

Term	January 2020–July 2021
Time Commitment	Four 1.5hr meetings, plus attendance at key festival events
Working with	Artistic Director, Program Coordinator
Remuneration	This is a voluntary position
Positions	There are 3 positions available for 2020-2021 intake

The Emerging Writers' Festival is looking for members of our extended community to be part of the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) for 2020-2021. The PAC is formed of members of the literary and broader community who represent a diverse range of views and interests, so to best help source a variety of writers for the festival. This could include readers, writers, storytellers, editors, booksellers and other industry experts.

The PAC plays a vital role in festival programming, and is a key part of how the festival program responds to the needs of our community and audiences to ensure it remains relevant to emerging writers of all kinds. As a member of the PAC, you will work closely with the EWF Artistic Director and Program Coordinator to provide suggestions, feedback and direction on the 2020 and 2021 festival programs.

About the Emerging Writers' Festival (EWF)

EWF is an annual festival for emerging writers that champions, develops and promotes tomorrow's voices. We are a not-for-profit organisation whose foundations are built on supporting emerging writers. We are a place where creativity and innovation are celebrated, where new talent is nurtured and where diverse voices from across Australia are represented.

Based in Melbourne City of Literature's Wheeler Centre for Books, Writing and Ideas, EWF has grown from humble beginnings as weekend zine fair into an eleven-day festival, featuring over 70 events and 300 artists across the CBD and suburbs. Attracting thousands of attendees from Victoria and interstate, EWF is Australia's foremost organisation for emerging writers working in all styles, genres and forms. EWF is a festival *for* writers, distinguishing it from major literary festivals across the country.

Core to the successes of EWF across our 17-year history is our engagement with, and responsiveness to, the needs and wants of our community. The Program Advisory Committee is a crucial part of this commitment. EWF fosters a space for writers, arts workers and participants who are inspired to create new work, are curious about gaining new knowledge, ideas and insight, and wish to be connected to a community of like-minded peers.

In 2020 the festival will take place from 17 – 27 June. For more information about the Emerging Writers' Festival, please [refer to our website](#).

EWF Program Advisory Committee

The Program Advisory Committee (PAC) exists to provide the Artistic Director and Programming Coordinator with expert advice and support with regards to creating an exciting and diverse artistic program at the Emerging Writers' Festival.

Working with a Program Advisory Committee ensures that the Festival taps into a wide network of writers working in all fields and genres, as well as ensuring that we maintain a good balance of participation from experienced and emerging writers. The Program Advisory Committee also assists to ensure that festival programming remains relevant to the needs of emerging writers.

In recognition of their commitment to EWF and appreciation of contribution to the development of the program, PAC members receive a full access pass to the festival including our Artist Party and other social and networking events, and acknowledgement in our program and online.

Responsibilities

In broad terms, it is the role of a PAC member to:

- Advise on and suggests festival programming ideas;
- Engage with what EWF does in the context of Australia's literary landscape;
- Advise on and suggest festival artists, in particular interstate guests;
- Be constructively critical of EWF;
- Act as an advocate of the festival;
- Demonstrate the quality of people we have involved with the festival; and
- Assist in evaluating the festival.

We are also committed to developing your relationship and participation within the festival. This could mean including you in our festival program, requesting that you curate an event, or having you as a facilitator or host. Although the PAC position is voluntary, you will be paid for any festival events you are engaged for.

Committee members will be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement upon commencement as discussions that take place in the meetings are required to remain confidential.

Key Dates

In 2020, the Emerging Writers' Festival will run from 17-27 June in Melbourne CBD and suburbs.

- Tuesday 14 January, 6:00-7:30pm – Meeting #1, Wheeler Centre Workshop Space
- Tuesday 4 February, 6:00-7:30pm – Meeting #2, Wheeler Centre Board Room
- Tuesday 10 March, 6:00-7:30pm – Meeting #3, Wheeler Centre Workshop Space
- Tuesday 7 April, 6:00-7:30pm – Meeting #4, Wheeler Centre Board Room
- EWF Program Launch – mid-May, exact date TBC
- EWF Opening Night – Wednesday 17 June, 7pm venue TBA
- EWF Closing Night – Saturday 27 June, 7pm venue TBA

How to Apply

To express your interest in joining the 2020 – 2021 intake of EWF's Program Advisory Committee, please [complete the EOI form](#) by **5 pm, Monday 6 January**. Appointments will be made that week.

Applicants should be available for at least 75% of meetings and other key dates. Please note the EWF office will be closed between December 21 and January 5. For further information please email izzy@emergingwritersfestival.org.au or call Izzy Roberts-Orr on (03) 9094 7876.