



Workshop Number 1

Stephen Bonnici

Friday and Saturday

Language: Maltese

Effective Strategies to unlock for writing: A Writing Workshop for families

Workshop Description

Putting pen to paper is not always an easy task and it can be very frustrating for our children. Sometimes it can be as well frustrating for the parents whom the child turns on for help. So how can we breakthrough this problem?

This workshop explores strategies that can be used to collect data, spark off ideas and open a variety of possibilities for writing, with special focus on the use of questions. Participants will have the opportunity to use these strategies to help them write about something special to them. They will practice questioning techniques on each other so that they can understand better how this particular strategy can serve to help someone to start or revise his/her writing.

Bio-note

Stephen Bonnici B.A. PGCE graduated as a teacher from the University of Malta. He taught for six years at 'E.B. Vella' Mosta Primary School B. In June 2002 he participated in the Third Invitational Writing Institute organised by the Malta Writing Programme (MWP) and two years later followed the Advanced course. Stephen has led writing workshops for student teachers, teachers and parents. In April 2005 he co-led the first Writing Institute run by Maltese tutors of the MWP. In June-July 2005 he participated in the first two weeks of the South Coast Writing Project (SCWriP) Summer Institute for teachers of writing. Currently he is Programme Animator with the MWP within the Foundation for Educational Services, co-ordinating and tutoring the Family Writing Clubs.