
Me, Here: Stories of People & Place as told by College Students with the Arlington Writers Group, Wednesday June 19, Studio PAUSE, 2024



The Arlington Writers Group The Arlington Writers Group has been meeting and writing in Arlington, VA since August of 2006. They critique each others work and also do workshops to help with writing and publishing.

They are a fun and supportive group of writers living in and around Northern Virginia with all skill levels and types of writing represented: novels, poetry, lyrics, short stories, non-fiction, fiction, children's stories, and more!

About the Event: The Arlington Writer's Group has started meeting in-person again, occasionally, at Studio PAUSE. They are invited to respond to two groups of local story tellers whose work is displayed at Studio Pause on June 19, 2024.



1. Me, Here (at NoVa) and Elsewhere –
An art installation of artist's books by the AAPI Center of Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. Inspired by the two inaugural "Me, Here" exhibits at the Studio's new Columbia Pike location, students were invited to create and share their own "Me, Here" stories through creating 3D, house-shaped artist's books, with their art and stories. The books were displayed to look like a "city" of stories.

2. United We Stand – Three episodes of stories from the With Good Reason podcast that explore the power and impact of American immigrant writers, including works from a Dream Project writing workshop with college students and emerging authors. The Dream Project empowers Virginia students whose immigration status creates barriers to higher education through access to scholarships, resources & mentors.

Event

- AWG meet AAPI participants and view display. View art and read their stories.
- Listen to selected With Good Reason Podcasts using displayed QR codes.

- Hear from AAPI participants about how it felt to tell their stories.
- Writing and discussion sessions.
- Close by AWG members sharing what writing, creating means to them and how it fits into their lives of work, friends, and raising families.

Agenda

10-minute “Me, Here” writing session: AWG members will write for 10 minutes reflecting on their lives “here” in Arlington, VA

10-minute discussion: AWG members will discuss their “me here” experience and share what they wrote.

10-minute “And Elsewhere” writing session: AWG members will write for 10 minutes reflecting on their lives “Elsewhere.”

10-minute discussion: AWG members will discuss their “elsewhere” experience and share what they wrote.

Share: End with talk about writing, how it fits in our lives, what we do to make a living vs how writing fits in and our own personal goals. The Arlington Writer’s Group is invited to respond to two groups of local story tellers whose work is displayed at Studio Pause.