

KAREN FOLEY: Do you have an essay to write? Do you need some space, inspiration, and advice? If you do, then come to our Student Hub Live essay writing workshops.

Now, after our introduction to essay writing at the Boot Camp event on the 9th of October, we have three online sessions that you can participate in. These will be in the evenings commencing mid-October. And during these sessions, we'll go through some of the basic skills you'll need for essay writing. But more importantly, we'll give you the chance to work in small groups on a live piece of writing that you're doing. I talked to Isabella about how it will work.

Isabella Henman, these workshops are for any students at any level with any essay. How is that going to work?

ISABELLA HENMAN: Well, it's about learning together with Student Hub Live, so we're about all the students coming together and actually trying to learn from each other. And that's what we want to try and encourage. you don't need anything. It doesn't matter whether or not one person's doing a science essay. One person's doing maths. One person's doing creative art. Anything. It's about having an essay and actually coming along with the essay. Now, what I do, and hopefully, we're going to get the, 'this is what you do!'

KAREN FOLEY: We've got some taught aspects in these sessions, but really what we're going to do is have a workshop space where students can work together.

ISABELLA HENMAN: Absolutely. So what we're going to do, we're just going to start with a little bit of an outline what we're doing. Then we'll do a bit of 'this is what you need to do for this particular topic.' And then we're going to let you loose with each other to discuss and actually put into practise what we've just been talking about. And then we'll come together and say, well, what did you learn? What did you find out from the other students? And, hopefully, that's the point where they're going to be going, 'oh, I found out this. I'd never thought about this" or-- that kind of thing. That's what we're aiming for. That's what's going to happen.

KAREN FOLEY: Really, this is a space for students to be able to bring their work and really focus on that and come together and use each other as a sounding board.

ISABELLA HENMAN: Yes. And work around because we're a distance university. We don't get to meet together. It's meeting together online, but it's great. It's not as good as having a coffee, having a cake, or

chocolate. That's my thing. But actually it's meeting together, getting the chance to talk about it with your fellow students because that's really, really important.

KAREN FOLEY: Thanks, Isabella. Looking forward to it.

This is the first time we've run workshops like this for any student at any level. So I really hope you can come along and be a part of it. Find out more on the events tab at the Student Hub Live website.