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Course Writer Training

2026 Cohort Invitation

The Course Writer Training is a collaborative effort between Increase Association, Word of Life and Paths of Life. Together, we invite a new cohort of writers to begin the journey of developing meaningful, contextually relevant courses.

Who is this Training for?

The Course Writer Training (CWT) has a wider entry in **Stage 1** and more focused writing teams in **Stages 2 and 3**.

- Stage 1 is open to all suitable individuals who want to learn basic principles of designing transformative Christian courses in their context. Some of these will go on in Stages 2 and 3 to develop their own course with integrated training along the way.
- You may only enter Stages 2 and 3 with the permission and support of whichever organization will eventually publish and use your course.

What is the Process and Timescale?

- **Stage 1 (March to May 2026)** Learn principles of transformative learning and how to research the needs of learners in their context.
- **Stage 2 (June to November 2026)** Make a joint commitment with your organisation's leaders, and agree on the topic and funding. Form a writers team with at least one other person. If accepted on the programme, a suitable coach will be found for you. You will then conduct research on your target learners in context, and take part in the face-to-face workshop.
- **Stage 3 (2027 to 2028**) With the help of your coach and online modules, continue all stages of your work until final publishing.

More details are on the next page.

The time required to complete and publish a course will vary depending on several factors. However, it is recommended that you complete your new course within two years.

What kind of Course will you learn to write?

We use a framework that equips you to develop write 21st century courses that:

- Fit the local context
- Focus on building skills
- Are rooted in the Bible
- Encourage healthy relationships
- Are intentionally practical and usable
- Are designed to bring real change

How to apply

For Stage 1, please complete the form using this link **Application for Online Workshops.docx** and send it to **sajeda.boby@word.org.uk by 31st March 2026 -** this online training is **free .** We highly recommend that you consult with your sending organization or church from the start, as their commitment will be required to continue to **Stages 2 and 3**.

By the end of **May 2026** at the latest, summarise to your organizational leaders what you have learned in the online workshops, go carefully through the commitment form together, and form a team with at least one other writer. If all these parties agree, then by **15 July 2026** make the joint application to proceed to **Stages 2 and 3**.

2026 Training schedule

Stage 1

March

Make the initial application. We strongly recommend that you inform your church or organization and get their blessing from the beginning

15 April, 12 noon – 2pm UTC - Online Workshop One

- Deepen understanding of and commitment to the writing process
- Set the direction of the course-writing process
- Establish next steps in the process
- Encourage each other in the writing journey

April - May

Work on assignments to prepare for workshop two

20 May, 12 noon – 2pm UTC – Online Workshop Two

- Deepen practical understanding of how to plan your course.
- Set the direction for your field research.

June

- Together with your organizational leaders and co-writer(s), decide on the course topic, target learners and budget
- Jointly apply to proceed to Stage 2

Stage 2

June to November

Conduct field research on the needs of your target learners in their context, with the guidance of your assigned coach

November – Face-to-Face Workshop - Registration fee, venue and Date to be confirmed later

- Increase your focus by getting away from daily responsibilities
- Analyse the outcomes of your field research
- Make decisions about your course direction, objectives and contextual application.
- Encourage and learn from each other.
- Strengthen the relationship with your co-writer(s) and coach

Stage 3

2027 to 2028

Continue through all remaining stages, with the help of your coach and online modules in **increaseassociation.org/course-writers-training**

2028 – Celebrate publication of your course and the changed lives that result from it!

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