



# Teachers' Writing Retreats

## The Writing For Pleasure Centre

— promoting research informed writing teaching

**Our writing retreats provide an opportunity to spend time with like-minded colleagues, develop your writing craft, and consider how to deliver world-class writing teaching.**

Our retreats are founded on the principle that if educators want to deliver world-class writing teaching through a *Writing For Pleasure* pedagogy then they need to write with pleasure themselves.

We achieve this by talking the talk and walking the walk. We bring the principles of *Writing For Pleasure* to our retreats. We support attendees to develop their writing craft within a supportive community of writers. We provide platforms for writing produced while on our retreats to find both informal and formal publication.

As well as helping teachers develop their own writing, our retreats focus on creating time to discuss and reflect on how best to teach writing.

Finally, we support teacher to continue their good work once they go back to school and give advice on how to set up or join their local writer-teacher group.

## Our retreats include:

- Support in developing your own writing and finding opportunities for publication.
- Professional development discussion about how to deliver world-class writing teaching when you return to school.
- Resources and support in setting up a school-based writer-teacher group.

## Participation

Our retreats are open to teachers, assistant teachers, initial teacher education lecturers, and educational consultants. We can offer our retreats all year round. If you're interested in hosting one of our retreats, please contact us at: [literacyforpleasure@gmail.com](mailto:literacyforpleasure@gmail.com)



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We are also authors of two books *Real-World Writers: A handbook for teaching writing effectively across primary school* and *A Writing For Pleasure pedagogy: from theory, research to practice* (Routledge, 2020). We are content providers for The National Literacy Trust and are regularly asked to speak at international and national conferences.