

POETRY WRITING AND PERFORMING WORKSHOP ON THE THEME OF COVID-19 FOR STUDENTS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN KALURAHAN JATISARONO, KECAMATAN NANGGULAN, KABUPATEN KULON PROGO

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this Community Service Program is to make children love literature, especially poetry. To achieve this goal, a workshop was held for elementary school students in Jatiasarano Village, Nanggulan District, Kulon Progo Regency which included writing poetry and performing poetry.

By using the lecture and modeling methods as well as providing feedback, the results of this activity show that: 1) participants are able and happy to write simple poetry on the theme of COVID-19, 2) participants are able and enthusiastically display their work with the right expression. All participants are willing to show their poetry work and dare to read it in front of the instructor and other participants, even with confidence. There are no passive participants in carrying out activities. Participants who experienced difficulties also did not hesitate to ask questions and ask the instructor for help.

This achievement was supported by the high motivation of the participants to be able to write their own poetry with a theme related to the Covid-19 pandemic situation. The support from schools that provide facilities for students to come to school using health protocols is worthy of appreciation. Likewise, the presence of teachers who technically help participants in schools makes this poetry writing and reading training run well. The competition at the end of the training also encourages participants to maximize their potential. Thus, the competition activities held spurred the participants to excel. Even though there were interruptions to the internet connection several times in a participating school, this was not completely annoying because all the materials had been sent some time before the workshop and could be studied first. Therefore, after connected again to the internet, the participants at the school were still able to follow properly.

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