



Short Writing Course for PhD Students

Session 1: Let's get writing

Introductions / Writing exercise / Short break / How and when to write / Where to write / Dealing with blocks / Getting and staying motivated.

Session 2: The craft of writing - style

Writing style – flair, flourish and polish / What is the best style to adopt? / Getting to the microlevel - finding the RIGHT words, choosing them carefully and making every word count / Short break / More words at our fingertips: adjectives, nouns and verbs / Writing workshop: moving your writing on - let's write together for 40 minutes in a focussed way, without any distractions and see what is achieved.

Session 3: The craft of writing - structure

The structure of the PhD – thinking about different ways to structure the whole thing (introductions, chapter links, conclusions) / Short break / The structure of individual chapters – thinking about the most effective ways to structure each chapter / The structure of paragraphs – how to improve with more work: flow, sense and purpose / Getting to the microlevel: sentences – make each and every sentence count and write it well / Writing workshop: moving your writing on - let's write together for 40 minutes in a focussed way, without any distractions and see what is achieved.

Session 4: Getting to the line and across it

Finishing off the PhD: what are those last six months about and what do you need to do to finish? / Time management: does it take longer than you might think? / How can you do it with as little stress as possible? / Short break / Submission and examination / What's next? What plans do you have after completion? / Do you want to change your PhD into a book? / How do you go about doing that? / Short writing exercise / Conclusion and reflections.