



Raise your written language out of the ordinary!

Title of activity	Raise your written language out the ordinary!
Theme	Creative writing as a tool for interpreting heritage.
Learning goals	To guide a young audience through the principles of the creative writing process.
Target audience	Group size – all participants (10+).
Type of activity	Sharing knowledge and good practice in practicing creative writing.
Keywords	Communication and perception of heritage; Creative writing; Emotional and cognitive interpretation.
Step-by-step	 Introduction to the basic principles of creative writing: powerful, passionate, and persuasive expression. Presentation of 2 or 3 short texts (See references). Discuss how to use our knowledge of heritage and weave it into writing that inspires, intrigues, delights and educates. Discuss on how to turn this knowledge into writing. All participants have 30 min to write a short text on a specific item/ritual of the local heritage. Participants each read out their written work.
	Debriefing: The trainer holds a discussion with the participants. The participants should learn about how to express themselves and intrigue readers and make them curious to learn more about the object/subject.



	They should develop an understanding that creative writing requires the writer's full commitment and is applicable to every writing format: research or entertainment. When done well, it draws images in the mind and connects readers emotionally, thus allowing for changing behaviour and attitudes.
Venue	Meeting room.
Materials required	Samples of creative writing, paper and pens.
Duration	1.5 to 2 hours.
References	Literature: Heritage Interpretation, David L. Uzzell. Inside Interpretive Writing: How to Create Stories That Make a Difference (CHI). The Art of Heritage Story Telling (CHI).
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