

A Workshop of Creative Writing in PP Zuhriyah Yogyakarta

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this PPM is to get closer and practice short story writing skills using English for students at the Zuhriyah Orphanage and Islamic Boarding School. However, due to the policy of restrictions during the pandemic, and there is no possible access to online activities at PP Zuhriyah, the activities were moved to Madrasah Muallimat Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta. This activity lasted for five days, starting with the presentation of material by the instructors and followed by intensive online mentoring with students of the English Literature department. The materials and activities focused on writing motivation, writing strategies, and elements of short stories.

The results of the activity showed that the participants had a variety of writing and English skills. Thus, to adapt to the variation of these skills, lectures became the first method applied to the training. Classically, the instructor provides an understanding of writing strategies. Furthermore, writing assistance was carried out with conference media and WA together with four student assistants. In the end, the participants produced a short story in English that was worth reading. The three best works were awarded the title of champion in this activity. The results achieved in the training activities were quite good because the participants became more confident and dared to try writing in English.

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