

Do you want  
to build a  
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make a  
difference by  
helping young  
people

At Story Factory we're on a mission to change the lives of marginalised young people through creative writing and storytelling. You and your workmates can help these young people rewrite their futures.

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I really enjoyed being able to **extend my empathy** and to experience a perspective from the children was very moving. Whether it be a confronting truth that they have projected through their writing or their **colourful imagination** that made me laugh.

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As a team, in your 1.5 hour workshop, either in person or virtually, you will:

- be inspired by our Story Factory staff with an introductory presentation as they share stories about the amazing young people we work with,
- unlock your own creativity with a fun and easy facilitated creativity activity suitable for your most reticent colleagues, and
- directly help several young people with their own creativity by transcribing their hand written stories and providing some words of encouragement.

Key to Story Factory programs is that all students write something and have it published! However we work with over 6,000 kids a year so that means it's a mammoth task to type up all the students' great work. That's where you and your workmates step in.

With the help of a Story Factory facilitator, you'll be given several students' handwritten stories to type up. You'll also be guided to offer the students some words of encouragement about their writing - words that will spur them on to write an even better story.

Our Storytellers will then take these transcriptions and words of encouragement back to the students, who will draw on them to create the final version of their story. These stories will be published in a handsomely-bound book, given to every member of their class.

**After the workshop you'll come away with a shared team experience that is sure to leave you all with a warm glow knowing that you've directly helped young people tell their stories.**

[IT WAS] VERY GROUNDING TO KNOW THAT WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THEIR WRITING. MANY HANDS DEFINITELY MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK. I THINK IT WAS A GREAT, CASUAL AND APPROACHABLE ATMOSPHERE.

Workshop Participant Feedback

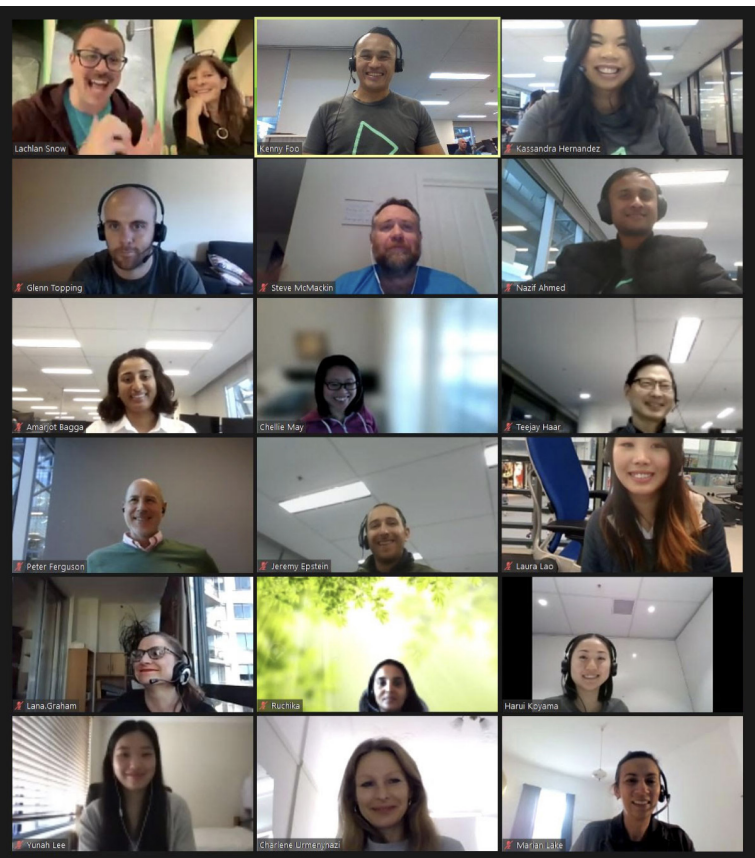


Image: Iress staff participating in a Story Factory virtual transcription workshop

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| <b>DATES</b>             | TBD           |
| <b>COST PER WORKSHOP</b> | \$1,750 + GST |
| <b>DURATION</b>          | 1.5 hours     |

#### WHAT'S NEEDED

Access to a laptop/PC for each participating staff member and a dedicated meeting room (if held in person)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT**  
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