



Postgraduate Ethnographic Writing Workshop 2025

Writing Across Boundaries Project is an intensive, two-day, residential workshop + one day optional writing retreat for social science PhD students in their third year. The aims of the workshop are to explore analytical and practical approaches to ethnographic writing and offers participants an opportunity to reflect on the writing process itself as a form of social science thinking. The final day (optional) writing retreat enables focused and supported writing and an opportunity to put the approaches you've learned into action.

The next Writing Across Boundaries workshop will take place on the 31st of March to the 2nd of April 2025 at Durham University.

Eligible Participants

The workshop is for PhD students in the social sciences in their third year of study, who:

- Are interested in ethnographic writing as a particular way of conveying a contextual understanding of lived reality by drawing on a range of specific methods including, for instance, participant observation, semi-structured interviews, archival research, visual analysis, and life-histories;
- Are at the point of translating this data into written chapters for their doctoral thesis;
- Have completed their fieldwork and have data that they have begun to work through.

Programme

The provisional programme for the workshop will be available soon and will include input from a number of anthropologists from Newcastle University and Durham University.

How to Apply

There are only 30 places available on our 2025 workshop. If you are interested in attending please complete the online registration form: <https://forms.office.com/e/eePfPqu0dK> by 5pm on Wednesday, **February 5th 2025**. Candidates will then be contacted by the Project Team by Friday, **February 14th 2025** as to whether they have been selected to join the workshop.

The online application form requires a letter of support from your principal supervisor to be attached. **This letter is crucial in evaluating your application**, as it is important that the needs of participants are closely matched as possible to the style and content of the workshop.

Applications received after the deadline will **not** be accepted.

Costs

The workshop registration is free for those from our regional and Northern Irish universities (Durham, Newcastle, Northumbria, Teesside, Sunderland, Queens and Ulster). For those from outside the Northern Ireland and North East Doctoral Training Partnership, we are charging £60. This includes lunch on both days and an evening meal in a local restaurant on the 31st March.

There will be limited overnight accommodation available at Collingwood College on the 31st of March and 1st April if needed, for £52.50 per night. If you accept a place on the workshop, you will be provided with a link to book your own accommodation online. Unfortunately, we are not able to assist with accommodation or travel costs for participants; NINEDTP students have access to the usual funds for claiming travel and accommodation if needed.

Further Information

Please contact Michael Crawley, michael.p.crawley@durham.ac.uk or Sarah Winkler-Reid, sarah.winkler-reid@newcastle.ac.uk, if you require any further information about the Writing Across Boundaries workshop.