

Shut Up & Write! survey

Information to participants involved in research

You are invited to participate

If you are 18 years or older and have organised or attended Shut Up & Write! writing groups or events, you are invited to participate in this study. Our team conducting this research project consists of Haidee Hicks from the College of Design and Social Context, RMIT University; Jason Murphy from the College of Business and Law, RMIT University; Lisa Hodge from Excelsia University College, Sydney; Tyler Shores from Cambridge University, UK; and Huseyin Cakal from Keele University, UK.

Project explanation

Shut Up & Write! (SUAW) has provided structured and supportive environments for writers from all backgrounds and disciplines, including academic researchers. SUAW groups and events are known to have fostered good writing habits, to be a place of community, to share ideas, research and writing strategies, and to aid in the development of writerly identity. This study seeks to extend our understanding of how SUAW writing groups and events have been for participants. By participating in this study, you will be helping to investigate and increase our understanding of participants' experiences of writing in these groups.

What will I be asked to do?

You will be invited to participate in an online survey to share your personal experiences and ideas about SUAW. The survey can be completed at any time of your choosing and via your own personal electronic device. Participation is anonymous and any data used will be generalised and will not include your personal identifiable information as this will not be collected through the survey.

What will I gain from participating?

You will be helping researchers understand how the attendance of SUAW has contributed to writing outputs and development as a researcher or writer. The study seeks to explore any experiences of, and potential benefits or impacts of participation in these groups and events, and may contribute to improvements based on your inputs and reflections.

How will the information I give be used?

Your ideas may be incorporated into one or more research articles intended for publication in peer-reviewed international academic journals, book chapters or books. The findings of the study may also be publicised by being included in commercial news media publications, online blogs or social media. Your personal identity will not be collected or included in published findings and all efforts will be made to protect the privacy of you and all participants of the study.

What are the potential risks of participating in this project and can I withdraw?

We do not expect that participation in this research is likely to cause you psychological and/or social harm. Some questions may relate to possibly sensitive topics, such as, your feelings about attending writing groups. In case you do experience any discomfort, we will provide you with information about support available to you. You may withdraw from this research project at any time by informing any of the Chief Investigators via the contact details provided below, and any information you have provided will be discarded.

Who is conducting the study?

This study is a collaboration between multiple universities, and it is supported by [Writing Partners](#), the not-for-profit organisation that founded Shut Up & Write!

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