

Sunday Rituals: A Creative Writing Workshop w/ Timothy DuWhite
Sundays - 10:30 to 1 PM @ Prospect Park

Greetings!

I truly hope this message finds you in the best of spirits.

I want to begin by saying thank you for responding to this little daydream of mine!

My life's mission as of late has been to create spaces for my community to feel safe, loved, and creative. To have so many people interested in sharing this journey with me has been really life-affirming. Thankyouthankyouthankyou!

LOGISTICAL ITEM TO LOOK OUT FOR

I will be sending an email with a google form *every Thursday*, just to see who will be able to make it from week to week. I ask that you fill it out each time I send it. I'll be sure to keep them very short and quick.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- I have been running creative writing workshops for over 10 years now, ranging from beginners to professional level. This workshop in particular is designed for writers of all levels and experience. You do not have to have already written a novel to be valued in this space. Also, if you have written a novel, we applaud your dedication and desire to continue growing.
- *Sunday Rituals* is a space where we get to decompress from the week. We get to fellowship. Laugh, joke, talk-shit, and maybe even cry. We welcome the human experience here.
- Each week we will begin with grounding practices I borrow from my experience as a Reiki practitioner, then follow up with the opportunity for each person to check in with the group on how they are doing.
- I will then introduce the different forms of media we will be engaging with for inspiration, followed by conversation. Finally, I will provide a few writing prompts for everyone to pick from based off of what was presented, and we will have a 20-25 minute writing time.
- After the writing time, anyone who would like to, will have the chance to share their work with the group. Once someone has shared, the group will be encouraged to respond to the reader's work with verbal affirmations on what they loved about it. Feedback will only be positive, this isn't an MFA class.
- We will then engage in a closing ritual, and our session will be complete.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO COME TO EVERY SESSION! If you are able to only make one throughout the course of the entire summer, then we were blessed with your presence for that one session, and are grateful.

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WHAT TO BRING

- No need to bring blankets, I will be providing plenty.
- If you decide to bring a friend who has not already signed up, they MUST be a queer BIPOC person. *Anyone else would kindly be asked to leave.*
- You are welcome to bring snacks to share. It may be a large group so individually wrapped items may be best. In general, anticipate how you imagine any offering you bring getting distributed.
- I will have some pens and notebooks with me if anyone is in need. However, bringing these items for yourself may be best.
- This workshop is FREE!! If you would like to offer a donation from week to week, that is appreciated, but *donations are NOT necessary.* My biggest concern is us all being able to come together and fellowship. I do not want money to deter that at all. Again, if you would like to though, I will have my social money app handles available to share on the day of, as well as something to collect cash.
- Most importantly, bring an energy of excitement to meet new people. The point of this workshop is, yes, to write, but also to commune. Both of these things are of central importance to me.

LOCATION

Email: Timothy@nywriterscoalition.org for these details.

WEATHER

Since these workshops are outside, they will always be contingent on weather. In case of inclement conditions, I will (try my best to) inform everyone of a cancellation at least 24 hrs before our session.

When I email each Thursday, I will be sure to include what the weather report is for that week.

Alrighty, I think that is all for now. I hope this all was long enough for you. Of course, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Best,

Tim