

Ten simple rules for organising an effective (student-led) writing retreat

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Schedule Examples

2023

2024

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	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
08:00	Travel	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast/pack up
09:00	Travel	Writing exercise	Breakfast/pack up				
09:30	Travel	Write	Write	Write	Write	Write	Group activity
10:30	Travel	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Group activity
11:00	Settle in	Write	Write	Write	Write	Write	Group activity
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Group activity
13:00	Lunch	Write	Write	Write	Review/editing	Write	Group activity
13:30	Lunch	Write	Write	Write	Review/editing	Write	Group activity
15:00	Free time	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Travel
15:30	Free time	Write	Write	Write	Write	Accountability check	Travel
16:00	Free time	Write	Write	Write	Write	Presentations*	Travel
17:30	Ground rules	Accountability check	Accountability check	Accountability check	Accountability check	Presentations*	Travel
18:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner (out)	Travel
19:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner (out)	Travel
	Free time	Group activity	Free time	Free time	Free time	Group activity	-

* We concentrated the presentations at the end of the last day of the retreat this year. However, it was not the most effective strategy, according to feedback from participants. Therefore, as stated in the main text, we recommend spreading them out across the writing retreat.