisdom book project which tells stories about Edmonton's cultural landscape, natural history, built history, object, and language. This project will ultimately result in an important source collection detailing and preserving the heritage of Edmonton.

Qualification

- Proficient in written and spoken English
 - Creativity and originality
 - Competent research ability
 - Soft skills:
 - Attention to detail
 - Time management
 - Communication
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Objectives

- To publish professionally written non-fiction stories about Edmonton's placemaking topics such as cultural landscape, natural history, built history, object, and language. The theme will be world cultural wisdom inspired by Edmonton heritage.
- To equip participants with the necessary knowledge, skills, and attitudes, we will provide online courses and one-on-one coaching sessions delivered by local award-winning authors.

Objectives (Cont'd.)

- To share the stories orally at Story Circle in Edmonton Public Libraries.
- A collection of the stories will be published as a book in both paper and electronic forms.
- To build a project website which shows electronic version of the book and video/audio of the story telling, interviews of the writers, event updates, learning resources, and so on.

Benefits:

- One of the key benefits of heritage storytelling is its ability to share culture and history that are relevant to a specific community. They help us understand our roots and give us a sense of identity. Therefore, understanding the importance of storytelling in multicultural societies is essential to appreciate its role in preserving our cultural heritage.

Benefits (Cont'd.):

- Through this project, the local participating writers will have the opportunity to conduct authentic research, evaluate primary sources, examine local history, cherish their ethnic wisdoms, advance their creative writing and public speaking skills, and have their collective book published.

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Other Key Benefits:

- 1) Improved story writing knowledge and skills
- 2) Improved storytelling and public speaking skills
- 3) Increased awareness of cultural diversity, inclusion, and integration
- 4) Stronger intercultural competencies
- 5) More collaborations across cultures and ethnic groups
- 6) Enhanced community network, involvement, and engagement

Timeline:

Start writing your story!
(Option to connect with EPL
Writer in Residence for
ongoing guidance)

Recruitment and
orientation

Publication



Online training and workshops
with Kate Boorman

Proofreading, editing,
and submission

Timeline (Cont'd.):

Sharing Stories in Story
Circle (EPL)



April

May



Book Launch and
Volunteer Appreciation



Ethics Seminar

- This seminar will be provided free to all participants at a future date and will include:
 - Protecting the identity of others
 - What might reveal another's identity?
 - Is the character identifiable?
 - How to behave ethically toward others and protect yourself

Your Host:

The Edmonton Chinese Writers Club (ECWC)

- ECWC is a vibrant and inclusive non-profit organization dedicated to fostering creativity and intercultural communication through writing. The group's focus on both Chinese and English writing allows for a dynamic blend of languages, cultures, and ideas.

Your Host (Cont'd): The Edmonton Chinese Writers Club (ECWC)

- Founded in 2009, ECWC brings together individuals from diverse ethnocultural backgrounds who share a deep passion for writing and literature in both Chinese and English. Our members are united and committed to promoting multiculturalism.

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- Our Vision

We believe that everyone has the potential to be a writer—an explorer of the meaning of life, a communicator of ideas, and an ambassador of multiculturalism. ECWC is committed to providing a platform for individuals to express themselves, discover new perspectives, and contribute to the vibrant mosaic of cultures and ideas that enrich our society.

Your Host (Cont'd): The Edmonton Chinese Writers Club (ECWC)

- At ECWC, we offer a range of programs and services designed to inspire and support writers of all levels. Through creative writing, we aim to:
 - Foster a sense of belonging within a diverse community.
 - Inspire individuals to explore their creativity and enhance their writing skills.
 - Enhance intercultural communication by bridging cultural gaps through the written word.

Project Working Committee Members

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Thank you!

Thank you all for joining us on this meaningful journey. Your participation and unique perspectives are key to the success of this project, and we're excited to see the stories you'll create and share.

We appreciate your dedication to preserving Edmonton's cultural heritage through storytelling. Together, we'll make a lasting impact, and we look forward to supporting you throughout this process. Let's make this journey both rewarding and inspiring!