Workshopping online: resource overview

Collection: Online teaching

Learning outcomes

1. To reflect on ways in which the Creative Writing workshop might be supported by technology.
2. To have available an extended repertoire of tools and media for engaging students in writing exercises.

Overview

Workshopping student writing takes place regularly in a Creative Writing course and arguably makes up the heart of Creative Writing pedagogy. Traditionally workshopping takes place face-to-face and involves students sharing their writing among peers mediated by the tutor who often spends time copying and distributing the relevant work to be discussed. With the near ubiquitousness these days of student-owned laptops and the ready availability of networked computers either in PC labs or in suites within the department, more and more Creative Writing tutors are investigating how technologies can be used to facilitate and enhance the writing workshop. The demand for Creative Writing courses is also encouraging universities to diversify their online pedagogies to enable the fruitful synchronous dialogue that makes the workshopping of Creative Writing so productive.

In this pair of exercises we look at both distance and face-to-face situations and use those as a springboard for developing online workshops of our own.

Links & references

- [English Subject Centre Creative Writing resources](http://www.english.heacademy.ac.uk/explore/resources/creative/index.php)
  (http://www.english.heacademy.ac.uk/explore/resources/creative/index.php)

- [Student responses to Creative Writing: a project](http://www.english.heacademy.ac.uk/explore/projects/archive/creative/cwstudproj/index.php)

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Activities within this resource

- Designing an online Creative Writing workshop: group activity
- Designing an online Creative writing workshop: individual activity

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- Online discussion in English Studies: resource overview
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