

ECR Development: Two-Day Structured Writing Retreat Series



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24-25 January 2019 (Weetwood Hall, Leeds)

26-27 March 2019 (Lancaster House Hotel, Lancaster)

18-19 June 2019 (Bagden Hall, Huddersfield)

This series of structured writing retreats, supported by the Society for the Advancement of Management Studies (SAMS) and the Northern Advanced Research Training Initiative (NARTI) will provide dedicated time and space to progress and prioritise our writing projects. The retreats will take place in peaceful locations, away from our usual work environments, and are led by a dedicated and friendly team who will facilitate and provide support during the retreat.

The structured writing retreat format is designed to be of particular value to early career researchers in the field of business and management and will also include additional discussion and activity relating to the following:

- Developing structured and disciplined writing practices whilst promoting positive well-being and identifying strategies to maintain a healthy mind-set
- Crafting an intellectual identity and investigating online writing communities
- Enhancing the writing skills of early career researchers and exploring writing motivation techniques

The retreat is based on the model developed by Professor Rowena Murray and the following evidence-based key principles:

1. The 'typing pool' which means that we all write individually but are in the same room for the duration of the retreat (Grant & Knowles 2000).
2. The use of a series of fixed writing and discussion slots (McGrail et al 2006).
3. The use of peer discussion to review progress during the retreat (Murray 2005).

More detail of the retreat structure can be found in Murray and Newton (2009) and further details about the retreats that Rowena facilitates at <http://www.anchorage-education.co.uk/>

Outputs

The output for each retreat differs depending on the writing project that you are working on. This may include revising and completing a research proposal for external funding, writing journal papers, drafting conference papers, or writing a book chapter.

Programme

Further details will be provided in due course, including any optional activities. Please note that you should only apply for a place if you can fully commit to participating in the full two days. There will be no allowances for later starts or earlier finishes during the retreats.

About the facilitators

Angela Carradus is a Senior Lecturer in Entrepreneurship at Manchester Metropolitan University. She values being part of the facilitation team delivering writing retreats for early career academics and this approach has formed an important part of her own academic writing journey. Angela places emphasis on well-being and work-life balance to help explore the ways in which life-long habits can be developed to support academic careers.

Jo Garrick is the NARTI Network Manager and Research Administrator based in Leeds University Business School. She participated in the facilitation training with Rowena Murray and now runs regular writing retreats for Leeds researchers and for the NARTI network. Jo is particularly interested in the motivational and creative aspects of the writing process and will work to incorporate these into her retreats. She is also working to develop a writing space through the NARTI website to promote writing and paper development retreats, publishing workshops and to provide useful online resources to writers.

Marian Iszatt-White is Director of Doctoral Programmes and Lancaster University Management School and teaches research methods on the School's Business & Management doctoral pathway. She completed the writing retreat facilitation programme run by Rowena Murray in 2015 and regularly facilitates structured writing retreats for her doctoral students. In an academic environment that is both competitive and performative, she has a particular interest in helping ECRs to craft an 'intellectual identity' for themselves and their research, and to utilize structured writing opportunities to progress their pipeline of outputs in support of this identity.

Yvonne Novakovic is a Research Fellow at Huddersfield Business School and developed an interest in writing retreats after attending one in 2013. She has been running one and two day retreats since then, and participated in facilitator training with Rowena Murray in 2017. Yvonne finds that facilitating a writing retreat to be extremely rewarding because participants invariably have a great time and still manage to write more than they expected to.

Annie Yeadon-Lee is a Subject Group Leader for the Department of Management in the School of Business at the University of Huddersfield. She is also the Course Director for the Schools' Doctor of Business and Public Administration. Annie publishes on the behavioural aspects of critical action learning in the context of leadership and management development. She completed the Rowena Murray facilitator training in 2016 and has subsequently been involved in the context facilitation of academic staff retreats.

Joana Zozimo is a Research Associate at Lancaster University Management School, working on the Global Challenges Research Fund project RECIRCULATE. This inter-disciplinary project is an international collaboration to enable African researchers to grow transformational impact through working with, in and for their communities and to develop robust, durable and equitable partnerships with UK researchers. Joana completed her training with Rowena Murray in 2016 and has facilitated various retreats in Lancaster for PhDs and ECRs. She has a particular interest in the benefits of online and virtual writing retreats.

To apply for a place on a retreat

It is expected that the retreats will be very popular so please complete the relevant retreat application form and include as much detail as possible. You will receive notification in due course if a place is allocated to you. Please do not make any travel or accommodation arrangements until you have received confirmation of a place. We have a limited number of places available on NARTI events and if at any time you need to withdraw your application or cancel your place please inform us immediately so that we can offer the place to someone else.

NARTI is covering a significant cost including lunch and refreshments, evening dinner, overnight accommodation at the venue (at the end of the first day of the retreat), breakfast and room hire. Successful participants are therefore asked to cover the cost of their travel and any additional nights' accommodation if required. Please contact the venues directly if you wish to book any additional nights.

For further details about this or any other NARTI event, please contact Jo Garrick at narti@lubs.leeds.ac.uk