

826 Valencia Workshops: What You Need To Know

826 is always on the look out for talented, inspired individuals who would like to lead a workshop here in our writing lab. If you are interested in leading a workshop, please read through the following information and then draft your workshop proposal. We'll get back to you with feedback, and to set up a time to discuss your ideas further.



Your Ideas

We love them. We want them. We want them again and again and again. We love to go beyond the confined spectrum of pen and paper, or keyboard and fingertips. We're happily delving into podcasts and films, music and beats. We always hope that the students will be able to leave our lab with something in their hands – or at least something that they can access from home, such as podcasts or films online. Please keep in mind what your final product from your workshop could be.

Seasons

We have four seasons of workshops. We tend to begin planning out each season around three months before the first workshops start. So in September we bounce around ideas for the winter season, for example. There are often chances to fit your workshop in during the current season, especially if it's just one or two sessions.

Days & Times

826 Valencia workshops typically run on weekday evenings and weekend afternoons. Currently we have ongoing workshops on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, so Thursdays and weekends are when we try to fit in all the wonderful and innovative workshops run by out-of-house leaders.

Age Ranges

Our programs are dedicated to support students ages 6 – 18. We typically have highest demand from kids ages 8 – 14. It's harder—not impossible, but harder—to get high schoolers through our doors. Please bear in mind the age range of the kids you want to teach. We recommend an age range of four years or less. So a class could be dedicated to kids ages 8 – 12, or 14 – 18, though narrower age ranges are welcome too. Any larger and you'll find yourself having to prepare two lessons: one for the youngest kids, and one for the oldest.

Teaching Assistants & Other Material Needs

826 will provide at least one TA to help with all the logistics of your workshop. We can provide more if you'd like, too. We are also able to cover all your printing needs, should you wish to produce a chapbook or something similar. Other items, such as video cameras or digital voice recorders, we cannot guarantee to supply, but we'll try our best.

Detailed Planning

Carrying a workshop for two hours at a time, working with an age range you're less familiar with, trying out new ideas – all these can factor into making the art of leading a workshop into more of a science. The workshops coordinator, Marisa Urrutia Gedney, is happy to work closely with you to hone your ideas into more carefully planned lessons or sessions. Once your proposal has been approved Eugenie will send you a detailed document to help you frame your ideas, and cheer you on.

Ready?

If you're not already signed up as a volunteer, you'll need to go through that super simple process first. If you are a volunteer already – just fill out our workshop proposal form and email/mail/give it to Marisa – marisa@826valencia.org (826 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94110). Thanks!