What is a Writing Accountability Group?

Often one of the most challenging parts of writing can be holding ourselves accountable. When life gets busy, it can be difficult to carve out time solely dedicated to writing. **Writing Accountability Groups** offer a structured environment where members join a community of other writers and support each other in achieving their goals. This focused space provides weekly-allocated time to make progress on writing-related projects. We hope this list of Writing Accountability Groups helps you to find the site that aligns most closely with your priorities, time commitment, and writing objectives.

Shut Up & Write!

Mission Statement:

• Offering both in-person and online writing events, the mission of "Shut up & Write!" is to "ensure that every writer—regardless of genre or skill level—has access to the resources, community, and accountability that they need to be successful in their personal writing goals."

Event Breakdown:

• Events begin with introductions and are followed by one hour of focused writing, with a final check-in to reflect on progress. There is an option to socialize at the end after the event.

Price:

• All "Shut Up & Write!" events are free.

Additional Information:

- Using the "Find Your Chapter" tab on the website, writers can locate upcoming events filtered by location.
- Writers must sign up before attending the event.
- Every month, "Shut Up & Write!" hosts a prompt-based writer challenge to keep members in the habit of daily writing. In the community forum, writers have the option to share their responses with other writers as well as to reply to others.
- Anyone can become an "Organizer" and host writing accountability events.
- Here is an <u>article</u> about one writer's experience with "Shut Up & Write!"

London Writers' Salon

Mission Statement:

• Using a combination of Live Events, Daily Writing Sprints, and Membership, "London Writers' Salon" is "the global home for writers to write, learn & build creative careers – together."

Writers' Hour:

- Daily Writing Sprints or <u>Writers' Hours</u> are daily writing sessions that occur virtually every Monday to Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. across four time zones.
- Writers must sign up before attending the event
- Writers' Hour sessions are free.

Additional Information

- Monthly, quarterly, and annual paid <u>membership</u> opportunities provide writers with a
 range of additional benefits such as unlimited Writers' Hour Access, access to a weekly
 writing tracker, weekly writing prompts, open mic and critique sessions, access to paid
 writing jobs, competitions and writing courses, and more.
- London Writers' Salon regularly offers writing-related <u>Courses & Master Classes</u>.

A Very Important Meeting

Mission Statement:

• "A Very Important Meeting" hosts daily writers' retreats. It is "an online space to strengthen your focus with mindfulness meditation and prioritize your writing among like-minded creatives. Concentration, productivity, and community: the essential building blocks of a thriving writer's life, right there on your calendar."

Event Breakdown:

• Each meeting begins with 10 minutes of mindfulness meditation, followed by 45 minutes of quiet writing time and an optional 15-minute hallway chat.

Price:

• The requested contribution for each meeting is \$5, but their website states that no one is turned away for lack of funds.

Additional Information

• Writers must <u>sign up</u> before attending the event.