

## The AMED Writers' Group (AWG)

- [What is the AWG?](#)

The AMED Writers' Group (AWG) provides a regular, informal, confidential forum **for anyone** – not only for 'writers'. What unites us is a general interest in exploring the uses and potential of writing for personal, professional, organisational or creative development. The range and depth of our emergent discussions is surprising and eclectic, frequently taking us along unexpected paths that may not have immediately obvious signposts to writing.

- [Why would you want to become involved with the AWG?](#)

If you participate in the AWG, you gain the benefit of guaranteed informal interaction and support in the company of a diverse group of interesting, helpful and creative people from across the entire range of the development field. You can be sure of the chance to engage in reciprocal coaching, mentoring, and cross-fertilising ideas about writing and your practice in a spirit of critical friendship. And we are very friendly and welcoming.

- [Is the AWG only for AMED Members?](#)

No! The AWG meets under the umbrella of AMED. However **you do not need to be an AMED Member to participate in the AWG**. We welcome anyone who has or is developing a broad interest in writing-related issues. If you haven't been to one of our meetings before, why not come along and see if you like what we do? And if you think that we're missing a trick, do tell us – or perhaps even offer to lead one of our sessions. And do bring along any friends or colleagues whom you think might also be tempted to put a toe in the water.

- [How, where and when do we meet?](#)

AWG Members interact both informally at will online, and in bi-monthly, face-to-face group meetings. We have developed into a kind of community of practice, in which we are prepared to act as a resource to each other. We run on a voluntary, low-cost, self-

funding basis. Typically, we meet in the cosy, book-lined Cadbury Room of **The Penn Club** <http://www.pennclub.co.uk>, just behind the British Museum in London.

- [Scheduled AWG meetings in 2008](#)

In 2008, we're scheduled to meet six times, on the third Friday of every even-numbered month. We gather at the Penn Club from 1230 for lunch (we each bring our own if we wish), with a 1330 start, and a 1630 hours finish, on:

- Friday 15 February
- Friday 18 April
- Friday 13 June
- Friday 15 August
- Friday 17 October, and
- Friday 19 December.

- [Starting afresh in 2008](#)

In 2007, we developed a rich and varied agenda, including participation in a Joint Writing Workshop in June. This has had all sorts of spin-offs, including the February 2008 special issue of AMED's journal *Organisations and People* on 'Writing in Leadership and Change.' We are always looking for fresh ideas about what we do and how we do it. We are also keen to encourage new members to join us. (Please don't be put off by the misperception that first you need to claim formally to be a 'writer'). So, whether or not you're an existing or potential AWG member/supporter, we'd appreciate your response to our short survey\*.

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