

AWP's Twenty-fourth Tweet Chat: #AWPWCC
March 16, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

[#AWPWCC](#) includes more than just conferences! Learn about the many options out there for writers at our tweet chat today at 3pm ET.



#AWPWCC

A spotlight on Writers'
Conference, Centers,
Retreats, Festivals,
& Residencies.

March 16, 2017 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ET



[Poetry at Round Top @poetryroundtop](#)

Warming up for [#AWPWCC](#) chat. *stretches fingers, wrists, hamstrings*



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

Thank you for joining us today for our [#AWPWCC](#) chat!



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

With us for the next hour is our Membership Coordinator, Kenny Lakes, [@usyboroda](#).
[#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@awpwriter @usyboroda](#) Hi Kenny! Thanx 4 hosting this. Plz tell us about how [#AWPWCC](#) ensures access for disabled members across the vast nation?



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

WC&C programs are independent of WC&C. We do not have control over their practices and policies, however (cont.) [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@GeorgesDryad @awpwriter](#) We try to create spaces where directors of these programs can come together to discuss best practices and solutions to issues [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

We try to create spaces where directors of these programs can come together to discuss best practices and solutions to issues [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

Awesome! Where do you send directors when they ask 4 help on [#disability](#) [#access](#) etc. Hopefully not to [#AWP17](#)! Yikes!



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

The directors tend to be very willing to share with one another, and help each other grow. [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@GeorgesDryad](#) [@awpwriter](#) We welcome suggestions on ways conferences, centers, retreats, residencies, & festivals can improve. We will share these suggestions [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

Yeah, they have gone silent towards the [#ADAViolations](#) at [#AWP17](#). No apology no concern no nothing. So maybe you can help rep 4 us?



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

Also discussing & answering questions is our Director of Membership [@DianeZinna](#). [#AWPWCC](#)





[AWP @awpwriter](#)

Ask a question about WC&C programs or the WC&C scholarship using [#AWPWCC](#).



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Hello! I am Kenny Lakes, the Membership Coordinator at [@awpwriter](#), and I work closely with our WC&C members [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

We will be using the hashtag [#AWPWCC](#) throughout this conversation. Make sure to use it if you join in!



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Directors of our WC&C member programs have been invited to share their own stories with you today [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

WC&C stands for Writers' Conferences & Centers, but it also supports retreats, residences, festivals, and more [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

You can find all of these amazing programs in AWP's Directory of Conferences & Centers
https://www.awpwriter.org/wcc/directory_conferences_centers... [#AWPWCC](#)



[Peter E. Murphy @MurphyWriting](#)

Hello, all! What a nice afternoon for a Live Tweet Q&A. [#AWPWCC](#) [#murphywriting](#)
[#stocktonuniversity](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@MurphyWriting](#) Thank you for joining us! [#AWPWCC](#)



[Poetry at Round Top @poetryroundtop](#)

Excited to be part of the tweet chat (thanks [@awpwriter!](#)) and learn more about other WC&C programs. [#AWPWCC](#)



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

Great opportunity for writers to ask their conference and retreat questions. Starting now!
[#awpwcc](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

The directory can be sorted by location—by state, region of the U.S., or by country. [#AWPWCC](#)

1. Location

NORTH AMERICA

Canada USA - East of the Mississippi

Mexico USA - west of the Mississippi

CARIBBEAN & CENTRAL AMERICA

Bahamas Costa Rica Honduras

EUROPE

Bulgaria Czech Republic France Germany

Greece Iceland Ireland Italy

Latvia Portugal Spain Turkey

United Kingdom

ASIA & AFRICA

Ghana Hong Kong India Japan

Senegal Thailand



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

You can also sort the directory by program type (conference, center, retreat, residency, & festival) [#AWPWCC](#)

2. Type

Conference Residency Center Festival Retreat



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

You can limit your search by genres offered as well [#AWPWCC](#)

3. Genre

- Poetry
- Fiction
- Creative nonfiction
- Playwriting
- Screenwriting
- Children's literature



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@usyboroda](#) Not exactly? Was really wanting to search for "disabled and D/deaf" panels but we're erased by these categories. Cld we change? [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@GeorgesDryad](#) This is definitely a field we can add more categories to. We can add an identifier for programs that address disabled and D/eaf [#AWPWCC](#)



[Great Reads Boston @GreatReadsBOS](#)

Great opportunity for writers to ask their conference and retreat questions. Starting now! [#awpwcc](#) via GrubStreet



[Antioch I2P Program @Inspiration2Pub](#)

Any suggestions for programs promoting diversity or social justice? [#awpwcc](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@Inspiration2Pub](#) This often comes up at our yearly group meeting. Do other programs have advice on diversity and social justice? [#AWPWCC](#)



[Poetry at Round Top @poetryroundtop](#)

Great question. We feature poets who reflect diverse views/backgrounds & offer scholarships, but more work always needed. [#AWPWCC](#)



[Poetry at Round Top @poetryroundtop](#)

We also work with schools to bring kids out for poetry workshops & readings [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@Inspiration2Pub](#) Thanx Antioch: Actually, ya'll already cool & we know yr on [#disabilitypride](#) [#disabilityrights](#) & the basics. Could u advise [#AWP](#) abt it?



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

[@Inspiration2Pub](#) [#awpwcc](#) The Muse offers scholarships to writer's of color, writers living w/ disability, & conference newbies! (1/2)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

This is great! Are there others who have scholarships like this? [#AWPWCC](#)



[Peter E. Murphy @MurphyWriting](#)

[@usyboroda](#) [#awpwcc](#) Murphy Writing of Stockton University offers scholarships specifically for those who are new to our programs.



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

[@GeorgesDryad](#) [@Inspiration2Pub](#) Always looking to expand and learn! That's a fantastic idea! Every yr we look to incorporate all [#awpwcc](#)



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

[@Inspiration2Pub](#) [#awpwcc](#) we also have panels/discussions specifically focused on diversity in the lit world [http://museandthemarketplace.com/overview-details-2/...](http://museandthemarketplace.com/overview-details-2/)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@GrubWriters](#) [@Inspiration2Pub](#) Hi Grub Street! We're really curious abt yr panels & discussions on disability anything. [#TellUsMore](#) [#AWPWCC](#)



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

Hey! [@GeorgesDryad](#) [@Inspiration2Pub](#) We have multiple sessions that focus on writers of color. These include agents/editors & writers [#awpwcc](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@GrubWriters](#) [@Inspiration2Pub](#) Awesome! Maybe a panel on disability anything could be in yr future b/c POC r sometimes also disabled? Sending <3



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

[@GeorgesDryad](#) [@Inspiration2Pub](#) [#awpwcc](#) Here's a link to those sessions where you can read their descriptions!
<https://themusethemarketplace2017.sched.com/audience/Writers+of+Color+Track?iframe=no>



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Member listings have full contact information, faculty listings, deadlines, scholarship information, and photos [#AWPWCC](#)



[TheWritersCenter @writerscenter](#)

Hey there--would love to find a way to make our WC&C sessions and membership with AWP more productive and well attended [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

WC&C-related events are a searchable option in our AWP Conf. schedule each year. be sure to check them out! [#AWPWCC](#)

[https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/schedule_overview ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/awp_conference/schedule_overview...)



[Diane Zinna @DianeZinna](#)

[@writerscenter](#) [#AWPWCC](#) There is now a public WC&C reception at the annual conference and it was really well attended these past 3 years!



[UsyBoroda](#) [@usyboroda](#)

Are you looking for more engagement in the writing community? Need some guidance on where to go next? [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda](#) [@usyboroda](#)

Just need some time away to write and a space to do it in? These programs are here to fill those needs. [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day](#) [@themegdaystory](#)

[@usyboroda](#) [@awpwriter](#) If programs r not accessible, theyre not here 2 fill our needs. Why support residencies that r not accessible? [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda](#) [@usyboroda](#)

[@themegdaystory](#) [@awpwriter](#) Thank you for this question. I think this is an important one and not one that can be easily answered in 140 characters. (cont.) [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day](#) [@themegdaystory](#)

[@usyboroda](#) [@awpwriter](#) [#AWPWCC](#) Yall have power! Show res/retreats that [#nature](#) & [#time](#) & [#space](#) to write ≠ [#ableism](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@usyboroda](#) [@themegdaystory](#) [@awpwriter](#) yeah but this is same reply we got from [@ChristianTeresi](#) it wuz yr idea to hold [#tweetchat](#) no? [#AWPWCC](#) [#AWP17](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@themegdaystory](#) [@awpwriter](#) I see the WC&C program as serving as a place where these programs can improve, and can strive to serve the needs of all. [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

"strive" key word there. Lot of us still hurt abt ways we were kept out kept off stage of [#AWP17](#) acknowledge + apologize wld go loong way



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

[@GeorgesDryad](#) [@usyboroda](#) [@awpwriter](#) I think we have a really different understanding of the word "needs" [#AWPWCC](#) We're not talking needs.



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@themegdaystory](#) [@awpwriter](#) With the resources we can provide, and the passion of people who care (like you!), we can help create a more supportive community [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

[@usyboroda](#) [@awpwriter](#) Sorry, I'm busy w [#paperwork](#) gettin my passion to get yall in line. I cain't do AWP's job & mine. [#AWPWCC](#)



[Peter E. Murphy @MurphyWriting](#)

The Winter Getaway takes place over MLK weekend. Its closing is always dedicated to racial & social unity. <http://wintergetaway.com/> [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

I would like to take some time to acknowledge some of our newest WC&C members [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Enhancing the Tulsa art community, [@tulsaartists](#) supports local literary artists & attracts national writers <http://www.tulsaartistfellowship.org/> [#AWPWCC](#)



[Poetry at Round Top @poetryroundtop](#)

Curious to hear from other WC&C programs (esp. annual events) - do you have other engagement/activities year-round? [#awpwcc](#)



[Peter E. Murphy @MurphyWriting](#)

[@poetryroundtop](#) Yes. Murphy Writing offers both week-long and day-long programs year-round. [#awpwcc](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@poetryroundtop](#) Hi there! One thing we've been working on is [#ASL](#) & [#captions](#) & hand-outs & accessible doors & ramps & what have ya'll been up to?



[Poetry at Round Top @poetryroundtop](#)

[@GeorgesDryad](#) Still thinking abt year-round engagement! We're lucky to have accessible facilities [@RTFinstitute](#). [#ASL](#) & translation gr8 idea



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[@poetryroundtop](#) [@RTFinstitute](#) Luv this, truly, but also into ways yr conference cld include disabled poets, writers, artists as experts on panels on boards on top



[Poetry at Round Top @poetryroundtop](#)

[@GeorgesDryad](#) [@RTFinstitute](#) Yes and yes. We have 6-9 feat. poets/yr & this shd be considered - all views/abilities impt. [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

The mission of [@IWWG](#) is to foster the personal and professional empowerment of women through writing <https://iwwg.wildapricot.org/> [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

(1/2) A literary center in NY's Hudson Valley, [@PoemBarn](#) is stocked with a comprehensive independent poetry collection [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

(2/2) [@PoemBarn](#) also offers onsite and online workshops, craft talks, readings, and book arts for all ages [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

[#AWPWCC](#) Plz send info on how [#AWPWCC](#) can advocate 4 disabled writers during day when [#EndOfDisability](#) trending. Advocate 4 us?



[UA Poetry Center @UAPoetryCenter](#)

[@UAPoetryCenter](#) features a 70,000+ poetry library, K-12 education programs, reading & lecture series, residencies, & more [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

[@awpwriter](#) Most of your res/retreats listed r not accessible. What r yall doing to incentivize residencies to be more accessible? [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Accessibility questions come up at our annual director's meeting at AWP's conference. They have discussions on how to improve. [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

I'm glad! Do you have disabled people at your annual director's meeting? [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Directors and non-directors who openly identified as such do attend, and incorporated their experiences into the discussions. [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

It is an open forum, and all are welcome [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

[#AWPWCC](#) Thanks! I bet [@AWPDisability](#) Caucus would appreciate an invite next year at [#AWP18](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

Great. Who is the ADA Coordinator at [#AWP](#)? Yeah, ya'll need one bad



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

YESYES to this. [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

Convo might-> real strux change if included [#DisLit](#) or [@AWPDisability](#) AWP withheld support from ableist orgs [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

I would love to talk with [@AWPDisability](#) and others on how to better disseminate information and advice to program directors. [#AWPWCC](#)



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

[@usyboroda](#) [@awpwriter](#) Yes [@AWPDisability](#) is a resource but yall need disabled folks in your meetings. Like, maybe as directors. [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

We have a monthly newsletter for directors, where some have shared how to improve on accessibility and equity [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

At AWP, we try to create spaces where WC&C members can share advice on how to improve with one another. [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

But kind of like how? Since even main conf [#AWP17](#) demonstrates failure of access on basic level? Is [#AWP17](#) role model? HOPE NOT



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@WCUPoetry](#) offers workshops in traditional poetic craft and provides a national forum to discuss major trends in contemporary poetry [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Flatiron Writers Room serves the broader western NC by offering workshops, salons, a contest & other events. <http://www.flatironwriters.com/> [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

(1/2) Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference is a forum for journalists, writers, readers, students, educators & the general public [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

(2/2) to listen to, be inspired by and practice their craft at the highest possible level. [http://www.themayborn.com/conference-and-competitions ...](http://www.themayborn.com/conference-and-competitions...) [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

Plz know that Canada's [@TheFOLD](#) is rocking the hell out of [#access](#), [#accommodations](#) & [#disabilitypride](#) so maybe [#TakeNotes](#) [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

[@writearoundpdx](#) holds free CW workshops in hospitals, shelters, senior centers, prisons, schools & treatment facilities. [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Do you write for children and young adults? Are you looking for renewal? LoonSong is for you. <http://loonsong.org/index.html> [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

WC&C membership provides your program with listings in our online directory & in our magazine [https://www.awpwriter.org/wcc/directory_conferences_centers ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/wcc/directory_conferences_centers...) [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Membership also provides your director with all of the benefits of an individual membership with AWP [https://www.awpwriter.org/about/individual_membership ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/about/individual_membership...) [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

WC&C members receive discounts on our advertising rates and have the ability to promote themselves on our social media [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

WC&C membership helps promote your program, but it's also about connecting to other directors and helping each other grow. [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

For ex., our newsletter presents innovative ideas groups are trying to get attendees & also the ideas that didn't work out so well. [#AWPWCC](#)



[TheWritersCenter @writerscenter](#)

RE diversity [#AWPWCC](#) - our creative writing program for English lang. learners w/[@CR School](#)
Inspiring to help them express their experiences



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Witnessing directors of different programs coming together over common issues & sharing experiences with one another is rewarding [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

If anyone is interested in joining as a WC&C member, please reach out to me at kenny@awpwriter.org [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

I can also be reached at 703-993-4301 to talk about membership over the phone [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

How will the proposed elimination [@NEAarts](#) affect your program? [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

What can nonprofit centers do/what should they do in a political situation when nonprofits are supposed to remain non-partisan [#AWPWCC](#)



[George's Dryad @GeorgesDryad](#)

this political sitch is life/death 4 [#criplit](#) writers. trending now: [#endofdisability](#) at same time as [#endofobamacare](#) soooooo



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Want to meet brilliant poets & other word-lovers in a magical setting? Explore [@poetryroundtop](#) April 21–23 <http://poetryatroundtop.org/> [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

The Muse (May 5-7) [@grubwriters](#) was recently voted "#1 writing conference in North America" by [@TheWriterMag](#) <http://writermag.com/2017/01/17/top-10-writing-conferences-north-america/> ... [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Murphy Writing of Stockton University will host Get Away to Write – Spain, July 11-18, 2017. Learn more: <http://murphywriting.com/writing-getaways/get-away-to-write-spain-writing-retreat.html> ... [#AWPWCC](#)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Poetry & Poetry Manuscript workshops @ Vermont Postgrad Conference. Sm groups, great fac, inspiring Aug week <http://www.vcfa.edu/pwc> [#AWPWCC](#)



[Juniper Institute @junipersummer](#)

Juniper offers a weeklong immersion in the writer's life and a time for wild invention - we're pleased to be part of the [#AWPWCC](#) community!



[Juniper Institute @junipersummer](#)

Getting ready for the Juniper Summer Writing Institute? Apply for a [#AWPWCC](#) scholarship toward your participation! [https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/wcc_scholarships_overview ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/wcc_scholarships_overview...)



[UsyBoroda @usyboroda](#)

Thank you for joining me today! Feel free to keep having conversations through [#AWPWCC](#) on here or contact me at kenny@awpwriter.org



[Meg Day @themegdaystory](#)

[@usyboroda](#) Thanks for the convo, Kenny. Tell [@awpwriter](#) a nice long twitter talkback about accessibility would be welcome/overdue [#AWPWCC](#)



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

If any1 has Muse questions about scholarships, sessions, etc. feel free to email me at kaitlyn@grubstreet.org [#awpwcc](#) [#Muse17](#)



[GrubStreet @GrubWriters](#)

[#Muse17](#) Mani Iyer Scholarship: Scholarship for Writers Living with a Disability. Deadline to apply, 3/26 [https://form.jotformpro.com/GrubStreet/mani-iyer-scholarship-muse-2017 ...](https://form.jotformpro.com/GrubStreet/mani-iyer-scholarship-muse-2017...)
[#awpwcc](#)



[AWP @awpwriter](#)

Thank you for joining us for [#AWPWCC](#)! Join us on April 4 for our next chat, about submitting [#AWP18](#) event proposals: [#SubmitAWP18](#)