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- Free Workshops for Writing

Poverty Walking Tour Successful: Organizer

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A&E Editor



Word is spreading about the free writing workshops, says facilitator Heather Gushue. This is the second year the series has been offered to UPEI students, and classes seem to have grown. Perhaps students are beginning to see how useful the workshops are, she says.

"The workshops are more popular than last year in that more students have expressed their interest in attending them. We only hope the popularity continues," she explained. "These writing workshops are useful for students for a number of reasons. One main reason is that they are an inviting and informal setting where students can come with questions, writing concerns, papers or assignments they are currently working on that they would like help with, or just to hang out and talk about writing."

The workshops usually have a particular topic of focus, but the main

facilitators, Gushue and Christine Gordon Manley, are pretty flexible.

"We want to make sure that each workshop has a particular focus, but that does not mean that students cannot come in with other questions. We are also developing our workshops in more detail. So they are changing compared to last year — for the better," said Gushue.

She said the workshops, which include lessons in documenting sources, punctuation, and the writing process (among others) are mainly student-driven.

"These writing workshops are being offered because students have expressed interest in learning specific types of information that otherwise may not be covered in regular classes," said Gushue.

"The workshops are also being offered because it is important to provide resources and opportunities to students to allow them to develop and improve their writing skills, which will then enable them to function as productively as possible in their future endeavours."



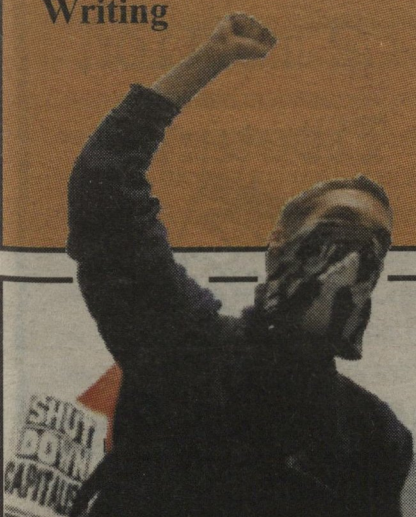
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