



# Your Story Your Voice: Survivors' Memoir Writing Retreat



**Breaking the silence of abuse through story is a powerful tool for healing and change.** This two-session retreat focusses on **memoir writing**, facilitated by survivor authors [Sue Atkinson](#) and [Jane Chevous](#).

## When?

9.30am – 1pm (UK time) Saturdays April 9<sup>th</sup> & May 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 (*online using zoom*).

You will need to attend both sessions. There will be breaks to write, stretch, nourish ourselves.

## For Whom?

Survivors of any kind of abuse or violence, experienced as a child or as an adult. You can be a beginner or experienced writer, wanting to publish your memoir or mainly writing for your healing.

## What?

We'll explore our reasons for writing a memoir, critique different approaches, practice writing techniques and share the challenges of being a survivor-writer. There will be time for writing, discussion, and the chance to share your work, if you wish, for support and feedback.

There will be a writing task between the two sessions, and you can submit up to 4,000 words for a personal critique after the final workshop. We will ask you to submit a short sample of your work and your writing goal before the first session, to help us personalise the session to the group.

We will hold a safe space but please be mindful that this is not a therapy group, and ensure you have the support you need around you.

## How much?

£40 waged, £20 low waged, £5 unwaged. Please pay what you can, and consider donating more if you can afford to, enabling us to offer free places. Don't let cost be a barrier, please contact us if a free place would make it possible for you to attend.

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