

Bring Writers Victoria's award-winning program for writers with disability to your community

Writers Victoria's Writeability program supports d/Deaf and disabled writers wanting to develop their skills and writing careers. Writeability provides participants with the tools and information they need to tell their own stories in their own way.

About Writeability

Writers Victoria delivers its Writeability program in partnership with local government authorities across Victoria. The **disability-led program** includes a one-day **Own Voices Forum** for people with disability, staff from local government, libraries, arts and disability organisations. It is followed by a monthly **Writing Group** for local and aspiring writers with disability. The Writing Group is facilitated by a Writers Victoria mentor with lived experience of disability.

The program can be delivered **in person or online** and tailored to different community needs and budgets.

We've partnered with

- Arts Access Victoria
- Central Goldfields Shire Council
- Central Highlands region
- City of Greater Geelong
- City of Port Phillip
- Darebin City Council
- Goulburn Valley Libraries
- Latrobe City Council
- Loddon Shire Council
- Mornington Peninsula Shire
- Melton City Council
- Whitehorse Manningham Libraries
- Wimmera South West

 Writeability

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Program outline

Own Voices Forum

- Benefits anyone working with, caring for or supporting people with disability.
- Provides professional development on the social model of disability.
- Teaches best practice language for support workers, carers, and organisations.
- Explores how telling our own stories transforms ways of thinking about ourselves, disability and our community.

Monthly Writing Groups

- Up to 16 writers meet monthly to develop writing skills as a tool for self-empowerment, advocacy and community cultural development.
- Opportunity to read their work to an audience.

Cost

- Tailored to your community's needs and your budget.
- Our most popular program costs \$15,000 and includes all facilitator, tutor & staff costs, commissions for participating writers, materials, marketing, catering & administration.

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“Telling our own stories educates, reduces stigma, pity, exploitation and sensationalism, and raises the level of expectation that society has about people with disability.”
– Writeability tutor Carly Findlay

‘The program is disability-led ... it holds the leadership, the stories, and the ideas of people with disabilities at its centre.

So it’s our passion, our expertise, our knowledge and our connection to community that is a key part of what we’re offering here.’

- Writeability tutor, Jax Brown



Watch our video



Writeability has helped me to really believe in myself and to start calling myself a writer.’

- Jax Brown

“We need disabled writers writing poetry, novels, essays, picture books, articles, blog posts and tweets. We need disabled characters that reflect the reality of our lives. We need to write ourselves on to every page and platform until our voices are heard.”

– Writeability tutor Jessica Walton

Interested in offering Writeability to your local community?

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