

StoryLab is our flagship storytelling centre based at Paper Bird Books, Fremantle. We invite writers of all levels, aged 8 to 16 year olds, to find their creative voice by sharing ideas and stories. Since 2016 StoryLab has worked with 532 young writers and artists, run 42 programs and engaged 26 professional writers and artists.

Storytelling stimulates imagination, teaches empathy; provides emotional outlets and allows children and young people to explore feelings, hopes, fears and values. Our programs are all run by professional writers and artists, skilled in supporting and mentoring groups of young writers and illustrators to celebrate their imaginations and creativity. All our facilitators hold up to date Working with Children checks.

Our work at Story Lab is guided by these aims and objectives:

- Young people take the lead
- Professional writers and artists design and deliver our workshops
- We work in partnership with schools and teachers
- We aim to share, publish and produce as much of our participants' work as we can, as often as we can
- Story Lab is a space in the heart of the Fremantle community where creativity can flourish



“E loved his first session, he was buzzing with excitement after class.”

– Parent of StoryLab participant

“All [young writers] were very open – both in heart and mind. I was particularly impressed by the variety of writing styles on show. It was immensely gratifying and exciting to be part of.”

– Award-winning author, Deb Fitzpatrick

STORYLAB

Helping young people find their creative voice



StoryLab offers three development programs, each consisting of five sessions, run over one term:



YOUNG WRITERS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Writing is a craft. In this series emerging writers receive tips on perfecting style, editing work and improving the flow of a story. Mentored by award-winning writer Deb Fitzpatrick, participants see their work published at the program's end.

SPOKEN WORD WARRIORS

Words are powerful. Participants in this workshop learn to use rhythm, rhyme, improvisation and word play to pack a poetic punch! Spoken Word Warriors is led by internationally published author, spoken word poet and poetry slam champion, Maddie Godfrey.

COMIC BOOK DETECTIVES

Young illustrators combine comic art and creative writing skills to create attention grabbing storylines and endings with a BANG! Comic book artist, Soolagna Majumdar, helps participants develop skills and confidence to create their own comic book, panel by panel.

For more information about Storylab please contact Miles Openshaw, Artistic Director at globetownproject@gmail.com or visit globetownproject.com.au

Our model is based on a number of creative writing centres worldwide, including 826 Valencia in San Francisco, Ministry of Stories in London and the Sydney Story Factory.

