

ABC OPEN DIGITAL STORYTELLING CLUB INDEPENDENT WORKSHOP STRUCTURE SUGGESTION

First 30 minutes: Feedback session

After greeting each other, each workshop participant can suggest digital storytelling content (writing/photography/film) that they would like to share with the group for feedback.

While looking at the story, the storyteller tells the group:

1. What they did well with their story,
2. What they could do to improve the story,

Then the group tells the storyteller what:

1. They think the storyteller did well with the story,
2. How the storyteller could improve their work.

EXAMPLE: Gregg published a photo on ABC Open and the group discusses what they like about it and how the image could be improved. Gregg (and the group) takes notes on how to create better photos.

30 minutes – 1 hour: Project session

- Select an ABC Open project from the project page on the ABC Open website,
- Read the project guidelines,
- Read the project tips,
- Look at stories that have already been contributed for ideas and discussion,
- Discuss and share your own story ideas and make a plan on how to contribute a story.

1 hour – 2 hours: Creative session

Use this time to work on the story and share skills and knowledge with the group.

Workshop participants can work as an entire group, divide into smaller groups or work on their stories individually with the aim of contributing a story to ABC Open.

EXAMPLE: Half the group decides to work on contributing a story to ABC Open's 500 words project and one participant teaches other participants how short sentences within a story can create action and a faster tempo. The other half of the group decide to work on a film project and use this time to develop and script, confirm talent and shooting schedule and allocate roles and responsibilities.

3rd hour (optional)

If the workshop goes for longer than 2 hours, continue working on your stories with the aim to publish stories on ABC Open.

Venue recommendations: projector, whiteboard, internet connection, tables and chairs, power.

Keep in touch with each other and allocate a dedicated person to send reminders between workshops. Encourage the sharing of skills and knowledge from different people in the group. Contact your nearest ABC Open producer if you would like help.