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

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

Warming up for #AWPWCC chat. *stretches fingers, wrists, hamstrings*

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

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Awesome! Where do you send directors when they ask for help on #disability #access etc. Hopefully not to #AWP17! Yikes!

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

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

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

Also discussing & answering questions is our Director of Membership @DianeZinna. #AWPWCC
Ask a question about WC&C programs or the WC&C scholarship using #AWPWCC.

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

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

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

WC&C stands for Writers’ Conferences & Centers, but it also supports retreats, residences, festivals, and more #AWPWCC
You can find all of these amazing programs in AWP’s Directory of Conferences & Centers https://www.awpwriter.org/wcc/directory_conferences_centers ... #AWPWCC

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

@MurphyWriting Thank you for joining us! #AWPWCC

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

Great opportunity for writers to ask their conference and retreat questions. Starting now! #awpwcc
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
- 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

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

2. Type

- Conference
- Residency
- Center
- Festival
- Retreat
You can limit your search by genres offered as well #AWPWCC

### 3. Genre

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

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

@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

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Any suggestions for programs promoting diversity or social justice? #awpwcc
@Inspiration2Pub This often comes up at our yearly group meeting. Do other programs have advice on diversity and social justice? #AWPWCC

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

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

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

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

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/

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 ...

Diane Zinna @DianeZinna
There is now a public WC&C reception at the annual conference and it was really well attended these past 3 years!

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

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

If programs r not accessible, theyre not here 2 fill our needs. Why support residencies that r not accessible? #AWPWCC

#AWPWCC Yall have power! Show res/retreats that #nature & #time & #space to write ≠ #ableism
@usyboroda @themedaystory @awpwriter yeah but this is same reply we got from @ChristianTeresi it wuz yr idea to hold #tweetchat no? #AWPWCC #AWP17

@themedaystory @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

"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

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

@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 AWPs 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

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

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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? #awpwc
@poetryroundtop Yes. Murphy Writing offers both week-long and day-long programs year-round. #awpwcc

@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?

@GeorgesDryad Still thinking abt year-round engagement! We’re lucky to have accessible facilities @RTFInstitute. #ASL & translation gr8 idea

@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

@GeorgesDryad @RTFInstitute Yes and yes. We have 6-9 feat. poets/yr & this shd be considered - all views/abilities impt. #AWPWCC
The mission of @IWWG is to foster the personal and professional empowerment of women through writing https://iwwg.wildapricot.org/ #AWPWCC

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

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

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

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

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It is an open forum, and all are welcome #AWPWCC
#AWPWCC Thanks! I bet @AWPDisability Caucus would appreciate an invite next year at #AWP18

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

YESYES to this. #AWPWCC

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

I would love to talk with @AWPDisability and others on how to better disseminate information and advice to program directors. #AWPWCC
Yes @AWPDisability is a resource but y'all need disabled folks in your meetings. Like, maybe as directors.

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

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

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

@WCUPoetry offers workshops in traditional poetic craft and provides a national forum to discuss major trends in contemporary poetry #AWPWCC
Flatiron Writers Room serves the broader western NC by offering workshops, salons, a contest & other events. [http://www.flatironwriters.com/](http://www.flatironwriters.com/) #AWPWCC

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

(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

Plz know that Canada's [@TheFOLD](http://www.themayborn.com/conference-and-competitions...) is rocking the hell out of #access, #accommodations & #disabilitypride so maybe #TakeNotes #AWPWCC

@writearoundpdx holds free CW workshops in hospitals, shelters, senior centers, prisons, schools & treatment facilities. #AWPWCC
Do you write for children and young adults? Are you looking for renewal? LoonSong is for you. http://loonsong.org/index.html  #AWPWCC

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

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

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

WC&C membership helps promote your program, but it’s also about connecting to other directors and helping each other grow. #AWPWCC
For ex., our newsletter presents innovative ideas groups are trying to get attendees & also the ideas that didn’t work out so well. #AWPWCC

RE diversity #AWPWCC - our creative writing program for English lang. learners w/@CR_School Inspiring to help them express their experiences

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

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

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

How will the proposed elimination @NEAarts affect your program? #AWPWCC
What can nonprofit centers do/what should they do in a political situation when nonprofits are supposed to remain non-partisan #AWPWCC

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

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

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

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 ...

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

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